

**Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council 13th April 2022 at 7:15pm
HOLT PARISH HALL**

205	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Celia Moore (Chairman) Cllr Guy Reynolds Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Richard Walsh Cllr Andrew Wilson</p> <p>Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) 5 members of public present.</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Cutts (Vice Chairman) Cllr Robin Cook (Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward)</p>
206	<p>Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None.</p>
207	<p>Dorset Councillors Report - See Appendix A for Cllr Robin Cook's report.</p>
208	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 16th March 2022</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>16th March 2022</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
209	<p>Matters Arising (not included on the agenda) from the meeting held 16th March 2022</p> <p>None.</p>
210	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>Two members of public were present who are interested to hear how the Parish Council make their decisions.</p> <p>The owners of the property for Planning Application P/FUL/2022/00925, The Croft, Burts Lane was present to explain the background to the proposal to modernise the dwelling to a different design to that which already has permission. The same owners of P/FUL/2022/00931 explained the proposal has been reduced in size and hopes is now satisfactory for approval.</p> <p>A further resident was present in respect of correspondence sent to members regarding the Community Governance Review and to answer any questions members may have.</p>

211	<p>Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held 18th March 2022</p> <p>Members agreed it was disappointing that not many residents attended this meeting and to publicise further next year with more posters, delivering leaflets door-to-door and an article in Village Voices. The talk by the Curator of the East Dorset Museum was very interesting.</p>
212	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>P/HOU/2022/00656 BANKSIDE, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DX Proposal: Raise roof to create first floor habitable accommodation and infill extension and a new garage.</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal. As per our comments in respect of 3/21/0149 HOU: <i>Members object to the proposal on this elevated site which is prominent from different aspects. The dwelling and the garage will be dominant, a visual distraction and detrimental to the country scene in the Green Belt and out of keeping with the immediate surrounding area. The position exacerbates the visual impact and far-reaching views of the countryside. The already constructed garage is too high and contravenes previous approval as it is located in the wrong position and demonstrates the detrimental impact this whole development has in this location. The garage is too big in relation to the existing dwelling and it would appear to be for habitation. In this unauthorised position, the windows in the garage have a detrimental effect on the neighbour's privacy.</i></p> <p>This current proposal includes the already constructed garage to which our previous objections remain. The whole proposal urbanises and encloses the corner and is out of character in the country scene in this prominent rural position particularly when viewed from Lodge Road. Whilst having no objection in principle to the design of the house, the garage combined with the proposed 2 storey dwelling is overdevelopment in this corner of the plot. We would suggest the Planning Officer visits the site as photo's/google maps do not show the reality of the urbanisation in this location of Holtwood.</p> <p>Overall, whilst there is no specific objection to the house, members OBJECT to the proposal in combination with the excessive scale of the garage and request the application is referred to the Planning Committee for consideration if the Planning Officers recommendation is contrary to the Parish Council's view that the application should be refused.</p> <p>P/CLP/2022/01747 LYONS WOOD FARM, WHITEMOOR, BH21 7DA Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed use of the land for the stationing of a twin unit caravan. Members have NO COMMENT on this proposed use.</p> <p>P/FUL/2021/05113 FRAMPTONS YARD, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DX Proposal: To cover the proposed change from a package sewage treatment plant to a reed bed foul drainage system (PA 3/19/0826FUL) Revised site plan of 25/03/22. Members have NO FURTHER COMMENT on this proposal.</p> <p>P/HOU/2022/01577 BROOKLYN, BURTS LANE, BH21 7JX Proposal: Construction of a detached triple garage and demolition of existing outbuilding (amended scheme) 3/21/1631 HOU. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/HOU/2022/01843 FOXGLOVES, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DU Proposal: First floor extension and dormer over existing garage, new rear dormer and new porch. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p>

