

**HOLT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD  
IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 pm  
ON THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2015.**

**Present:**

**P. Winney (Chairman)**

**A. Blissett**

**J. Bowker (Vice Chairman)**

**M. Troman**

**P. Mobbs**

**G. Wotton**

**In attendance:**

**Mrs Danuta Magonska**

**Absent:**

**J. Harper**

**County Councillor Mr P. Grove**

**District Councillor Mrs P Cummings**

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Mrs D. Magonska to the Meeting. She explained that she would like to observe the Meeting and get to know the councillors.</p>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Clerk to Council Mrs C. Lightfoot. Council approved the reason for absence.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>a) Register of interests. There were no changes to the Register of Interests.</p> <p>b) Register of Personal Interests. There were no Personal Interests in items on the agenda.</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>	

4.	<p><b>COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</b></p> <p>The County and District Councillors had reported no matters of note.</p>	
5.	<p><b>TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOLT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2015.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council held on 17 September 2015 were approved by Parish Council and signed by The Chairman as a true record.</p>	
6.	<p><b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b></p> <p>a) Litter bin School Lane – update report on sourcing a replacement litter bin. Parish Councillor Mr A. Blissett reported that the replacement bin had arrived and will be installed as soon as possible.</p> <p>b) Defibrillator Scheme – BT Telephone Kiosk – status report. Parish Councillor Mr M Troman reported that the paperwork for the transfer of ownership of the kiosk had been received, along with information on the Defibrillator Scheme. He and Parish Councillor Mr J. Bowker would consider the next step.</p> <p>c) Wildflower Scheme at Red Lion junction – update on project. Parish Councillor Mrs G Wotton reported that steps were being taken to verify the position with regard to use of the grass verge for such a project.</p> <p>d) Parish Noticeboard – review of options for purchase of new parish noticeboard. The Council considered again the options available from The Parish Noticeboard Company literature and agreed that the 3-door version from the Prestige Range would be suitable. It was agreed that the new noticeboard should be green and bear the name “Holt Parish Noticeboard”. Mr Michael Tew will be consulted with regard to the present footpaths noticeboard.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>CL</p>
7.	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>a) Applications Pending. 15/0016/CM Proposed materials recycling facility, Church Farm Quarry. Councillor Mr J.Bowker will attend the meeting on 03 November. 14/01285/HOU Proposed two storey extension, 2 Woodbury Park, Holt Heath. No objections. 15/00811/OUT Outline application for 24 dwellings, field off School Lane. This application was discussed at length by Parish Council. A summary of the discussion was recorded by the Chairman to be passed to the Clerk in order that she could formulate a response on behalf of Parish Council. Parish Council recommended refusal on the application on the basis the application was outside the settlement boundary, the mix of housing to include apartments was inappropriate to a rural location and the road infrastructure was insufficient to support a development at this location in the village.</p> <p>b) Approvals/Refusals. There were no further applications to discuss.</p> <p>c) Other Planning Issues. There were no issues to discuss.</p>	<p>CL</p>

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p>a) To note the current bank balances. It was confirmed that the Deposit Account stood at £10,012.29p and the Current Account stood at £2,082.37p. These balances were confirmed before the issuance of the cheques listed below.</p> <p>b) To consider payments in accordance with the attached schedule. The following cheques were signed and the invoices initialled by two members of Parish Council: £138.00 (Cheque no. 1027) Mr P. Winney – Christmas lights, £38.34 (Cheque no. 1028) Mr P. Winney - refreshments. £192.00 (Cheque No. 1029) Mr C. Jones – Lengthsman September 2015, £308.33 (Cheque No. 1030) Mrs C Lightfoot – Clerks salary October 2015, £269.16 (Cheque No. 1031) Mrs C Lightfoot – Clerks expenses October 2015.</p> <p>c) To review the actual spend against budget. Parish Council agreed the bank reconciliation and this was signed by the Chairman. The Parish Council noted the actual spend against budget.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION</b> The Chairman reported that the revised SWDP has no more proposed housing in this area.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING</b></p> <p>a) Report from S106 Meeting. See attached notes.</p> <p>b) Report from Meeting in relation to future of Holt Church. Vice Chairman Mr J. Bowker and Councillor Mrs G. Wotton reported that the meeting had been well attended and The Rev. Andrew Mottram, Heritage and Buildings Community Development Officer for the Diocese, had spoken of both the architectural importance of Holt church and the need for the village community to come together to ensure that this asset remained in use. Further to the meeting, some offers of help, both financial and practical, have been received.</p> <p>c) Report on the future of Holt Website. Councillor Mr A. Blissett reported that the old website was found to be difficult to use and insufficient support given. A new website is now being set up – accessed at <a href="http://www.anthonyblissett.wix.com/holtworcester">www.anthonyblissett.wix.com/holtworcester</a> - which appeared to be very easy to use and to update. The cost would be £172.00 per year. The new site was to be discussed next Meeting.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Mr M. Troman asked the date of the visit of the sleigh to the village at Christmas. He also mentioned that we may need planning permission for the use of the defibrillator, as well as training for users.</li> <li>• Councillor Mr J. Bowker raised the issue of the Village Hall fence and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Miss Liz Oakey with regard to this.</li> <li>• Chairman Mr P Winney reported that       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the silver birch tree near the Village Hall has been assessed and needs to be taken down, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>CL</p>

	<b>b) West Midlands police now have traffic speed guns for villagers' use after training.</b>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b>  <b>The date of the next Meeting of Holt Parish Council to be Thursday 19 November 2015.</b>	