

**Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm  
HOLT PARISH HALL**

<b>371</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping Cllr Jonathan Cutts (Vice Chairman) Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Celia Moore (Chairman) Cllr Guy Reynolds Cllr Robin Cook (Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward) Lisa Goodwin (Clerk)</p> <p>7 members of public present.</p> <p><b>Apologies received from:</b></p> <p>Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Janet Wallace</p>
<b>372</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>373</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 Robin Cook added to his report that he has been approached by residents of Holtwood to address speeding through what they believe should be considered a village. Cllr Cook has asked officers at Dorset Council to look into this in respect of a speed limit and added that this ties in with the efforts of the Parish Council to make improvements throughout Holt Parish.</p> <p>Members discussed the new policy for 20mph limits and Cllr Cook explained that it is unlikely to gain a 20mph in a currently de-restricted area – more likely if reducing from an existing 30mph. Unfortunately, it is a national problem that our rural roads, where we are also encouraged to exercise, are unsuitable for the upsurge in traffic, however some small changes could make a big difference.</p> <p>Cllr Cutts added that the Parish Council Highways working group is continuing to work closely with Dorset Council and will speak directly to Cllr Cook on the issues at Holtwood. Cllr Cook will invite Lead Members of Dorset Council to meet on site along with the Parish Council.</p>
<b>374</b>	<p><b>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>15<sup>th</sup> March 2023</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
<b>375</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising (not included on the agenda) from the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p>Standing Orders have not yet been fully reviewed by the working group for members consideration.</p>

376	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Annual Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.</b></p> <p>Members agreed to hold the 2024 meeting on a Thursday evening and to further publicise the meeting perhaps with a leaflet drop to encourage more attendees.</p>
377	<p><b>Public Open Session</b></p> <p>A resident of Grange has written to the Parish Council and attended this evening to raise concerns with speeding traffic along Grange and also to ask if a 50mph limit would be a possibility on B3078 out of Wimborne up to Honeybrook. The traffic on this road has increased significantly with the new housing developments at Wimborne.</p> <p>Cllr Cook responded that throughout his ward, other Parish Councils have concerns with this road and a 50mph limit would seem a reasonable request.</p> <p>Cllr Cutts added that there is a pole for a Speed Indicator Device in Grange and agrees the B3078 is a very fast road now, the Parish Council is also working to improve Holt Lane into Furzehill.</p> <p>4 residents of Burts Lane attended to express their objection to P/FUL/2023/01227 Jubilee Farm and the use of land as the base for a driver training facility. There are a number of inaccuracies in the application; the detrimental effect on local residents and other road users due to the inappropriate lane for the size and type of vehicles from multiple businesses operating out of Jubilee Farm. Photo evidence was provided for members information.</p>
378	<p><b>Planning Applications &amp; Enforcement Matters</b></p> <p><b>P/FUL/2023/01227 JUBILEE FARM, BURTS LANE, BH21 7JX</b> Proposal: Use of land as the base for a driver training facility.</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to <b>STRONGLY OBJECT</b> to the proposal which is in the Green Belt; in close proximity to a NNR and SSSI; is an inappropriate location and should be considered in conjunction with our submissions to other recent applications for this site.</p> <p>There are a number of inaccuracies in the Planning Statement;</p> <p>We understand from local residents that there are a significantly larger number of vehicles operating from this site than suggested and at all times of day, these are significantly higher in comparison to agricultural vehicles that would normally operate from a farm.</p> <p>As we have stressed on numerous other occasions, having received strong representation from our residents, Burts Lane is unsuitable for these types of vehicles causing nuisance and imperilment to other road users including pedestrians and horse-riders.</p> <p>Large vehicles take up the whole road; there are no passing places so unable to pass vehicles, they are undermining the infrastructure of the road, damaging the verges and subsequently blocking the ditches causing flooding.</p> <p>The dangerous Clump hill junction on the de-restricted C2 is on the brow of a hill and large vehicles have difficulty navigating entry and exit.</p> <p>The buildings are visible from the highway and intrusive.</p> <p><i>Members will request this application is considered by the Planning Committee if the officers recommendation is at variance to the above.</i></p>

*ClIr Robin Cook left the meeting.*

**P/HOU/2023/00034 BROOKLYN, BURTS LANE, BH21 7JX** Proposal: Construction of a detached triple garage and demolition of three existing buildings.

