

**HOLT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 p.m.
ON THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2015.**

Present :-

**P. Winney (Vice Chairman)
A. Blissett
J. Bowker
J. Harper
M. Troman
G. Wotton
C. Lightfoot (Clerk)**

In Attendance:-

**County Councillor Mr Philip Grove
G. Brienza (County Highways)
D. Perridge (Safer Roads Partnership)
R. Haynes (West Mercia Police)**

Apologies:-

**T.A.E Brookes (Chairman)
District Councillor Mrs Susan Gill**

1.	<p>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</p> <p>There were no members of the public present and therefore no questions.</p>	
2.	<p>TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE.</p> <p>The Vice Chairman reported that apologies had been received from The Chairman (Mr T.A.E Brookes) and District Councillor Mrs S. Gill. Parish Council approved the reasons for absence.</p>	
3.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>a) Register of Interests. There were no changes to the Register of Interests.</p> <p>b) Register of Personal Interests. Mr P. Winney declared an interest in planning application <i>14/01362/OUT Land North of Red Lion Cottages, Holt Heath</i>. Parish Councillors Mr P. Winney, Mr A. Blissett, Mr M. Troman and Mr J. Harper declared an interest in planning application <i>14/01596/OUT Land Adjacent to the Millennium Green, Holt</i>.</p> <p>c) Register 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>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>ROAD SAFETY DISCUSSION.</p> <p>A discussion on road safety took place between Parish Council and G. Brienza (County Highways), D. Perridge (Safer Roads Partnership) and R. Haynes (West Mercia Police). Parish Council raised their concerns in relation to speeding vehicles through the village and asked for assistance to address this problem.</p> <p>Mr R. Haynes reported that there had only been 4 injury accidents in Holt over the last 2 years and all of these were related to vehicles turning as opposed to vehicle speed.</p> <p>Average speeds have been monitored on the A4133 and A443 by data collection boxes. Average speeds on the A4133 are 27 mph whereas on the A443 they are 33-38 mph. It was discussed that the environment through the village on the A443 did not look like a 30 mph zone. Parish Council questioned what further measures they could take as they have already purchased village gates, carried out extensive bulb planting and worked with County Highways on the road marking. Mr G. Brienza agreed that all appropriate low level traffic management measures had already been carried out in the village.</p> <p>The question of speed enforcement was raised. Mr D. Perridge stated that Holt was no longer a Community Concern site as the initiative had not worked in the long term and speeds had risen again since the programme finished. Further speed enforcement would therefore not be carried out in the village. Parish Council questioned the logic of this.</p> <p>Parish Council asked in relation to the feasibility of locating a speed camera in the village. It was reported that this would cost in the region of £75,000 and the village did not have a site that was considered a suitable location for a camera.</p> <p>Parish Council then stated that they felt the only options left available to them are those of higher level traffic management such as bollards and road narrowing. Mr G. Brienza reported Parish Council would be limited in applying these measures in the village as the A443 was a major trunk road. It was suggested that a crossing could be placed in the village to facilitate residents crossing the road safely. Again it was felt the cost of this and the necessity for street lighting would make this project prohibitive.</p> <p>Parish Council expressed their disappointment that a solution to the problem had not been forthcoming and agreed to discuss the issue of road safety further at the next meeting of Parish Council. County Councillor Mr P. Grove stated that he would be attending a meeting in the near future to discuss speed limits on the A443 and he would report back to Parish Council following this meeting.</p> <p>The Vice Chairman thanked Mr G. Brienza, Mr R. Haynes and Mr D. Perridge for their attendance at the Meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

5.	<p>COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS.</p> <p>County Councillor Mr P. Grove reported the following matters of note:-</p> <p>a) Winter weather. County Councillor Mr P. Grove reported that County Highways were now using new technology to monitor the amount of grit used. The scheme seems to have successful so far as fewer accidents have been reported.</p> <p>b) Council Tax. County Councillor Mr P Grove reported that meetings are currently being held in order to set the Council Tax level for the next financial year. There is likely to be a 0.9% increase.</p> <p>The Vice Chairman reported that District Councillor Mrs S. Gill had reported no matters of note.</p>	
6.	<p>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOLT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2014.</p> <p>The minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council held on 20 November 2014 were approved by Parish Council and signed by The Vice Chairman as a true record.</p>	
7.	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>a) Superfast Broadband – progress report on village upgrade. The Clerk reported there had been no further action on this issue to date. It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next Meeting of Parish Council.</p> <p>b) Highways issues – progress report on Highways issues reported. The Clerk reported that all Highways issues raised at the last Meeting of Parish Council had been reported to the Worcestershire Hub and addressed.</p> <p>c) County Councillor Divisional Funding – discussion on potential projects. Parish Council agreed that the Parish Noticeboard would be a suitable project for this and agreed to research suppliers and costings.</p> <p>d) 30 mph wheelie bin stickers – update on collection and distribution. The Clerk reported that she had distributed some of the wheelie bin stickers around the Parish but there were further stickers to deliver. Parish Councillor Mr A. Blissett and Parish Councillor Mrs G. Wotton agreed to assist the Clerk in this task.</p> <p>e) Parish Noticeboards – discussion of suppliers and costings. This was discussed under agenda item 7c.</p> <p>f) Fencing by pedestrian entrance to Woodbury Park – progress report. The Clerk reported that the Chairman was currently arranging for the repair of the fencing in this location.</p>	GW AB

