

**Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7pm  
HOLT PARISH HALL**

<b>355</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Celia Moore (Chairman) Cllr Guy Reynolds Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Robin Cook (Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward) Lisa Goodwin (Clerk)</p> <p>3 members of public present.</p> <p><b>Apologies received from:</b></p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Cutts (Vice Chairman)</p>
<b>356</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>357</b>	<p><b>Dorset Councillors Report</b> – Please see <b>Appendix A</b> for Cllr Robin Cook’s report which was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Cook added to his report that members are invited to attend a webinar with Dorset Council on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March regarding expanding the number of EV Points across Dorset. It is hoped to have a charging point in every village, supplied free of charge (after 15 years it will be the responsibility of the landowner). Members are asked to consider any potential sites in Holt to improve the EV infrastructure in Dorset.</p> <p>Cllr Reynolds inquired if there is any news on a proposed new recycling centre for East Dorset. Cllr Cook advised that Dorset Council are reconsidering appropriate locations to replace the Brook Road site in Wimborne. A new site at Blandford has already been agreed.</p>
<b>358</b>	<p><b>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>15<sup>th</sup> February 2023</u> were amended on page 273 item 345 description to ‘Consultation on Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill including reforms to National Planning Policy Framework’, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. It was agreed that the response to this consultation should also be attached as an Appendix to the minutes. <i>Clerk to action.</i></p>
<b>359</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising (not included on the agenda) from the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b></p> <p>None.</p>

360	<p><b>Public Open Session</b></p> <p>The owners and their representative attended to ask for members approval on four retrospective planning applications for Holtwood House.</p> <p>It was explained that the retaining wall already existed on the site and was extended as part of the extensive land drainage system on the field and to incorporate a 4m redundant area of land into the residential garden.</p> <p>The Greenhouse is required as part of the agricultural smallholding enterprise.</p> <p>The fence is placed behind the hedge, which is immediately adjacent to the highway for security as is the gate.</p> <p>The description has been amended to retain tractor and machinery store which are required to maintain the land and is discreetly located on the site, obscured by the hedge and fence.</p>
361	<p><b>Planning Applications &amp; Enforcement Matters</b></p> <p><b>P/HOU/2022/07646 INNISFREE, BURTS LANE, BH21 7JS</b> Raise the ridge to create a first-floor habitable accommodation and replace the existing brick finish with timber cladding. It was resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>P/FUL/2023/00619 ALMA, HARTS LANE, HOLT, BH21 7AR</b> Erect replacement dwelling &amp; garage, formation of new access. It was resolved unanimously to respond with a conditional response of NO OBJECTION; prior to the occupancy of the replacement dwelling, the original dwelling is demolished.</p> <p><b>P/FUL/2023/00673 HOLTWOOD HOUSE, HOLT, BH21 7DR</b> Retain Greenhouse. It was resolved, with one abstention by Cllr Guy Reynolds to OBJECT to this application. Not withstanding the decorative nature of the Greenhouse it is a domestic structure located on agricultural land effecting the openness of the Green Belt.</p> <p><b>P/FUL/2023/00674 HOLTWOOD HOUSE, HOLT, BH21 7DR</b> Retain Tractor &amp; Machinery Store. It was resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>P/FUL/2023/00675 HOLTWOOD HOUSE, HOLT, BH21 7DR</b> Retain boundary fence and gate. It was resolved, with one abstention by Cllr Geoff Chopping to respond with OBJECTION to this proposal. The fencing and gate are inappropriate in this location, changing the character of the street scene to more enclosed and urban with a loss of outlook over Green Belt land. (Note; DC Highways comment uploaded online is not for this property).</p> <p><b>P/FUL/2023/00676 HOLTWOOD HOUSE, HOLT, BH21 7DR</b> Retain and change of use of land to form extended residential garden, associated retaining wall and steps (amended description). It was resolved, with one abstention by Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>P/HOU/2023/00755 HUNTERS MOON, HOLT LANE, BH21 7DH</b> Erect single storey side extension, install Juliet balcony to north east elevation and clear glazed side facing windows to south west elevation (loft conversion including dormers also subject to P/CLP/2023/00178 It was resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>P/FUL/2023/00938 CLUMP HILL FARM, BURTS LANE, BH21 7JX</b> Replacement of existing commercial/industrial building by a building of substantially the same size (34sqm) larger. The building will remain in the same sui generis commercial and industrial use. It was resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p>