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

**P/FUL/2023/00983 FIELD ADJ. TO 1 PRIORS CORNER, CHALBURY, BH21 7EX** Proposal: Erection of stables.

Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the application as the proposal is utilising an unlawful track and large concrete hardstanding which is subject to outstanding enforcement on planning application 3/20/1401. The proposal is for equestrian use however the land is deemed to be agricultural and question if change of use is required before applying for stables.

**P/FUL/2023/01035 BROOKLANDS FARM, MANNINGTON, BH21 7JU** Proposal: Demolish existing structures and erect a dwelling.

Members comment only that the recommendations in the Ecology Report should be adopted.

**P/CLE/2023/02075 WILLOW COTTAGE, HOLT ROAD, MANNINGTON, BH21 7JY** Proposal: Maintain the use of the land as a commercial forestry business for storage and cutting of wood.

Members have no evidence to demonstrate whether the use has existed or not existed continuously for a period of either 4 or 10 years.

**TPO/2023/0020** A provisional Tree Preservation Order has been placed on an Oak Tree on the verge outside The Olde Oak, Gaunts Common.

**P/HOU/2022/00656** Notification of Appeal against the decision by Dorset Council to refuse permission to raise roof and to create first floor habitable accommodation and infill extension a new garage at Bankside, Holtwood, BH21 7DX. This is a householder appeals service and no opportunity to submit comments.

## 379 Highways

### Highways Working Group

A traffic survey is awaited at the de-restricted section of Horseshoe Crossroads following the 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. Clarification awaited from Dorset Council. Report next meeting.

### Community Speed Watch Holt & Gaunts Common

New sessions to be arranged with the group.

### Other matters:

- A suggestion by a resident of Gaunts Common that 20mph would be appropriate at St James' School. Members agreed this will be considered by the Highways Working Group. Members made aware of the '20sPlentyforDorset' campaign and invited to a Zoom meeting on 3 May.
- Members discussed repairing the finger post at Broadbridge and Pheasants Rise (Bilberries). *Clerk to arrange quotations.*
- Temporary closure of Holt Lane on 17<sup>th</sup> May from 09:00 – 12:00 to allow Wessex Water to replace a manhole. *Notice circulated on HOLT Together.*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr J. Cutts has prepared a draft response to Dorset Council asking for feedback on the Speed Indicator Device programme.</li> <li>• Cllr Janet Wallace attended the webinar on Electric Vehicle Charging points across Dorset and information slides were circulated to members.</li> </ul>
<b>380</b>	<p><b>Cemetery Matters</b></p> <p>Members reviewed Burial Fees and it was agreed not to increase the fees this year.</p>
<b>381</b>	<p><b>Rights of Way Matters</b></p> <p>No matters to report.</p>
<b>382</b>	<p><b>Parish Hall Matters</b></p> <p>Work has begun on repairing the water damaged side of the building. Two new committee members have been appointed.</p>
<b>383</b>	<p><b>Register of Data Processing for GDPR</b></p> <p>Members reviewed the Register of Data Processing without amendment. Review April 2024. Annual fee of £35 payable in May.</p>
<b>384</b>	<p><b>Filming &amp; Recording Policy</b></p> <p>Members reviewed the Filming &amp; Recording Policy without amendment. Review April 2024.</p>
<b>385</b>	<p><b>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Grid invitation to attend information event on 11<sup>th</sup> April regarding the overhead power line refurbishment to Mannington.</li> <li>• Letter of thanks from Sara Turnbull for the Good Citizen Award 2023.</li> <li>• Dorset Council Leisure Strategy Consultation closes 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023. <i>Noted, no comments.</i></li> <li>• NALC draft response for comment on the DLUHC Consultation on the new Infrastructure Levy closing 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023. <i>Noted, no comments.</i></li> <li>• NALC draft response for comment on the Permitted Development Rights Consultation closed 6<sup>th</sup> April. <i>Noted, no comments.</i></li> <li>• Letter of thanks from Head Teacher, St James School for the recent donation by the Parish Council.</li> <li>• Invitation to get involved with the Hedghogs R Us Highway Project. <i>Noted.</i></li> </ul>

