

**Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7:15pm  
HOLT PARISH HALL**

<b>170</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Cutts Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Celia Moore (Chairman) Cllr Guy Reynolds Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Richard Walsh Cllr Andrew Wilson Cllr Robin Cook (Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward)</p> <p>Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) 9 members of public present.</p> <p><b>Apologies received from:</b></p> <p>Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Laura Miller (Dorset Councillor)</p>
<b>171</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <p>Cllr Janet Wallace declared an interest in Planning Application P/HOU/2021/05602 Thornhill Cottage which is her own property.</p>
<b>172</b>	<p><b>Dorset Councillors Report</b> - See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> for Cllr Robin Cook's report.</p>
<b>173</b>	<p><b>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>19<sup>th</sup> January 2022</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
<b>174</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising (not included on the agenda) from the Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>175</b>	<p><b>Public Open Session</b></p> <p>Three residents present to discuss ideas for an event to celebrate the Queens Jubilee on Holt Green on <u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022</u>. Members support this and the Clerk can publicise the event on HOLT Together, please also see item 184 below.</p> <p>Two residents present regarding their request last month to introduce a 30mph speed limit linking the existing 30mph zones between Priors Corner, Chalbury and Gaunts Common. As suggested, the residents raised this with Vale of Allen Parish Council who advised they have not been successful in the past when they have asked Dorset Council to implement new speed limits without sufficient evidence.</p>

	<p>Members assured the residents the Parish Council is working hard to communicate to Dorset Council the issues throughout Holt Parish and how to address the volume of traffic and movement effecting residents (see item 181 below).</p> <p>A resident attended to bring to member's attention a number of concerns in respect of Planning Enforcement at Clayford and a lack of support from Dorset Council. It appears that Dorset Council does not have the resources to enforce and the consequences are seriously detrimental to other residents here. The resident asked if the Parish Council is happy for this to carry on and would like pressure to be put on Dorset Council and its members to take action. Cllr Robin Cook requested the resident contacts him directly to discuss his concerns (see item 178 below).</p> <p>A resident thanked Cllr Robin Cook for the excellent live stream of the Full Dorset Council Meeting held Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February which worked extremely well.</p> <p>A resident of Furzehill would like to make a start on refurbishing the BT Box by removing the glass. <i>Members agreed.</i></p> <p>A resident attended following up on the recent correspondence in respect of Planning Application 3/21/0935 Walston Farm, Gaunts Common. 25 residents are funding an expert planning firm to act on their behalf to enforce their objection to the proposal for change of use of agricultural buildings to use Class B8 storage or distribution. The document is available to view at <a href="http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk">www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</a> which includes a traffic assessment demonstrating the burden that the increase in lorry movements would have on the local roads.</p> <p>A resident attended following up on their correspondence (circulated to members), in respect of the draft recommendations in the Community Governance Review. The resident thanked Cllr Robin Cook for Dorset Councils support of the proposal to bring Furzehill out of Colehill Parish and into Holt Parish and asked if the Parish Council would write to Colehill Parish Council for an indication if they accept the recommendations. <i>Members did not feel it necessary to write to Colehill PC.</i></p>
176	<p><b>Community Governance Review</b></p> <p>Following the consultation held last year, the Full Dorset Council has now voted in favour of putting the draft proposals out for further consultation and subsequent adoption. Dorset Council supports the proposal to incorporate Furzehill into Holt Parish. The final decision will be made by Full Council on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and if finally adopted, the change would come into effect for the 2024 elections.</p> <p>As the consultation period does not begin until 28 Feb (until 23 May 22) members decided to defer this item to next meeting.</p>
177	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><b>P/HOU/2021/05602 THORNHILL COTTAGE, HOLT LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DJ</b> Proposal: Rear two storey extension with external balcony. Cllr Janet Wallace provided information on the application and having declared an interest, left the meeting to allow members to discuss the proposal. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>P/HOU/2022/00147 WISHING WELL COTTAGE, HOLT LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DQ</b> Proposal: Single storey side extension. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p>

**P/HOU/2022/00255 PILMORE GROWERS, PILMOOR BOTTOM, WHITESHEET, BH21 7DA** Proposal: Extension and refurbishment of existing bungalow.

Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.

**P/HOU/2021/05045 LITTLE THATCH, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DR** Proposal: Demolish utility/store and part of rear, erect a two storey rear extension and garage/log store.

Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.

**P/LBC/2021/05046 LITTLE THATCH, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DR** Proposal: External and internal alterations to include a rear extension (and replacement of a rear outshut).

Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.