	<p>Cllr Robin Cook left the meeting.</p> <p><b>P/CLP/2023/00778 LEONI, FURZEHILL, BH21 4HT</b> Proposed use application for information purposes only for erection of domestic outbuilding for incidental use.</p> <p>The Clerk advised members of correspondence from resident of Burts Lane concerning the type and amount of traffic operating from Jubilee Farm and the impact on residents particularly the HGV driving school. <i>Note, Planning Application P/FUL/2023/01227 will be considered by members April 19<sup>th</sup>.</i></p> <p><b>Notification of Appeal to the Secretary of State against the refusal of Dorset Council for change of use from agricultural to 8 self-storage (B8) units.</b> Members agreed significant detail was provided in the parish councils original response to this application and have nothing new to add. Further representations can be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate up to 5 April 2023).</p> <p>Cllr Jackie Egan will be attending the Dorset Council Planning Engagement Session on Thursday 27 April in Wimborne and will report back to members.</p>
<p><b>362</b></p>	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p><b><u>Highways Working Group</u></b> A traffic survey is awaited at the de-restricted section of Horseshoe Crossroads following Parish Council request to extend the 30mph. Dorset Council were expecting to do 3 further surveys but it was understood by members there was existing Dorset Council data and SID data that could be used. Cllr J. Cutts will clarify and report to members next meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Community Speed Watch Holt &amp; Gaunts Common</u></b> Session completed 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Further sessions yet to be arranged. Volunteers are invited to attend the Regional CSW event at the Allendale Centre in Wimborne on 25<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to purchase a new Speed Indicator Device @ £2695.00 + VAT. The existing unit has an intermittent problem which can possibly be repaired. Cllr P. Finney will arrange to get the unit to the manufacturer.</p> <p>Members discussed the facility to report traffic incidents/near-misses online with Dorset Council to add to their data base. Evidence will support any requests for the introduction of speed limits etc. <i>Clerk to include on HOLT Together.</i></p>
<p><b>363</b></p>	<p><b>Cemetery Matters</b></p> <p>Members agreed to defer review of Burial Fees until April.</p> <p>Members approved the memorial application for M. Dean D104.</p>
<p><b>364</b></p>	<p><b>Rights of Way Matters</b></p> <p>The Clerk has reminded Dorset Council the bridge needs repairing on E45/28 at Whitesheet.</p>

365	<p><b>Parish Hall Matters</b></p> <p>Members were provided with the Annual Maintenance Report for the Parish Hall. No matters arising.</p>
366	<p><b>Amendment to Standing Orders</b></p> <p>NALC has now provided legal guidance on Standing Orders 6a. Members agreed to form a working group to review the entire document as a new updated version is available and make recommendations to full council next month. (CM/JW/GC/LG)</p>
367	<p><b>Community Governance Review Consultation</b></p> <p>Members agreed to respond to the consultation at Dorset Council before the closing date of 17<sup>th</sup> April:</p> <p>Holt Parish Council still objects to the Vale of Allen’s proposal for Gaunts Common. As there were so few submissions from the residents of Gaunts Common, Holt Parish Council concurs with the draft recommendations of no change.</p> <p>If in the second consultation there was very significant support, particularly from Hinton Parish residents, for all of Gaunts Common being within Holt Parish, then Holt Parish Council would concur with such a change.</p>
368	<p><b>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAPTC Eastern Area Committee Agenda Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7:30pm. JW &amp; CM to attend.</li> <li>• DAPTC Communication to Eastern Area Councils requesting support to reinvigorate participation in Area Committees including a short survey.</li> <li>• Sgt Payne of Dorset Police advised the Police cannot be involved in a Whatsapp Group set up by a local resident to support Furzehill Post Office &amp; Stores and have no concerns of further offences being committed at this location.</li> <li>• The National Trust are running events at Holt Heath for the National Nature Reserve Week. See <a href="http://nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/kingston-lacy">nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/kingston-lacy</a> They would be interested to hear from the community if there is anything they would like to get involved in/organise that the National Trust can support. <i>Clerk to put up posters on boards and on HOLT Together.</i></li> </ul>
369	<p><b>Financial Matters &amp; Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members reviewed and updated the Asset Register and made no amendments to the end of year reserves figures.</li> <li>• Members agreed the Clerk to sign the Annual Insurance policy pre-renewal questionnaire.</li> <li>• Wimborne PCC have asked the Parish Council to arrange cutting the hedge at St James Church and to invoice them for the works. <i>Clerk to ask resident who kindly cut the hedge last year if willing to cut again for a fee.</i></li> <li>• Members accepted the quotation for cutting the Village Green and Cemetery extension for 2023 season from Limecove Ltd.</li> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to support St James School with a donation of £500 toward new playground equipment and a tree.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members approved the following items for payment including Clerks Salary:</li> </ul> <table> <tr> <td>ONLINE Clerk</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses</td> <td>£92.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Limecove Ltd</td> <td>Grass Cutting new cemetery area and Village Green 2023</td> <td>£1254.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Source for Business</td> <td>Water supply to Holt Cemetery Aug 22 to Feb 23</td> <td>£16.55</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE Clerk	Reimbursement of Expenses	£92.99	ONLINE Limecove Ltd	Grass Cutting new cemetery area and Village Green 2023	£1254.00	ONLINE Source for Business	Water supply to Holt Cemetery Aug 22 to Feb 23	£16.55
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<b>370</b>	<p><b>Information for Report only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Janet Wallace attended the DAPTC Councillors networking event at Kingston Maurward on March 9<sup>th</sup>. This was a well organised event and covered the EV infrastructure for Dorset, Consumer Trading scams which may be of interest for a future Annual Meeting and Fire Risk on Heathlands which members may like to discuss as an agenda item at a future meeting.</li> <li>The Chairman attended the Civic Service in Wimborne Minster which thanked all those who volunteer in roles.</li> <li>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm</u></li> </ul>									

