

**Horley Chamber of Commerce**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 21.3.11 at Chequers Hotel**

**Present:** Fiona Stimpson (Chairman), Clive Howick (Vice Chairman), Kelly Dunsdon (Treasurer), Carol Jordan (Secretary), Adrian Rafi, Gerard Kempshall, Julie Williamson, Sarah Williamson, David Blackburn, Nick Geard, Chris Madden, James Bulman, Chris Wickes

**Apologies:** Anthony Craven & Chris Sharville.

Fiona welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new committee and thanked everyone for their support at the AGM.

**Co-option of members onto the committee** – Chris Sharville and Gerard Kempshall

**Minutes of AGM:** Agreed.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is £2431.52 in the P&L account and £9552.81 in the balance sheet. Fiona mentioned that we need to have new club Mandate form, Kelly has been into the bank and they are ordering one for us and then we can get the signatories changed. Fiona also discussed online banking and this can be set up very easily so Fiona and Kelly will look into doing this.

**Membership fees:** Fiona Stimpson felt it was wrong to increase the fees payable by members when there was a large balance in the bank account. For this reason it was agreed the fees would remain at £40 not £60 as previously decided. Those who have already paid £60 will have £20 refunded.

So far 23 people have renewed. Fiona to write to all lapsed members to encourage them to rejoin.

**Business Group:** This was covered at the AGM

**Events: St George's** - the programme will be in an A5 format this year. It was agreed to purchase an Easy-Up Gazebo at £599 + £20 delivery. James will see if he can get any improvement on this price. The Chamber will also purchase 4 x portable handsets, Clive to investigate the cost.

Stalls are available. The LBG should have one. James Bulman suggested Fiona Stimpson contact the Crawley Sea Cadets about taking part in the parade. There will be decorated hats for Easter run by the 3 churches. It was also suggested the Youth Group should be contacted.

**Big Lunch** this will be on 5.6.11 which is earlier than previously. The Chamber has signed up for this. Fiona Stimpson will get the Lions and Round Table involved.

There will be no scarecrow event this year. The Chamber will be involved in the Borough Environment Event around that time which has a theme of low energy light bulbs and re-usable shopping bags. We will need to see how we can do our bit but still maintain our own image.

There will be a big Christmas event. The Fairground wants to be involved and there will be food and extra stalls in the High Street.

**Lunch Meetings:** The last lunch had to be cancelled. Unfortunately Gerry was not told and cooked all the food at the Farmhouse. It was decided the first lunch should be held there to compensate for the mix up.

**Saturday Market:** Fiona reported that the market is dying on its feet; there is no stall for fruit and vegetables which is regarded as being a definite problem; it is a vicious circle – there are few customers so the stall holders think it is a waste of time and the customers don't bother going as there are not many stalls. The Council are trying to do something about it by organising Super Saturdays and having Farmers' markets.

Carol Jordan undertook to speak to Gordon's Greengrocers in Smallfield to see if they would be interested in providing a service for this. It was suggested they could also offer boxes to be picked up at the market which could be ordered beforehand.

**AOB** A thank you letter has been received from John Fisher for his present. He is going to use the money to purchase a larger lens for his camera. He also thanked the Chamber for continuing with Brambles at their main charity.

Horley Town Guide – Fiona mentioned that we had a write up and advert in the last issue so it was decided to do the same this year so Fiona will update the information and speak to Mad Ideas about the ad.

2 more people are needed to make up the Chamber's team for the Quiz night.

**Next meeting:** This will be on 16th May at 6.30 at the Chequers Hotel, Windsor Room

**Future Dates** for Executive Committee Meetings for the rest of the year:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

The meeting finished at 7.15 pm