<b>386</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters &amp; Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members were provided with up-to-date account balances.</li> <li>• Members reviewed and approved the Annual Financial Risk Assessment. Review April 2024.</li> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to accept the quotation of £1977.78 for the replacement Gaunts Common Noticeboard. This cost will be shared with Vale of Allen Parish Council subject to their approval.</li> <li>• Members approved a grant of £200.00 toward the Village Coronation Celebrations.</li> <li>• Members approved payment of the pro-forma invoice of £3357.60 to Morelock signs for a new VIASIS Speed Indicator Device and spare battery.</li> <li>• Members approved the following items for payment including Clerks Salary:</li> </ul> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">ONLINE DAPTC</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Networking Event 9<sup>th</sup> March (JW)</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE CLERK</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£84.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE CLERK</td> <td>Reimbursement of Vouchers for Awards</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE DAPTC</td> <td>Annual Subscription</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£534.41</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE DAPTC	Networking Event 9 <sup>th</sup> March (JW)	£75.00	ONLINE CLERK	Reimbursement of Expenses	£84.47	ONLINE CLERK	Reimbursement of Vouchers for Awards	£150.00	ONLINE DAPTC	Annual Subscription	£534.41
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<b>387</b>	<p><b>Information for Report only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllrs Janet Wallace and Jackie Egan visited St James School for a very interesting tour with the Head Teacher.</li> <li>• Cllr Celia Moore reported on the recent DAPTC Area East Meeting. Topics of discussion of concern to all parishes were Planning Enforcement and in some areas, anti-social behaviour. Face-to-face meetings hoped to resume.</li> <li>• The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the AGM in Holt Parish Hall, <u>24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7pm</u></li> </ul>												

Meeting closed 21:04

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

**Signed: .....** **24<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

## **Appendix A**

### **Household Support Fund – Round 4**

Low income households in the Dorset Council area will be able to apply for the next round of the Household Support Fund to help with rising costs. Unlike round 3, which saw two application windows, spread over six months, allowing more residents to have a chance to apply.

Dorset Council residents will be able to apply if they have:

- An annual household net income of less £30,000 and
- Savings of less £16,000 and
- Not applied for a previous HSF payment within the last six months

Full details on this link <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/household-support-fund>

### **Help with childcare costs**

HM Revenue and Customs is reminding families not to miss out on government help to pay for childcare. Tax-Free Childcare can pay for any approved childcare for children aged 11 or under, or 16 if the child has a disability.

Working families, where each parent or carer earns up to £100,000 can use it, meaning for every £8 paid into an online account they will receive an additional £2 from the government. This means parents and carers can receive up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year for each child), or £1,000 (£4,000 a year for each child) if their child is disabled. Opening a Tax-Free Childcare account is quick and easy.

Further details on this link <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

### **Council Tax and second homes - update**

Dorset Councillors have been discussing proposals for council tax premiums on second homes and empty properties, in anticipation of the new flexibilities for councils in the forthcoming Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. At that time, it was hoped that the Bill would receive Royal Assent by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Councillors were due to vote on proposals at a rescheduled Full Council meeting on 30th March in order for the change to be introduced from April 2024, as the council was required to make the decision a year in advance.

