

**HOLT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING HELD
IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 p.m.
ON THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016.**

Present:

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

Apologies:

District Councillor Mrs P. Cummings

In attendance:

P. Grove (County Councillor)

1.	<p>ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming was unable to attend the Meeting but had sent the following report:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2015/16 District Councillor’s Annual report Holt</p> <p>I must apologise for not being able to attend in person this evening and I am therefore submitting a written annual report.</p> <p>This past year has been a very eventful year at Malvern.</p> <p>The planning inspector has at last completed his examination of and approved the South Worcs Development Plan which was quickly adopted by the three councils. This means that we can put considerable weight on our own locally agreed plan when deciding planning applications and regain a substantial amount of control.</p> <p>Although later appeals have been decided, the Bloor’s appeal in Holt is still with the Inspectorate and we must hope that they take full account of the SWDP when making their decision.</p> <p>The Council has received details of the government grant that we will receive over the next four years. Whilst having a long term view is helpful, it does not bring good news as it will bring a substantial reduction in our income, which will result in us having to save £1.8million per annum by 2020/21 (some 19% of total expenditure) on top of savings already made in recent years. Whilst this will also mean some increases in council tax , MHDC will still have one of the lowest taxes in the country.</p>	
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	<p>Whilst this is a substantial target, we will continue to make every effort to find this without reducing front line services. This will include further sharing of services and officers with Wychavon and in particular a joint waste service also involving Worcester. Sharing of officers to date has been very successful by providing more operational flexibility as well as reducing costs. In response to this situation the Council has for the first time produced both a five year financial plan and a business plan covering the same period, outlining the achievements we expect to deliver. These can be viewed on the Council website.</p> <p>Although I am not present on this occasion, I am always available to talk to any resident of the village who has any issues with the Council and its services. My contact details are on the council website.</p>	
2.	<p>REPORT ON COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS</p> <p>County Councillor Mr P. Grove presented his County Council Report. A copy of the report was provided to The Clerk.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked County Councillor Mr P. Grove for his support and financial assistance to Parish Council over the last 12 months.</p>	
3.	<p>REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>The Chairman, thanked members of the Parish Council and the Clerk for their work over the last year and gave a summary of the main activities of Parish Council over the last 12 months.</p>	
5.	<p>FINANCIAL SUMMARIES AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the Financial Summary for the year ended 31 March 2016 and copies of the accounts were made available.</p>	
6.	<p>QUESTIONS</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>	