	<p>P/FUL/2022/00925 THE CROFT, BURTS LANE, BH21 7JX Proposal: Demolish existing dwelling, erect replacement dwelling. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/FUL/2022/01931 THE CROFT, BURTS LANE, BH21 7JX Proposal: Retain and convert an unauthorised building to stables, retain adjacent hardstanding and extend hardstanding (re-submission of refused PA 3/21/1245 FUL) Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/HOU/2022/01600 THE STABLES, HOLT LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DJ Proposal: New conservatory to rear elevation. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p>
<p>213</p>	<p>Planning Enforcement Matters</p> <p>The Working Group met on 4th April 2022 for a general discussion on enforcement matters and will prepare a letter to Dorset Council (for members approval) to address concerns regarding lack of enforcement, where local knowledge has perhaps not been considered and lack of input by Dorset Council Highways.</p>
<p>214</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p><u>Highways Working Group</u></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 which was approved last meeting. Cllr Jonathan Cutts reported last month the letter will be tweaked slightly to emphasise the data evidence which is currently being formulated. The Clerk has advised the Community Highways Team Lead that the letter is being prepared and apologised for the delay.</p> <p>Broomhill Crossroads – Dorset Council has begun preparing the low maintenance verge and a perennial flower mix will be planted and the daffodils replanted. This will improve visibility at this dangerous junction.</p> <p><u>BT Kiosks</u></p> <p>Holtwood – Framptons Builders have kindly given advice on how the replacement box can be installed to ensure it could not be stolen again and offered to carry out the work free of charge.</p> <p>Furzehill – A resident has kindly offered to investigate the foundations of the Broomhill Box to determine how difficult it will be to straighten it. Members however would prefer to appoint a contractor for this work; <i>the Clerk will contact Framptons Builders.</i></p> <p>Broomhill – M. Clifford has made a site visit to quote to remove the turf, lay scalping's and prepare soil beside the BT Box at Broomhill ready for wild-flower seeding. <i>Cllr Peter Finney will contact Stewarts for seeds and the Clerk will advise them the boxes are now ready for planting.</i></p>

215	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <p>None.</p>
216	<p>Woodland at Queens Copse Lane</p> <p>The Christchurch Angling Club has responded acknowledging the Parish Council's position in not being able to offer a lease on the land that is agreeable to both Dorset Council and the Angling Club.</p> <p>Members agreed to hold a site meeting of the Parish Council to discuss what work needs to be done in the woodland on <u>Wed 4th May at 10:00</u></p>
217	<p>GDPR Register of Data Processing</p> <p>Members reviewed the register, no changes required and approved payment of the annual fee of £35.00.</p>
218	<p>Filming & Recording Policy</p> <p>Members reviewed the policy and agreed no amendments required.</p>
219	<p>Trees for Residents to celebrate the Queens Jubilee</p> <p>The Clerk provided members with advice from Stewarts Garden Centre on types of trees that would be suitable for gardens. Hilliers can offer trade price on any purchases. Members discussed further and felt that an Oak Tree on Holt Village Green would be a more appropriate way of commemorating the Platinum Jubilee. Members resolved unanimously to allocate expenditure of £200.00 for a tree, a decorative guard and plaque. <i>Cllr Jackie Egan will ask the National Trust Ranger for permission to plant a tree and agree a location. The Clerk will contact St James School and inquire if they too would like to plant a commemorative tree.</i></p>
220	<p>Correspondence – circulated to members prior to the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members approved request to remove the headstone and renovate the wording on plot C92. • Members noted the comments of a resident in respect of the number of councillors that might be required for the proposed Holt & Furzehill wards in the Community Governance Review and agreed that Dorset Council would make the decision on this. • Members noted correspondence from a resident in respect of when Colehill Parish Council will be considering a response to the Community Governance Review which will be after their Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd April 2022. • Members noted a letter from the Chair of the NALC Smaller Council's committee asking to hear of any issues the Parish Council would like the Committee to address which are specific to small councils. • The Clerk circulated details of forthcoming training dates with DAPTC for Changing Chairs. • The Chairman has accepted an invitation to attend the Town Mayor of Wimborne's Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 8th May 2022.

221	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk provided members with up-to-date bank balances. • Members reviewed and approved the Annual Financial Risk Assessment. • Members resolved unanimously to accept the quotation from M Clifford to cut the grass in the unconsecrated area of the cemetery @ £40.00 per cut for 2022. • Quotation from M Clifford to clear turf and prepare area for seeding beside the Broomhill BT Box not yet received. • Members approved the following items for payment including Clerks Salary and accepted the revised NALC pay scales with effect from April 2022: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">ONLINE Clerk</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Reimbursement of Expenses</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£76.99</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE Clerk	Reimbursement of Expenses	£76.99
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	<p>Information for Report only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the AGM in Holt Parish Hall, <u>25th May 2022 at 7:15pm</u>. As this is a change of date, the June meeting will also now move to 29th. 			

