

**HOLT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30 p.m. ON MONDAY 20th AUGUST 2018**

Present :- P. Winney (Chairman), J. Bowker (Vice Chairman), P. Mobbs, A. Blissett, J. Harper.

Absent:- G. Wotton, C. Lightfoot (Clerk). County Councillor Mr P. Grove,

In Attendance:- District Councillor Mrs. P Cumming,

1	<p>Public Question Time. There were no members of the public present and therefore no questions.</p>	
2	<p>To consider apologies and approve reasons for absence. The Chairman reported that apologies had been received from: - Parish Councillor Mrs G. Wotton, Clerk Mrs C. Lightfoot. WCC Cllr Mr. P. Grove Parish Council approved the reasons for absence.</p>	
	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>a) Register of Interests. There were no changes to the Register of Interests.</p> <p>b) Registration of Personal Interests. There was no registration of Personal Interests.</p> <p>c) Registration of Prejudicial Interests. There was no registration of Prejudicial interests.</p> <p>d) Written requests for the Council to grant a dispensation. There had been no written requests for dispensation.</p>	
4	<p><u>County and District Councillors reports for information.</u></p> <p>County Councillor Mr P. Grove absent: - No report was available to the meeting.</p> <p>District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming reported the following matters of note:-</p> <p>a) Planning. As part of the SWDP the planning department are looking for new sites for housing for 2020-2030.</p> <p>b) National Planning Policy Review is now in place to review building land pricing.</p> <p>c). Universal Credit will shortly be introduced for new claimants.</p> <p>d). Malvern Theatre Youth group will shortly be holding auditions for next years show any budding young actors should be encourage to apply.</p> <p>e). PCC scheme on Smart water Initiative . If the Parish can arrange a 70% coverage at a cost of £8.90 per kit, the PCC will pay 25% of the cost and the associated signage.</p> <p>f). In response to a question regarding the A443 speeding safety issues from Cllr. P.Mobbs. PC provided the following information:-</p> <p>All the villages along the A443 were invited to join the action group for speeding by Eardiston parish council - you would still be welcome to join now. However progress in getting action has been limited to date although the County are still being pushed to do something.</p>	

5	<p>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL AND OPEN MEETINGS OF HOLT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17th MAY 2018.</p> <p>The minutes of the Annual and Open Meetings of Holt Parish Council held on Thursday 21st June 2018 were approved by Parish Council and were signed by the Chairman as a true record.</p>	
6	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>a) Holt Churchyard project completion – progress report. The Chairman reported that the expected date for completion of the project was 23rd August 2018 and the HPC had no ongoing liabilities in the new graveyard. Consecration of the graveyard has been set for 4 pm on Tuesday 9th October 2018.</p> <p>b) Vacancy for Parish Councillor – progress report. There are two interested parties for Parish Councillor but due to the change in this months meeting it had been decided to postpone their introduction until the next meeting.</p> <p>c) Rural policing – update on communication with local police officers. No report available</p> <p>d) Divisional funding for Christmas tree lights – progress report. District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming confirmed that the money from the Divisional fund would be transferred shortly.</p> <p>e) Parish footpaths – progress report. No Issues to report</p> <p>f) Wildflower meadow – progress report. Progress in hand – timing is being arranged for planting</p> <p>g) Litter picks – cost of purchasing equipment No report available</p> <p>h). Village maintenance and Cutting back of overgrown hedging report It was noted that the overhanging hedge of 3 Pool Cottages had been cut back. It was requested that the Clerk offer our thanks on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>i). World War 1 Beacon of Light commemoration. Done - Millennium Green Trustees have the action in hand.</p> <p>j). AA Signage for Heyford Meadows, Hallow Chairman reported he had had no co-operation from the AA and the matter was ongoing.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>CL</p> <p>CL</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PW</p> <p>PW</p> <p>CL</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>PW</p>
7	<p>Planning</p> <p>a). Applications Pending.</p> <p>18/01113/FUL Rowley Farm Ockeridge Lane Holt Heath Worcester WR6 6LY Extension to and conversion of existing farm building to one holiday-let unit and demolition of adjacent redundant pig pens.</p> <p>The Council had no objection to the building, but considered the access onto Ockeridge Lane must be in in line with previous application which restricted the number of accesses from Rowley Farm. Parish Clerk to raise the issue with MHDC Planning Department.</p> <p>b).Approvals/Refusals.</p> <p>18/00805/GPDQ Rowley Farm – notification for prior approval for the proposed change of use of Agricultural Building to 2 dwelling houses – General Permitted Development (Conditional). Approved</p>	<p>CL</p>

	<p><u>Planning cont:</u></p> <p>18/00766/FUL Millennium Green Holt Heath Erection of detached flat roofed timber framed building to provide changing facilities - Approved</p> <p>c) Other Planning issues. None raised</p>	
8	<p>Finance</p> <p>In the Clerks absence no Account Balances or budgetary information were available.</p>	
9	<p>Correspondence for Information.</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	ALL
10	<p>Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last Meeting</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	CL
11	<p>Councillor's reports and items for future agendas.</p> <p><u>Chairman.</u> Holt Church Parochial Charity Trustees had asked if a second Parish Councillor would be prepared to serve on the board to allocate the annual funds to charity. The Chairman is already on the committee, Jonathan Bowker agreed to join the allocation committee as the Holt PC second member.</p> <p>Father Christmas will be in Holt on the 22nd December 2018 and will be making a special guest appearance at Broomfields during the day.</p> <p>PW, GW and TB completed the South Worcestershire housing study questionnaire and returned it to the SW Housing Study Group..</p> <p>Cllr Tony Blissett TB informed the council with regret for personal reasons he would not be standing for re-election next year and will also be standing down from the role of Holt Website administrator. (Tony is our longest serving councillor and will be greatly missed.)</p> <p>TB reported the work had started on 20/8/18 on the Millennium Green new playground and would last about 4 weeks.</p> <p>Cllr Pete Mobbs PM raised the issue of the danger to the residents of Holt due to the speed of the traffic, the state of our footpaths and the total disregard by traffic for the safety of pedestrians. The meeting was in total agreement that something has to be done. In the absence of Phil Grove, it was suggested PM email our concerns to him asking him to arrange a proactive meeting with the Highways agency and other relevant parties. The purpose would be to investigate what can be done on a permanent basis to make our roads safer and <u>have the item on our agenda</u> for a report at our next meeting.</p> <p>Defibrillator – PM reported WMAS on this occasion will supply new pads and battery for our existing defib, but we will be responsible for it in the future. PM suggested we raise a Defibrillator item in our Annual budget to cater for the “consumables” and to fund the replacement defib when the need arises. I estimate the current defib is 5 years old and has a life expectancy of 7 years. However, as our unit is no longer manufactured it would be considered as non-economical to repair. The current estimated costs for replacement is £1800 for the defib, £130 for a battery and £40 for pads. Hence, I would estimate a required spend of £2000 within the next two years.</p>	PM CL CL
12	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 20th September 2018.</p>	