	<p>g) Advertising signs in Parish - status report. The Clerk reminded Parish Council of an e-mail she had circulated from County Highways which stated that permission had not been given for any advertising signs in the Parish including those advertising the new housing at Martley and Great Witley. The Clerk reported that she has requested that the Lengthsman remove all advertising signs in the Parish.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>a) Applications Pending. 14/01362/OUT Land North of Red Lion Cottages (Recommend Refusal) The Clerk reported that this application has now been withdrawn. 14/0156/OUT Land Adj. to The Millennium Green, Holt Heath (Recommend Refusal) The Clerk reported that there had been no further correspondence on this application.</p> <p>b) Approvals/Refusals. 14/01366/ HOU Riverholme, Holt Heath. 14/01331/FUL Rowe Farm, Ockeridge Lane, Holt Heath. The Clerk reported that both of these applications had been approved.</p> <p>c) Other Planning Issues. The Vice Chairman expressed his opinion that all of the Parish should have been informed on the potential development adjacent to the Millennium Green as the Millennium Green belongs to the village and will be adversely affected by the development if it gains approval. The Clerk was asked to pass these comments onto Malvern Hills District Council planning department.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) To note the current bank balances. It was confirmed that the Deposit Account stood at £6,462.97p and the Current Account stood at £2,901.07p. The Clerk confirmed that these balances were before the issuance of the cheques listed below.</p> <p>b) To consider payments made in accordance with the attached schedule. The following cheques were approved retrospectively by Parish Council; £13.80 (Cheque No. 976) Mrs C. Lightfoot (Clerk's expenses November 2014), £308.33 (Cheque No. 977) Mrs C. Lightfoot (Clerk's salary December 2014), £9.59 (Cheque No. 978) Mrs C. Lightfoot (Clerk's expenses December 2014), £120.00 (Cheque No. 979) Mr C. Jones (Lengthsman November 2014). The following cheques were approved and signed and the counterfoils and invoices initialled by 2 councillors; £132.00 (Cheque No. 980) Mr C. Jones (Lengthsman December 2014), £40.00 (Cheque No. 981) Holt Heath Village Hall (Village Hall Hire), £306.25 (Cheque No. 982) Mr P. Winney (Christmas activities), £308.33 (Cheque No. 983) Mrs C Lightfoot (Clerk's salary – January 2015), £8.56 (Cheque No. 984) Mrs C. Lightfoot (Clerk's expenses – January 2015).</p> <p>c) To review the actual spend against budget. Parish Council noted the actual spend against budget.</p>	

10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the following correspondence of note had been received by Parish Council:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hallow Scout and Guide Group. <p>Request for funds for replacement roof to Scout hut. Parish Council agreed to donate £100.00 to this project. A cheque was raised by the Clerk and was approved and signed by 2 councillors (Cheque No. 985 £100.00 Hallow Scout and Guide Group).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Council Review Magazine. <p>This was circulated amongst members of Parish Council.</p>	
11.	<p>CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>There were no matters of note.</p>	
12.	<p>COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS</p> <p>a) Parish Website. Parish Councillor Mr A. Blissett reported that the website was ready to change over to the new format. This was agreed by Parish Council.</p> <p>b) Debris in Bus Lay-bye. The Clerk was asked to contact County Highways to request that the road sweeper clears the debris in the bus lay-bye.</p> <p>c) Red Telephone Box – broken glass. Parish Councillor Mr J. Bowker reported that the red telephone box in the bus lay-bye had a broken pane of glass. The Clerk was asked to research the cost of getting this repaired.</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CL</p>
13.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date of the next Meeting of Parish Council was confirmed as 19 February 2015.</p>	