



**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
7 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Present: Ralph Maloney (Chair)
Jane Maloney
Adam and Clare Merton
Dave Blackett
Martin Bell
Mary Edwards
Kim Burberry
Richard Malachowski
Carol Wyles
Martin Owen
Bob Finnegan
Brian Williamson
Eileen Le Voi
Will Ruddell
Justine Eldred
Michelle Deller
Hayley Gillespie
Neville Diss

Apologies: Nanda De Rosa
Mark Windsor-Hampton
Louise Sullivan
Jacqui Hedington
Marcia Bird
Gill Tanner

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies are noted as above.

2. **Introductions:**

Introductions were made for the purpose of all members present.

3. **New members / renewals of membership:**

All members who's renewal was due, had received an invoice prior to the meeting, payment of which is due by 30 September. It was noted that if membership not received by this date, then it would be assumed that these businesses have decided not to renew their membership.

4. **Directory update:**

The directory was in the process of being distributed, 6,000 copies in total to Sawtry, Stilton, Holme, Great Gidding, Alconbury and Glatton. The week following the meeting the directory will also be distributed to Stukley Meadows.

All members were asked if they could start asking customers where they heard about them. This will help us as a group to keep a tally of how much work / enquires have been generated from the directory.

5. **Recruitment campaign:**

Dave is continuing with his campaign of recruitment of new members. He asked if all members could give Dave's details to any business in the area, who appear interested in the group. All members were also invited to bring anyone along as a guest, in order to introduce them to the group.

6. **Website update:**

Again members were asked that if their details do not appear on the website, or they are incorrect, then they should let Adam have the details as soon as possible.

A link button has been produced, and all members have been asked to ensure that they put this on their own website, in order to link back to the directory.

7. **Sawtry Sex Shop**

Keith Walters was invited along to the meeting to explain the situation regarding the proposed sex shop in the village.

It was decided that as a group we felt that we could not support the opposition to the proposal, however a number of members felt that as individuals they did object to the planning application, and would email their feelings to the council.

8. **Interim advertising:**

It was suggested that an interim leaflet may be useful for some members. This will need to be funded by those individuals who wish to be in it. Ralph will sort out some costing for printing and distribution for the next meeting.

9. **Business focus 13 October:**

It was suggested that if any member is attending the business link event, then they could car share. Any members who wish to do this should contact Ralph

10. **Christmas party:**

It was suggested that we attend a Christmas party on 17 December which would be £32 plus VAT (£37.60). It was decided as a group that we would not attend as it was quite expensive, however Ralph will email the details to all members.

It was however suggested that we have a Christmas get together on a Friday night, and hold a quiz on the same night. It was felt that this was a much better idea. Ralph will talk to Barry to arrange when the club is free, provisional date Friday 10 December.

11. **Guest speakers:**

Richard was asked if he would give a talk on tax savings and investments.
Ralph to ask Martin Williams if he would come and speak to the group

All members were asked to think if they knew anyone who could come and give a talk to the group.

12. **Any other business:**

None.

Next meeting: Tuesday 5 October 2010 at 7.30pm