

HOLT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 p.m. ON
THURSDAY 15th March 2018

**Present :- P. Winney (Chairman), J. Harper, P. Mobbs, J. Bowker (Vice
Chairman).**
G. Wotton, C. Lightfoot (Clerk)

Absent:- A. Blissett,

**In Attendance:- District Councillor Mrs. P Cumming. County Councillor Mr P.
Grove, Sandra Jones (Parishioner)**

1	Public Question Time. The Chairman welcomed Ms Sandra Jones to the Meeting. Parish Councillor Mrs G. Wotton explained that Ms Jones was here to observe the Meeting and how Parish Council operates.	
2	To consider apologies and approve reasons for absence. The Chairman reported that apologies had been received from:- Parish Councillor Mr A. Blissett who was on holiday. Parish Council approved the reasons for absence	
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST a) Register of Interests. There were no changes to the Register of Interests. b) Registration of Personal Interests. Parish Councillor Mr J. Harper registered an interest in planning application 18/0071/FUL Land at OS 8336 6147 Change of use from Class B2 (general industry) to Class D1 (Non residential educational) Wildgoose training. c) Registration of Prejudicial Interests. There was no registration of Prejudicial interests. d) Written requests for the Council to grant a dispensation. There had been no written requests for dispensation.	

County and District Councillors reports for information.

County Councillor Mr P. Grove had provided the Clerk with a copy of his report prior to the Meeting. The Clerk agreed to circulate this between all members of Parish Council. The main points of note were: -

a) Chief Executive.

Sadly the interim Chief Executive Mr Steve Stewart passed away recently. The new Chief Executive Mr Paul Robinson is due to start his duties on 19 March 2018.

b) Council Tax.

A rise in Council Tax of 4.9% has been approved by Council. This takes account of the additional spending necessary in adult social care.

c) Highways.

During the recent snowy weather Highways performed well with the main roads remaining open. County Councillor Mr P. Grove informed Parish Council that following a review of the winter highways performance they would be able to apply for additional grit bins if they felt they were required in the Parish. Following a discussion it was felt that it may be appropriate to locate a grit bin in the vicinity of the Holt Fleet car park to aid vehicles getting up the hill. The Clerk was asked to liaise with County Councillor Mr P. Grove on this issue.

It was also raised that flooding would now be a concern for the County and this problem was exacerbated by the fact many of the drains were blocked.

d) Highways works.

Construction on the new Worcester Parkway station has started. The works on New Road are ongoing as diversion of a water main is necessary.

e) Syrian Refugees.

The County is due to take in a further 50 Syrian refugees.

f) Funding.

County Councillor Mr P. Grove informed Parish Council that he had an additional £300.00 remaining from the divisional funding pot. This can be paid to the Lengthsman fund if Parish Council feel it is appropriate. Parish Council felt they may use the money towards a litter pick.

g) Rural policing.

County Councillor Mr P. Grove asked Parish Council how they felt in relation to rural policing. Parish Council commented on the lack of police presence in the area and the fact that there is rarely a representative from the police at the Parish Annual Meeting. County Councillor Mr P. Grove stated there is a new rural crime officer who is willing to come the talk to Parish Councils about the issues in their area. County Councillor Mr P. Grove said he would provide contact details to the Clerk.

District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming submitted the following report to the members:-

a) 5 year strategic plan.

The District Councils 5 year strategic and business plan has been approved.

b) Council Tax.

District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming reported that Council Tax is set to increase.

c) Council buildings.

Subject to planning permission work will begin on the alterations to the Council buildings.

d) Refuse collection.

Fortnightly refuse collection will start from the beginning of April.

e) South Worcestershire Development Plan.

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Work is underway to extend the SWDP to 2041.

f) Fish slot passes Holt Fleet Weir.

Paperwork regarding the diversion of the footpath so work can be carried out on the fish slot passes at Holt Fleet Weir has been send out. The Clerk confirmed that she had received this and she would circulate it so it could be viewed by all members of Parish Council.

g) Divisional funding.

District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming informed Parish Council that she would have a further £500.00 to spend on community projects in her Parishes in the new financial year. Following a discussion Parish Council asked for a contribution towards some new lights for the Christmas tree. District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming agreed to send the Clerk the relevant paperwork.