### **Further Planning Matters**

3/21/1521 Horseshoes, Holt Lane – application to demolish existing dwelling and erect replacement. Correspondence received from two residents in respect of the site notice not having been visible for this application and therefore neighbours not being aware and able to respond. (Dorset Council, in some cases, relies on the owner/agent to place the site notice). Further correspondence was received drawing member's attention to a number of concerns with the proposal and asked members to re-consider. Members agreed that their response of no objection, agreed last meeting, was made on the information available and cannot speculate on the future use of the plot. It was noted in the application that the static caravans will be removed on completion of the construction of the new dwelling, members therefore had no further comments to make on the proposal. *Clerk to respond.*

The Planning Officer for Application 3/21/1070 Grange Farm clarified that the Parish Council should express its comments first hand so that it is clearly evident where there are material planning issues which would then trigger a referral to the Planning Committee if the officer recommendation is at variance with the Parish Council's comments. *Noted*

Notification of Appeal by Pig Oak Farm, Holt BH21 7DG against the decision by Dorset Council to refuse Application 3/21/0151 CONDR to vary conditions and change of use. *Noted, no representation to submit.*

Notification of Appeal by Brooklands Farm, Burts Lane, BH21 7JU against the decision by Dorset Council to refuse Application 3/21/0503. *Noted, no representation to submit.*

P/CLE/2022/00230 Certificate of Lawfulness at Dunromin, Clayford, BH21 7BJ for the existing use of a building and associated land as a single residential unit, including all existing ancillary buildings, walls, piers, gates and fences together with the installation of a package treatment plant and drainage ditch/culvert. *Members have no evidence which demonstrates that the claimed use has existed, or not existed, continuously for a period of 4 or 10 years.*

P/CLP/2022/00488 Alma, Harts Lane, Holt, BH21 7AR Certificate of Lawful use PROPOSED for the construction of single storey side and rear extension together with the provision of a porch. *Noted.*

P/NMA/2022/00933 Minterne, Gaunts Common, BH21 4JR Non material amendment to approval P/HOU/2021/04609 erection of a single storey side and rear extension. *Noted.*

P/PAED/2022/00981 Ronoake, Lower Rowe, BH21 7DZ Request for legal determination as to whether prior approval is required for an additional store to existing dwelling to increase the height from 4.35 metres to 7 metres. *Noted.*

178	<p><b>Planning Enforcement Matters</b></p> <p>Members received an update on Planning Application 3/20/1401 FUL which refused permission for an agricultural storage barn on land at Priors Corner, Chalbury. The developer intends to appeal the decision and is preparing a further planning application which he hopes will be more favourable. It is Dorset Council's policy to allow this process to run its course before enforcement action can be taken.</p> <p>Having considered this and other issues raised in the Public Open Session, members agreed to form a Planning Working Group to meet and specifically discuss outstanding planning matters and report to Parish Council next month. The Working Group (CM/JW/AW/PF/JE) will meet Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.</p>
179	<p><b>Cemetery Matters</b></p> <p>No matters to report.</p>
180	<p><b>Parish Hall Matters</b></p> <p>No matters to report.</p>
181	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p><b><u>Highways Working Group</u></b></p> <p>The Working Group has prepared a letter to Cllr Ray Bryan, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment with supporting data and maps to identify specific locations and measures to address the volume and movement of traffic through Holt parish. <i>Members approved the letter for submission by the Clerk once supporting data is finalised by the working group.</i></p> <p><b><u>BT Kiosks</u></b></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 discussed how a replacement box could be installed to ensure it could not be stolen again. <i>Clerk to contact Frampton's Builders for advice.</i></p>
182	<p><b>Rights of Way Matters</b></p> <p>The Clerk has placed a notice in the next edition of Village Voices and on HOLT Together for volunteers to clear footpaths in Holt which can operate at weekends to allow those working during the week to get involved. A training session will be arranged with the Dorset Council Ranger.</p>
183	<p><b>Woodland at Queens Copse Lane - Rolling Lease to Christchurch Angling Club</b></p> <p>Members are considering offering a 5 year rolling lease for the Woodland area at Queens Copse Lane to the Angling Club. The Clerk has been in correspondence with the Dorset Council Property Solicitor in respect of this arrangement (the land was acquired from the former East Dorset District Council). Awaiting instructions on the proposed arrangement from Dorset Council Assets and Estates before proceeding.</p>

