

Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council 19th January 2022 at 7:15pm
HOLT PARISH HALL

152	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Celia Moore (Chairman) Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Richard Walsh Cllr Andrew Wilson</p> <p>Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) Mr Guy Reynolds 5 members of public present.</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Cutts Cllr Robin Cook (Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward) Cllr Laura Miller (Dorset Councillor)</p>
153	<p>Co-option Vacancy</p> <p>It was resolved unanimously to appoint Mr Guy Reynolds by co-option to fill the current vacancy. Cllr Reynolds signed the declaration of acceptance of office.</p>
154	<p>Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None.</p>
155	<p>Guest, Cllr Laura Miller Portfolio Holder for Customer & Community Services</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr Miller due to illness, re-scheduled to attend the next meeting on 16th February 2022.</p>
156	<p>Dorset Councillors Report - See Appendix A for Cllr Robin Cook's report.</p>
157	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 15th December 2021</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>15th December 2021</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
158	<p>Matters Arising (not included on the agenda) from the Meeting held 15th December 2021</p> <p>None.</p>

<p>159</p>	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>Two residents of Holtwood have approached the Parish Council to discuss implementing a 30mph speed limit linking the existing 30mph zones between Priors Corner, Chalbury and Gaunts Common. The residents expressed their concern for walkers, horse riders and children living here and feel 60mph is wholly inappropriate in this residential location.</p> <p>In response, members explained the PC Highways Working Group is due to meet with Dorset Council to try to resolve the impact of traffic speed and flow through the Parish. It is a very difficult situation to manage based on Government criteria for speed limits and a restricted budget at Dorset Council. The residents are invited to join the next working group meeting where this particular location can be raised with officers of Dorset Council. As this section of road is on the border with Vale of Allen Parish Council, members suggested the residents may also like to raise their concerns and request directly with them.</p> <p>A resident of Furzehill advised the Furzehill Residents Association is keen to proceed with the renovation of the Broomhill BT Kiosk and possibly use it as a library for local residents. Once the electricity supply has been tested an alarm will be fitted to deter theft of the kiosk.</p> <p>A resident is kindly repairing the noticeboard on Holt Parish Hall and has offered to fit LED Solar lights inside the board. The Parish Hall Committee has agreed. <i>Members agreed.</i></p> <p>A resident of Grange presented members with objection and concerns with Planning Application P/FUL/2021/05700 Grange Farm, access road, BH21 4HX in writing, prior to the meeting and was able to answer member's questions on the proposal.</p>
<p>160</p>	<p>Planning Applications/Matters</p> <p>3/21/1521 FUL HORSEHOES, HOLT LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DQ Proposal: demolish existing dwelling and erect replacement dwelling. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/FUL/2021/05632 WHINRIDGE, HOLT ROAD, MANNINGTON, BH21 7JZ Proposal: demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings; re-development with a detached house and separate garage/outbuilding; installation of replacement septic tank. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/FUL/2021/05700 GRANGE FARM, ACCESS ROAD, GRANGE, BH21 4HX Proposal: Improvement works to existing agricultural access track (to include the provision of 4 passing bays) and the mixed use of the track by both agricultural vehicles and those associated with any planning permission granted at Grange Farm, Grange. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal. The construction of this new (not existing), very wide road (5m) is harmful to the openness of the Green Belt; disproportionately large and out of context in this rural, agricultural setting. It is our local understanding that the access is not used for agricultural purposes and the movement of traffic to serve the proposed nine dwellings will cause noise, disturbance and light pollution to local residents. There will be a significant impact on the existing narrow (1.7m) road through Grange with the volume of traffic movements. Overall, members feel this is overdevelopment in the Green Belt and request the application is considered by the Planning Committee if the Officers recommendation is at variance to the above.</p>