Meeting closed 21:59

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

**Signed: .....** 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## **Appendix A**

### **Dorset Council Budget**

Dorset Council's budget of £348m for 2023-24 was approved by councillors at the full council meeting on 14th February. This continues the council's commitment to maintain frontline services, without the need for cuts to balance the budget. Dorset Council provides around 450 different services to just under 380,000 residents. This year's budget setting exercise took place against a national background of extreme pressures for councils. These pressures include the high level of inflation which affects the cost of delivering council services, and also the continued growth in need for social care services as a result of the ageing population.

Council tax increase is just under 2% and the adult social care precept increase is 2%. This is less than the maximum 5% increase available to councils, as outlined in the Government's Spending Review in December 2022. The increase is equivalent to £1.40 extra per week for a Band D property. This is a balanced budget in a national context of significant financial challenge. Our overriding aim has been to protect the essential frontline council services on which local residents and businesses rely. The proposals do include a council tax increase; however, we have kept to it to the minimum possible despite the high level of inflation and we continue to provide a range of support for those residents hardest hit by the cost of living.

Since becoming a unitary council in 2019, we have made efficiency savings of £76 million. This money has been reinvested to protect frontline services, including funding the growing need for adult social care with our ageing population. Our prudent budget management has meant that Dorset has not faced the same cuts to essential services as many other areas. However, we continue to lobby Government for fairer funding for Dorset so that we can reduce the burden on local taxpayers in future.

### **Council Tax and second homes**

A decision whether to recommend a 100% premium in council tax on second homes in the Dorset Council area (subject to Royal Assent on the bill currently at Westminster) was deferred by the cabinet at their meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The decision was made to allow time for more councillors to comment on the proposals which, if agreed, would come into force from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. This was debated further by the Place and Resources Overview Committee at their meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

The cabinet considered committee responses at their meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February and agreed to recommend the adoption of the policy to full council who will vote on it on 30<sup>th</sup> March. It promises to be an interesting debate!

Dorset has 5,722 second homes. If this was extrapolated into a revenue uplift, it would equate to around £10m.

### **Cost of Living Help**

We have set aside £2M from our reserves to help residents with the cost-of-living crisis. This is a one-off allocation, and we will use this to target financial support in the short-term and include some longer-term solutions to issues such as the challenge of energy costs for residents through property improvement schemes. More details will be published in due course.

### **Alternative Fuels Payment (AFP)**

The government has given more details on another scheme to help with the cost of living with a £200 Alternative fuels Payment. You may be eligible for this payment if -

- You use alternative fuels as your main form of heating.
- Your household is not connected to the mains gas grid.

Most homes that are eligible for the AFP will get it automatically via their electricity supplier. Those who do not have a direct relationship with an energy supplier will need to apply for the Alternative Fuels Payment (Alternative Funding) scheme by searching ***“Apply for energy bill support if you do not get it automatically”*** into the GOV.UK webpage search bar. For those unable to use the internet to apply or for any enquiries there is a helpline on 0808 175 3287 – Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

**CLlr Robin Cook**

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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