184	<p><b>Queens Jubilee and Free Trees for Residents</b></p> <p>A group of residents have begun making plans for an event on Holt Village Green on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The Parish Council is considering offering residents free garden trees as part of the celebration and it was agreed Cllr Peter Finney will contact Stewarts Garden Centre to inquire if they would like to get involved in the supply of trees. The Clerk will also ask the Woodland Trust for advice on types of trees.</p>									
185	<p><b>Annual Parish Meeting Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 7:30pm Holt Village Hall</b></p> <p>Members approved the Agenda for the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk confirmed a Guest Speaker from the East Dorset Museum is available to attend. Members considered nominations for the Good Citizen Award 2022 and agreed the recipient will be invited to the Annual Meeting.</p>									
186	<p><b>Correspondence – circulated to members prior to the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TSB Wimborne branch is closing 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022, nearest branch will be Boscombe. <i>Noted.</i></li> <li>• Members were made aware of a premises licence application for ‘Bimble Bandada’ at Gaunts House, BH21 4JQ. <i>Noted</i></li> <li>• Members are invited to comment on Dorset’s draft Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme at <a href="http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk">www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• Members are invited to complete a review survey on Dorset Council’s Town &amp; Parish Council e-newsletter.</li> <li>• Correspondence from a resident of Holt Road regarding speed of traffic, the Clerk has advised the matter is due for discussion this evening.</li> </ul>									
187	<p><b>Financial Matters &amp; Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk provided members with up to date bank balances.</li> <li>• Members reviewed and approved the effectiveness of the internal audit procedure.</li> <li>• Members approved the following items for payment including Clerks Salary:</li> </ul> <table border="0" data-bbox="236 1473 1404 1579"> <tr> <td>ONLINE Source for Business</td> <td>Water supply Cemetery July 2021 to Jan 22</td> <td>£18.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Evans Above</td> <td>Tree Work Queens Copse Lane</td> <td>£120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE DAPTC</td> <td>Planning Training AW 27 Jan 22</td> <td>£39.00</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE Source for Business	Water supply Cemetery July 2021 to Jan 22	£18.29	ONLINE Evans Above	Tree Work Queens Copse Lane	£120.00	ONLINE DAPTC	Planning Training AW 27 Jan 22	£39.00
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	<p><b>Information for Report only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7:15pm</u></li> </ul>									

Meeting Closed 21:46

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

**Signed: ..... 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

## Appendix A

**DORSET COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR HOLT P C**  
**WEDNESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2022**

**Budget 2022/23**

At the first full council meeting in person for almost two years last night (15<sup>th</sup> Feb), Dorset Council's budget proposals for next financial year 2022-23 were supported by a large majority of members cross party. The proposals 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: 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.

**Community Governance review**

At the full council meeting last night, following the consultation held in Autumn 2021, members voted in favour of taking the draft proposals out for further consultation and subsequent adoption. The proposal to bring Furzehill into Holt parish was supported. The next consultation period runs from 28<sup>th</sup> Feb until 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

Below is an extract of the relevant piece in the report:

***Based upon the evidence currently available, Dorset Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:***

- ***help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community.***
- ***help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area. Through the consultation survey the Council received 37 representations, including submissions from both Colehill and Holt Parish Councils with varying views about possible changes to community governance arrangements across the parishes.***

***Dorset Council notes the more rural nature of Furzehill and is persuaded by the arguments that Furzehill shares clearer local identity with Holt. Dorset Council notes that Holt Parish Council are supportive of Furzehill moving within the Holt parish which was not the case when East Dorset District Council considered***

***the proposal in 2018. Dorset Council is recommending that the whole of Furzehill moves from the parish of Colehill to the Parish of Holt. This would necessitate the warding of Holt Parish Council.***

The final decision will be made at the full council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022. If finally adopted, the change would come into effect for the 2024 elections.

### **Dorset Local Plan – the Council is listening**

With over 9000 responses and 60,000 comments to the local plan consultation we have listened to what you are saying and the leader, Cllr Spencer Flower, has written to Michael Gove asking him to consider several radical alternatives. I have highlighted these below.

- allow Dorset to pilot a radically different approach to Local Plan making
- break the link between the housing land supply numbers and the Duty to Cooperate – i.e. the requirement for Dorset Council to accept unmet housing need from neighbouring councils
- allow Dorset an extension of two years until April 2026 to give more time for the new Dorset Local Plan to be developed and approved. During this extended period of plan preparation, Dorset should be protected against speculative housing development by suspending the five-year land supply requirement or by other means necessary
- fully recognise the [climate and ecological emergency](#) in the planning system, including new building regulations.

I will keep you updated about how this initiative is progressing, but as we stand now, the plan, with any revisions and/or amendments will be out for further consultation later this year.

### **QE Leisure Centre future management**

A consultation running on future management arrangements at Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre (QELC) in Wimborne was held last Autumn. Following this, officers recommended that we withdraw our agreement with QE from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. They will continue to engage with the school during the transitional period and work with them to approach the Education and Skills Funding Agency to apply for exceptional circumstances funding in recognition of the change in contractual arrangements. That we continue to work alongside QE School in identifying ways to maximise the availability of leisure facilities for both the school and community use and provide advice to any displaced users who may need assistance in identifying opportunities to maintain their activity levels.

In addition that a bid for one off capital funding (up to a maximum of £150,000) should be included in Dorset Councils 2023/2024 capital budget process. If successful, this funding would be Dorset Council's contribution towards the replacement of the All-Weather Pitch.

The meeting of the Place and Resources Overview Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> February supported the recommendation and this will now be put to the cabinet meeting of 1st March for final consideration.

I have attached a copy of the result of the consultation with this report.

**Cllr Robin Cook**

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**