	<p>P/FUL/2021/04487 THE TUSCANS, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DX Proposal: Erect front and side extensions with formation of rooms in a new roof. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p>
161	<p>Planning Enforcement Matters</p> <p>None.</p>
162	<p>Cemetery Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A notice has been placed asking visitors to now remove Christmas wreaths. • There are a number of mole hills to be removed. • The deeds for the cemetery extension have not yet been produced by the Landowner.
163	<p>Parish Hall Matters</p> <p>Committee meeting held 17th January 2021. There is a problem with ground water leaking into the septic tank. Income is slightly reduced but in a reasonably healthy financial position. Groups are slow to resume due to Covid.</p>
164	<p>Highways</p> <p><u>Highways Working Group</u></p> <p>Members will follow up with Dorset Council for report at February meeting.</p> <p><u>BT Kiosks</u></p> <p>Holtwood – members discussed the options for replacing the stolen BT box. A fully refurbished box can be purchased at £2900 + extras, delivery and VAT. A ‘project’ box can be purchased for £1750.00 + extras, delivery and VAT. Members agreed to add to next month’s agenda for consideration and to await insurance claim.</p> <p>Clerk to report number of pot holes and general poor condition of Long Lane. 1186712</p> <p>Clerk to report corner of Village Green at junction by the Village Hall which is getting eroded with vehicles turning and needs building up again. 1186713</p> <p>It has been raised by a member of public that a large delivery vehicle not willing to reverse has caused some confrontation with cars on the narrow bends by ‘Hilltop’. It was suggested to ask Stewarts Garden Centre to ask drivers servicing the Garden Centre to be considerate to local drivers.</p> <p>The Clerk has reported a broken drain to the front of Dapplewood, Lodge Road. 1185820</p> <p>The Clerk has reported blocked drains in the Lodge Road cul-de-sac. 1185819</p>

165	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ditch has been cleared by the Landowner which drains the pond at Squibbs Lane. • Members discussed forming a volunteer group to clear footpaths in Holt which can operate at weekends to allow those working during the week to get involved. <i>Clerk to place a notice in Village Voices and HOLT Together.</i> • Clerk to report broken slats on footbridge at E45/32 behind Stewarts Garden Centre. MNT55039 																		
166	<p>Woodland at Queens Copse Lane - Rolling Lease to Christchurch Angling Club</p> <p>Members have considered the draft 5 year rolling lease for the Woodland area at Queens Copse Lane. The Clerk has asked Dorset Council to clarify if their permission is required and will assume they find the arrangement acceptable if no response is received by 31st March 2021.</p>																		
167	<p>Correspondence – circulated to members prior to the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January training courses for members with DAPTC: <i>Cllr Andrew Wilson is booked to attend the ‘Role of Councils in Planning’ on Thursday 27th January 2-4pm.</i> • Update from National Highways regarding street lighting renewal on the A31 which is scheduled for completion by March 2022. <i>Noted.</i> • Members invited to the Dorset Council Planning Update for Town & Parish Councils webinar, 2:30pm Thursday 27th January 2022. <i>Clerk to re-send email and Teams invitation.</i> • Correspondence from the ‘Dorset Deserves Better’ Campaign asking Dorset Council to re-think the Local Plan to better serve the population, enrich the county and tackle climate change and loss of wildlife. Holt Parish Council is invited to co-sign the open letter to Dorset Council but members agreed as a non-political organisation, they do not wish to support this campaign. 																		
168	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk provided members with up to date bank balances. • Members considered the budget for 2022/2023 and based on the 2021/2022 budget, it was resolved to increase the overall budget for the year by £476 to cover increase in Clerks salary/pension and additional training for members. Cllr Janet Wallace proposed an increase in the precept demand to £26.50 (from £26.26) per band D household, seconded by Cllr Peter Finney with 1 objection by Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres. Resolved to therefore request a Precept of £17,789 for the forthcoming year. • Members approved the following items for payment including Clerks Salary: <table border="0" data-bbox="236 1688 1299 1883"> <tr> <td>ONLINE Evans Above</td> <td>Tree Work Woodland</td> <td>£180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Mike Clifford</td> <td>Grass Cutting & Clearance Cemetery</td> <td>£210.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE DAPTC</td> <td>Training (AW) Intro to Planning 07/10/21</td> <td>£39.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Limecove Ltd</td> <td>Grass Cutting V Green 2022 & Cemetery Extension</td> <td>£1680.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Clerk</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses Oct – Dec 2021</td> <td>£103.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Holt Parish Hall</td> <td>Hire of Hall for meetings in 2022</td> <td>£165.00</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE Evans Above	Tree Work Woodland	£180.00	ONLINE Mike Clifford	Grass Cutting & Clearance Cemetery	£210.00	ONLINE DAPTC	Training (AW) Intro to Planning 07/10/21	£39.00	ONLINE Limecove Ltd	Grass Cutting V Green 2022 & Cemetery Extension	£1680.00	ONLINE Clerk	Reimbursement of Expenses Oct – Dec 2021	£103.89	ONLINE Holt Parish Hall	Hire of Hall for meetings in 2022	£165.00
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169	<p>Annual Parish Meeting 18th March 2022 & Guest Speaker</p> <p>The Clerk has placed a notice in Village Voices and HOLT Together inviting nominations for the Good Citizen Award 2022 which will be presented at the meeting. The Agenda for this meeting will be published next month. <i>Clerk to approach the Priests House Museum and the East Dorset Antiquarian Society for a Guest Speaker.</i></p>
	<p>Information for Report only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed the possibility of holding a Picnic Lunch for the Queens Jubilee on Holt Village Green on Sunday 5 June 2022 (12-3pm). Clerk to advise the National Trust and put a notice in Village Voices/HOLT Together. • The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>16th February 2022 at 7:15pm</u>

