

# DEREHAM CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD LARKING & GOWEN OFFICES, DEREHAM MONDAY 21ST JULY 2008 @ 6pm

**Present:** Ian Philpott (chair)  
Steven Rudd  
Geoff Jennings  
Jan Jefferies  
Stephen Cross

**Apologies:** Claude Doy, Peter Streek

Minutes of previous meeting agreed and signed

Matters Arising SRC has spoken to DAP and promised £1000 for Xmas lights.  
- Noted Town Council giving £8250  
- Agreed that Chamber would not seek a seat on Xmas light committee

Correspondence HM Customs & Revenue closure of Dereham office to be replaced with 2 desks at Job Centre.  
Discussed implications of loss of HMCR to town economically staff shop in town as a service to businesses and others big benefit lost.  
Agreed to support staff and will sign up to any petition to keep offices in Dereham. IP to write.  
Reason for closure, amongst other was CARBON FOOTPRINT – staff will be redeployed to Norwich or Kings Lynn.  
GJ reminded everyone that using Carbon footprint in this way was a complete 'load of rubbish'

Christmas Late Night Opening All agreed that IP had produced an excellent questionnaire. SRC agreed to get typed up with return address to Tax Assist (helping with all matters relating to personal and small company tax)  
GJ suggested Red Paper to stand out. Once agreed by IP questionnaires to be hand delivered to all shops in Town.  
IP to speak to Ian Clark, EDP  
IP to get quotes for posters.

Planning Nothing to report

Treasurers Report Balance £2318.26

Website IP to speak to Marcus

A.O.B.

IP attended Dereham Society (DS) meeting. DS still want to pedestrianise Market Place. IP said Chamber supported Cowper Road car park as preferred option but NCC Market Place option was supported as a 2nd choice. Following articles in press it does seem that unless everyone agrees to the NCC preferred option nothing will progress which would be the worst possible scenario.  
Market Traders still want to return to the Market Place.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.01pm

Next meeting

18th August 2008  
Larking and Gowen, Tavern Lane