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5	<p>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOLT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY 2018.</p> <p>The minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council held on Thursday 15th February 2018 were approved by Parish Council. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.</p>	
6	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>a) Millennium Green grant funding – progress report. The Chairman reported that we still awaiting confirmation on the grant funding from Biffa. In addition the feasibility of putting electricity into the container is currently being investigated.</p> <p>b) Holt Churchyard project completion – progress report Parish Council are still awaiting confirmation of a date from the Church for the consecration of the land. The Chairman stated he is still trying to source a piece of granite for the memorial stone.</p> <p>c) Vacancy for Parish Councillor – progress report The Clerk reported that to date she had no enquiries for the vacancy. All councillors were encouraged to consider if they know of anyone who may be interested in the role.</p> <p>d) Millennium Green dog waste collection service – progress report. The Chairman reported that he had not be successful in locating an alternative provider. The grant money will now be reallocated to another part of the project.</p> <p>e) Hedge by Holt Fleet Pool - update. It was reported that the hedge had now been cut and debris cleared up. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the residents of 1 Lambourne Orchard.</p> <p>f) A443 siding out footpath – progress report. The Clerk reported that there had been no further action on this issue to the adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>g) Hedging on Ockeridge Lane – progress report. The Clerk reported that this had been logged with County Highways but to date no action had been taken. Parish Councillor Mr J. Harper offered to research whether he had contact telephone numbers for the landowners concerned.</p> <p>h) Holt Information leaflet – discussion. It was agreed to discuss this item further at the next meeting of Parish Council.</p> <p>i) Holt website – discussion. It was agreed to discuss the possibility of setting up a Facebook page for Parish Council at the next meeting of Parish Council.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>CL</p> <p>CL</p>

<p>7</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>a). Applications Pending. To review the recommendations of Parish Council on current applications:- <i>18/0071/FUL Land at OS 8336 6147 Change of use from Class B2 (general industry) to Class D1 (Non-residential educational) Wildgoose training (Recommend Approval).</i> <i>18/00214/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved for construction of a detached bungalow, School Lane. (Recommend Approval).</i> <i>18/00253/FUL Rowley Farm, Ockeridge Lane, Worcester, WR6 6LY. New farm access (Recommend Approval).</i> This application was discussed by Parish Council. It was felt that approval should be recommended but as part of the conditions one of the existing entrances to Ockeridge Lane should be blocked off.</p> <p>b). Approvals/Refusals. <i>17/01597/FUL Land at Holt Fleet weir (OS 8190 6333) Construction of a vertical slot fish pass.</i> It was reported that this application had been approved. <i>17/01945/FUL Demolition of existing house and erection of new detached dwelling and detached garage. Irena, Ockeridge Lane, WR6 6LY.</i> It was reported that this application had been refused on grounds of scale.</p> <p>c) Other Planning issues. There were no applications to discuss.</p>																
<p>8</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) To note the current bank balances. The Deposit Account stood at £4689.34p and the Current Account stood at £4076.16p.</p> <p>b) To consider payments made in accordance with the schedule below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="245 1261 1406 1485"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Chq No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Details</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4/3/2018</td> <td>Mr R Harrison</td> <td>1171</td> <td>£108.20</td> <td>Lengthsman – Feb 2018 Retrospective approval</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/2/2018</td> <td>Mrs C Lightfoot</td> <td>1172</td> <td>£327.50</td> <td>Clerks salary – March 2018</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>c) To review the current spend against budget. Parish Council noted the actual spend against budget.</p>	Date	Payee	Chq No.	Amount	Details	4/3/2018	Mr R Harrison	1171	£108.20	Lengthsman – Feb 2018 Retrospective approval	10/2/2018	Mrs C Lightfoot	1172	£327.50	Clerks salary – March 2018	
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<p>9</p>	<p>Correspondence for Information.</p> <p>a) Parish Footpaths. The Clerk confirmed that she had received the initial correspondence in relation to the Parish Footpaths P3 Scheme. Parish Councillor Mr J. Harper was asked to speak to the Parish Footpaths Officer Mr Trevor Bourne to ascertain any particular issues with the footpaths.</p>	<p>JH CL</p>															

10	Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last Meeting There were no items to report.	
11	Councillor's reports and items for future agendas. There were no items to report.	
12	Date of Next Meeting The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 19 th April 2018.	