Meeting Closed 21:15

These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed: **16th February 2022**

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DORSET COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR HOLT P C
WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY 2022

Happy New Year to all and wishing you well for 2022

COVID-19 update

I have not included this subject in my reports for some time, but in the light of what has been reported nationally about the Omicron variant, I felt a local update would be appropriate.

Case rates continued to rise quickly up to week ending 7th Jan across Dorset and were higher than any point during the pandemic. Since then we have seen numbers start to fall. Infection rates are still very high across the county. We have started to see hospitalisations related to COVID-19 rise, to 74 from 55 in a week. Our hospitals and other critical services are also under increasing pressure due to staff absences related to COVID. The number of deaths has remained relatively stable and continues to be much lower than previous waves of the pandemic.

Some figures to put this into context – COVID-19 case numbers in the Dorset Council area week ending 31st were at 2,974, which translates to 783 per 100,000, while at week ending 7th January this had increased to 4,521 cases which represents 1190 per 100,000. This is a 52% increase.

Stop press

Today (Wednesday 19th) the Prime Minister has announced considerable lifting of current restrictions in the coming days. This is very encouraging as it does mean that we could soon be resuming a much more normal way of life.

Budget proposals for 2022/23

Dorset Council's budget proposals for next financial year, 2022-23, prioritise the continued delivery of vital frontline services for residents. They include more money for:

- **adult social care** – a 10% increase (equating to £13 million, taking the total budget to £141 million) to fund the rising need for social care in the local population and rising costs
- **children's services** – a 4% increase (equating to £2.7 million, taking the total budget to £74.5 million) to fund improvements to support children in care and children with special educational needs and disabilities
- **climate and ecological emergency response** – £10M capital investment over the next 5 years to help fund the delivery of the council's action plan
- **housing** – an extra £0.75 million to support the development of more new homes with our Registered Providers and the supply of better value temporary accommodation from the private rented sector.

This year's budget setting exercise takes place against a continuing national background of extreme pressures for councils resulting from the COVID pandemic alongside growing demand and price pressures. Social care services represent 59% of Dorset Council's total net spending.

The Government confirmed in December 2021 that Dorset Council will receive £10.4 million more than originally anticipated for 2022-23. This enables the council to put in place robust contingency funds. However, it is a one-year settlement, and not the multi-year settlement that was hoped for.

The budget proposals include a 3% increase in council tax: made up from a 1.998% increase in general council tax and 0.996% increase for the social care precept. For a band D property, this equates to £1.02 extra a week. Councillors will be voting on these proposals at the next full council meeting on 15th February 2022.

Dorset Local Plan

The responses to the local plan consultation are still being considered. All these can be viewed on the website. The next step will be publication of the plan later in the year for further public comments, with councillors deciding on revisions to it in 2023, following a public examination by the Planning Inspector.

Recycling update

The amount of waste that Dorset Council send for recycling, reuse, or composting has risen from 58.9% to 60.1%. Out of over 330 councils nationwide, this makes us the 8th best performing council in England.

On that note, just a comment about the Household Recycling Centre at Brook Road in Wimborne. Detailed work is ongoing to find a suitable replacement site for this, and a short list of options has been drawn up. These will form part of a consultation and work with town and parish councils within the area it serves – watch this space!

Cllr Robin Cook

19th January 2022

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