

MINUTES OF THE HOLT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE
Meeting date Friday 20th January 2012 at 8.30 a.m. at
Bakers & Larners Number Ten

Attending: Esme (Chair) EBO, Jen Barker (JB), Di Dann DD, Tom Dick (TD), Chris Lambert (CL), Maggie Prior (MP), Simon Gresham (SG)

1. Apologies:

Sue Landers (SL); Alexa King (AK).

JD Josh Dyball; JL John Lintott

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2011

These were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising not included on the agenda

3.1. Christmas Cards. DD advised that David from the Holt Bookshop had forwarded a cheque to Nina from the sale of the cards at the Bookshop.

3.2 HSBC Tree. TD to advise that it would be their responsibility to remove and dispose.

3.3 Presentation of the Winners Shields. This had featured in the current edition of the Chronicle.

3.4 Christmas tree in the Round House window. Noted as exceptional, and residents thanked.

4. Finances

4.1 New Finance Sub-Committee. SG, EBO and JL had met to discuss. 7 names / businesses had come forward to assist. Most of the town centre was covered - Caroline Carter (High Street) / Charles Butler and Butlers (Appleyard) / Ebony / Zoe (Feathers Yard and Stable Yard) / Rodney White Lion Street / Peadillos (Bull Street). TD would again go around the banks. JL would visit Butchers & Andrews, Hayes & Storr, Larkin & Gowen for additional support. EBO would continue to liaise with the main sponsors. SG would liaise with the Estate Agents.

4.2 Finances for the year. A surplus from the year of over £2500 was noted giving a total to carry forward of £7500. This was an excellent result thanks to all the fund raisers hard work. DD was given the cheques for the Holt Community centre for the Hire of the Hall on 23rd November and payment was authorized £150.00. DD and JD would use the spreadsheet of sponsors for the website and thank you letters. Members would help with delivering the letters. Income for 2011 so far £20685.39 (compared to 2010 £21040.50); Expenditure for 2011 £18094.79 (compared to 2010 £16634.01).

5. New ideas for 2012

5.1 Bucket collectors – more help was needed. A bucket collector should be situated in front of the stage

5.2 Flashing badges / a set of flashing badges – possible fund raising / profile raising idea. JB would look into the cost of this.

5.3 DD would contact Helen at Lloyd Durham Funeral Directors who had offered to help in 2001.

5.4 Mug (Emma Bridgwater and Matthew Rice) Discussed but considered a big financial commitment for the committee.

5.5 Dressing up a closed shop for a Father Christmas grotto. Discussed considered could generate several complaints.

5.6. Santa idea – advert in the free paper.

5.7 Fund Raising Ball. MP had thought that Greshams would offer their venue by way of helping the Lights in kind. This would be a big task. MP would draw up a simple business plan and approach Greshams for possible dates.

6. Celebrity

Various names were considered. EBO would ask Tony Britton.

7. Other updates

7.1 DD had obtained the street collection licence for 2012.

7.2 The raffle prize of a bicycle had been won by Veronica Pearson. Veronica did not have a bike and was delighted.

7.3 It was expected that the collection tins in the shops would be collected and counted by the Scouts.

8. Dates of next meetings set as follows:

Fridays as follows – 2nd March, 20th April, 18th may, 22nd June, 3rd August, 7th September, 12th October, 26th October, 9th November; Monday 19th November

9. Agenda items for next meeting (Friday 2nd March 2012)

Celebrity

Fund raising ideas – badges; a fund raising Ball

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 a.m. Everyone paid for their own coffees.

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Chairman

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Date