However, we now understand from the government that there is no likelihood of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill becoming law before the end of March this year and therefore a decision on this matter could not be taken by Full Council on 30th March as planned. The proposal to introduce council tax premiums on second homes and empty properties continues to be something Dorset Council are keen to explore, following constructive discussions at the Overview committee and Cabinet. We will watch the progress of the government's new Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill closely and bring this to the Full Council once the legislation has passed.

### **Landowners asked to submit land for consideration**

Dorset Council is asking landowners to submit land for consideration as part of the next stages of preparing the Dorset Council Local Plan. We have a statutory duty to maintain an up-to-date register of available land for all types of development for the future of the council area.

### **Boundary Commission**

We expect Parliament to approve the new parliamentary boundaries by July 1st this year. There are several suggested changes and some recent alternatives have been proposed. The consultation period on this has now closed so we await the conclusions with interest. Locally, the proposal is for the Stour and Allen Vale Ward to move into the Mid Dorset and North Poole parliamentary constituency, it is currently within North Dorset.

### **Litter picking**

I thought it might be useful for members to have some detail about how Dorset Council deals with litter picking.

We receive many queries regarding litter on verges and at the roadside throughout the year, however these issues always peak in early spring. As the vegetation is cut back by both public and private landowners, the litter that has accumulated in bushes, shrubs and long grass becomes an eyesore. Litter picking roadside verges takes place at various times throughout the year. Most works, however, take place in the spring when the weather improves but vegetation hasn't begun growing yet.

It's a far more complicated operation than most people realise, with extensive training and measures needed to be booked in advance and put in place to protect motorists and our employees.

For example, we can only litter pick on roads up to 30mph before we have to implement health and safety measures. Picking on high-speed roads requires a great deal of planning including applying for Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO) around 3 weeks in advance to ensure we can implement the appropriate safety measures to protect our staff. On some roads such as the A31, we are required to use approved contractors to provide traffic management. We often litter-pick overnight when traffic is at a minimum and/or we can close the roads entirely. We also need to get permission from Highways England to work on the road overnight, which can be revoked at late notice if affected by accidents and incidents. If Dorset Council know about planned closures for road maintenance, we do try and litter pick at the same time. We also coordinate with grass verge cutting contractors where possible. We have an ongoing training program for staff to qualify them to work on the highway undertaking litter picking and cleansing.

Costs can vary but, as an example, in East Dorset alone we spend about £25k each year litter picking and using traffic management just on the A31 and A338, not including disposal costs.

We have a recycling team tasked with engaging with local communities (including schools) about waste reduction, recycling, and reuse, and we work with Litter Free Dorset to promote campaigns to reduce litter. We provide support to community litter-picking groups through the provision of guidance, equipment, and rubbish collection. The team have also been leading work with 'Litterlotto' and introduced a competition where residents can win £100 each month for putting litter into a litter bin.

Dorset Council encourages people to report litter issues via our website, and we are also keen for people to submit dashcam footage of littering from cars that we can use to take further action against offenders. We are one of the first local authorities in the country to tackle and fine those caught throwing litter from vehicles. Our enforcement team are able to fine the owner of the vehicle (£100) from which litter has been thrown, and we have so far issued 29 fines to offenders.

### **Electric Vehicle charging points**

We aim to provide access to charging points within a 10-minute drive for most residents within 10 years. That's the target set by Dorset Council which has announced 'ambitious plans' to expand the charge points into villages and rural locations across the local authority network. The announcement comes as part of the council's 'Charging Ahead' policy which switches the focus from the county's 'main towns' to supporting households in areas that are unable to charge electric vehicles at their homes. The plans, which will play a key part in preparing the county for the government's 2050 net-zero target, will see as many as 200 electric vehicle charge points installed in communities across the Dorset Council area over the next three years.

Funding for the new charge points will mostly come from the government's local electric vehicle infrastructure (LEVI) scheme and Mer, a European EV charging company, with additional contributions from the council. If your community could benefit from a ChargePoint, you can suggest possible locations by submitting an online form on our website.

**Cllr Robin Cook**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**