

DEREHAM & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
MINUTES
of a meeting of the DDCTC
at the offices of Gorgate Ltd, Market Place, Dereham
at 7 pm on the 20th February 2006

Present:

Stephen Cross
Tim Warner
Marcus Stafford
Claude Doy
Paul Dennis
Ian Philpott
Jan Jeffries

Cathy Clark (Visitor) Manager of Dereham Job Centre
Jim Stebbings (Visitor) Dereham Festival (Dereham Society)

Apologies: None

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

1.1 Read and approved.

2. Matters Arising.

2.1 Marcus has added information to the website.

2.2 Lions refused permission for car boot behind library - public area.

2.3 Parking/Breckland Council - no progress.

2.4 New development car park part closed Sunday. This breaks the planning application.

2.5 Good Neighbours - Banyard Close. Breckland investigating.

2.6 Phone-in at Breckland Call Centre. How does it work. Visit to be arranged with Stephen Cross.

3. Correspondence

3.1 2 Applications. 1 passed to Marcus for adding to website.

3.2 35 letters advertising DDCTC were sent, addresses taken from Breckland Advertiser

4. Treasurer

4.1 £2,766.51. Two 6s £2,077.26 Stray £25.00

5. Advertising.

5.1 Members to investigate whether any other journals, monthly magazines etc will carry Derehamworks.com details.

5.2 Hits now running at over 8,000 per month.

5.3 Dereham Festival is to be covered by Marcus on the news page of the website. See Annex A to these minutes.

6. Website Progress.

6.1 Updated by Marcus- lists of users hits on site.

7. Car Parking/Breckland Matters

7.1 Breckland proposals.

a. DAP - Pedestrianisation of Market Place. It was tried in Downham Market (not working well) and Wymondham (one way system a problem) unsuccessfully.

b. Bus Station/Terminus/Park - Cowper Road Car Park, number of buses each day to be discussed, would require reorganising one way system.

c. Breckland no moving - 3 hours, Cherry Tree all day.

d. No replies to letters on car parking or other matters from Breckland.

e. Removing 40 car parking spaces from Dereham.

f. Traffic problems need to be resolved - Quebec Road still closed.

8. AGM Proposals:

8.1 President - Tim Warner

Chairman - Steven Cross

Vice Chairman - Claude Doy

Hon Secretary - Ian Philpott

Treasurer - Paul Dennis (Roys)

Membership Secretary - Ian Philpott

Webmaster - Marcus Stafford

Members: See list attached

8.2 Subscriptions for 2006-07:

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Dereham Festival - £100 deposit and put banner up, marshal 1 event, Festival committee to advise which event, suggest 19th Gala ???

9.2 See Annex A to these minutes.

9.3 Chairman invited Cathy Clarke, Manager Dereham Job Centre, to join Committee. Cathy agreed, but said that as she runs centres at Kings Lynn as well, may not be able to attend all meetings.

10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1 Monday 20th March at 6pm at the offices of Gorgate Ltd. ANNEX A TO MINUTES

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DEREHAM FESTIVAL

13-20 May 2006

1. Jim Stebbings (married to Sylvia Pett)

2. Dereham Society - (problem : nothing happening)

3. Festival (Has agreed to pull it together. DAP backed by Dot Sneesby and June Ross.

4. Charitable status - now approved, access to other funds. Started with zero budget, now £15,000 expected expenses

5. Aims: 1) Society's chance to display (free events)

2) Something for all people - classic to rock and gigs

3) Bring in acts on professional basis

6. Programme - Dereham Festival programme (centre page)

7. £5,000 for Advanced Programme (Lottery Awards) for 10,000 to be delivered and 5,000 for the week. Promoting in Nelson Place regularly. (See attached sheet)

8. Some success with sponsorship, some traders have responded. Hope to break even with £9000 of ticket sales for events.

9. On going for annual event then surplus would be needed. Would also be items in the rest of the year.

10. Dereham Runners - race as part of event

11. Need: 1) Financial help

2) Friends of Festival

3) Lottery 1 off

4) Sponsors for events

5) Website advertising.