Meeting Closed 20:58

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

Signed: 25th May 2022

Appendix A

Report from Dorset Councillor Robin Cook

Living with Covid

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 remain very high across Dorset. We've also seen the number of people with COVID-19 in hospitals continue to rise.

Please continue to encourage everyone to take steps to reduce the spread of the virus, including self-isolating if you develop covid symptoms or test positive, washing your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds and, unless exempt, wearing a face mask in busy crowded indoor places, especially in healthcare settings.

As free universal testing ended on 31st March, Dorset Council are reviewing their data to ensure the information shared remains relevant and useful. In the next couple of weeks, the measures used to understand the spread of the virus in our communities may change to reflect this.

The new weekly data update will now be available on Public Health Dorset's website and social media accounts from Monday 11th April ([@HealthyDorset](#) on Twitter and [@publichealthdorset](#) on Facebook).

Dorset Council - Relationship with Russia

I have been asked about any connections we may have with Russia or Russian companies. To the best of our knowledge, Dorset Council does not have any direct relationship with Russia or Russian companies.

In terms of energy suppliers, Dorset Council does not have any direct contractual links with Gazprom, or any other Russian supply. We have a contract for gas via Laser buy group with Total Gas & Power, and liquid gas with FloGas. It's worth saying we do not necessarily know about the full supply chains of those we contract with. We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and our reliance on fossil fuels and along with significant investment over the next five years, in services for residents and in our buildings, we are also working to divert our pension fund away from investment in fossil fuels.

We do have some indirect exposure to Russian companies through the pension fund's investments in an emerging markets equity fund managed by Brunel Pension Partnership, Dorset's investment pooling manager. The value of this exposure is estimated to be approximately £5m or 0.13% of the pension fund's total assets of £3.8bn.

Update on car park charges

New tariffs are now in operation in most of Dorset Council car parks.
available to buy:

Two new permits are

- The **Short Stay permit** costs £78 for 12 months and covers parking for up to two hours every day in the majority of Dorset Council short stay car parks
- The **Flexi Stay permit** costs £25 a month or £260 for 12 months. This provides unlimited parking in the majority of Dorset Council long stay car parks and free parking for two hours every day in the majority of Dorset Council short stay car parks

Planning convergence update

We are transferring the planning information for the former Dorset County Council into the new Dorset Council planning platform. This is the final sixth phase to move all former district, borough, and county planning systems into one.

This means that the planning website will not be available from 5pm Monday 25th April. Once the data is transferred, we will test all areas of planning to make sure there has been no omissions or corruptions. We hope to have the website back up by the end of Wednesday 27th April. We will be extending consultation deadlines that fall within the downtime, to allow people additional time to respond

The next part of this programme is transformation. We will be talking to agents, town and parish and other users to explain how they can be involved to design tools and functions that will help improve this service.

Platinum Jubilee – closing a road for a street party

We are currently welcoming applications to close roads for street parties to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are trying to make it as easy as possible to support communities getting together safely but, if you wish to close a road or pavement, there is a process we need to follow.

Everything about closing a street for your knees-up can be found online and applications should be in by **Thursday 21 April**. Get your application in now! Here is the link

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/web/guest/-/street-party-on-the-highway>

Fuel Poverty

Thanks to generous donations from residents in Dorset, over £75K have been raised to help older people struggling to stay warm this winter. Dorset Council, working closely with The Dorset Community Foundation and Citizens Advice launched an appeal earlier this year asking people to donate any winter fuel payments they did not need to help others being able to afford heating their homes without scrimping on food.

According to government estimates, there are 19,000 people in Dorset living in fuel poverty – this means they cannot afford to heat their home. As energy prices continue to rise, even more older people will be cold in their homes and exposed to the risks arising from their body temperature dropping too low. But thanks to the generous donations, more vulnerable older people in need will stay warm over the coming months.

The funds have been allocated to Citizens Advice who are distributing Surviving Winter grants to those households who are in fuel poverty

CLlr Robin Cook

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