

**Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council 28th June 2023 at 7pm
HOLT PARISH HALL**

21	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping Cllr Jonathan Cutts (Chairman) Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Guy Reynolds (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Sarah Weaver</p> <p>Cllr Robin Cook (Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward) Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) 3 members of public present.</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Celia Moore</p>
22	<p>Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None.</p>
23	<p>Dorset Councillors Report – Please see Appendix A for Cllr Robin Cook’s report which was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p>
24	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 24th May 2023</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>24th May 2023</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
25	<p>Matters Arising (not included on the agenda) from the meeting held 24th May 2023</p> <p>None.</p>
26	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>Two residents attended with documentation to support their request for a 30mph limit at Horseshoe Crossroads. Entering the crossroads into a 60mph is dangerous as visibility is obscured by the hedges and there have been a number of near misses. Traffic speed here is also dangerous for a road which is well used by walkers, horse-riders and cyclists. In 2019 ‘SLOW’ markings were suggested but these have not been done.</p> <p>A resident of Holtwood (for 36 years) attended to express similar concerns with traffic through the hamlet of Holtwood. Both Holt and Chalbury have 30mph limits and very angry that suggestions for a 30mph here have been dismissed in the past.</p>

	<p>The Chairman acknowledged residents' concerns which the Parish Council agrees with. A Highways Working Group was set up to deal with issues of speed and volume of traffic across the Parish. Anecdotal and data evidence has been presented to Dorset Council with the support of Cllr Robin Cook to look at what measures can be taken to address. Report from the Highways Working Group will be given under agenda item for Highways this evening. Cllr Robin Cook thanked residents for attending.</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>Planning Applications & Enforcement Matters</p> <p>P/HOU/2023/02656 ANCHOR PADDOCK, BATCHELORS LANE, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DS Proposal: Retain first floor extension with dormers. Members resolved unanimously to respond with OBJECTION to the proposal which is a disproportionately large 2 storey development which is more obtrusive than the original bungalow and not in keeping in this Green Belt location. Members request this application is referred to the Planning Committee if the officer's recommendation is at variance to the above.</p> <p>P/FUL/2023/02654 THE CROFT, BURTS LANE, BH21 7JX Proposal: Retain change of use for temporary period of 8 months (from grant of consent) of stable building to ancillary living accommodation for family members. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/HOU/2023/02171 WILLOW COTTAGE, HOLT ROAD, MANNINGTON, BH21 7JY Proposal: Erect an extension to the dwelling house. Retain fencing to the boundary of the dwelling, gate posts and gate. Members queried the inclusion of drawing 316-2-402 described as ancillary residential but not included in the application description. Members voted 6 in favour of NO OBJECTION and 1 objected to the application as described for the extension and retention of fencing, gate posts and gate but if the ancillary residential element is included then all members would be minded to OBJECT. <i>Clerk to request clarification from the Planning Officer.</i></p> <p>P/FUL/2023/05515 LAUREL LODGE, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DT Proposal: Conversion of a stable block into an ancillary residential annexe. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal, but the offered restrictions of the ancillary annexe must be enforceable.</p> <p>P/VOC/2023/03209 PIG OAK FARM, HOLT LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DG Proposal: Change of use of existing range of agricultural buildings to veterinary pharmaceutical offices, clean room, warehouse and residential accommodation for business visitors (with variation of condition 3 & 7 of planning permission 3/21/0151) to enable the ancillary living accommodation to cover both floors of unit 2 and create an external private amenity area). Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal – they can still see no justification to vary the conditions as the circumstances have not changed. Members request this application is considered by the Planning Committee of the officer's recommendation is at variance to the above.</p> <p>P/CLP/2023/02989 THE COPSE, HOLT ROAD, MANNINGTON, BH21 7JY Proposal – proposed single storey side extension of dwelling, within the restrictions of the permitted development rights (Class A). Members noted this certificate of lawful use, proposed and had no comments.</p> <p>P/PAED/2023/03609 SEFA, HARTS LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DD Proposal: Raise roof from 5.08m to 7.95m to create additional first floor habitable accommodation. Members noted this request to determine whether prior approval is required by Dorset Council for the proposal and had no comments.</p>

	<p>P/PAED/2023/03607 CARTRIFFE, HARTS LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DD Proposal: Raise roof from 5.39m to 8.28m to create additional first floor habitable accommodation. Members noted this request to determine whether prior approval is required by Dorset Council for the proposal and had no comments.</p> <p>P/PAED/2023/03608 LORMAH, HARTS LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DD Proposal: Raise roof from 4.75m to 7.65m to create additional first floor habitable accommodation. Members noted this request to determine whether prior approval is required by Dorset Council for the proposal and had no comments.</p>
28	<p>Highways</p> <p>Highways Working Group - Please see Appendix B for notes from meeting held Tuesday 27th June 2023.</p> <p>BT Box Holtwood – unfortunately Holtwood Community Farm does not have the volunteers available to refurbish the box, members agreed to inquire with local decorators for quotations.</p> <p>Notice from Dorset Council of temporary closure of Petersham Lane on 11th July 09:30-14:30 for maximum five days to carry out carriageway maintenance and resurfacing works. <i>Circulated on HOLT Together.</i></p> <p>Clerk has reported faded 'SLOW' markings by Parish Hall and will report two further faded markings by Old Inn and Bussons Corner. Clerk will also report obscured/faded visual narrowing lines at Mannington Bridge.</p>
29	<p>Cemetery Matters</p> <p>Inspection completed 6pm 28th June 2023 (JW-SW-GR-GC) – Clerk to organise actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 headstones identified for fixing. • Two ground holes by B53. • Hedges need cutting. • Extension hedge needs cutting. <p>Members considered memorial application for plot D57 and agreed in principle subject to clarification of type of images for proposed pictures on the headstone.</p> <p>There will be a burial in the cemetery on Monday 10th July.</p>
30	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk has reported to Dorset Council concerns by a resident of building debris on FP 40 from Petersham Lane. MNT 60174 • Cllr Sarah Weaver provided members with a report of footpaths inspected in the past month and will report to Dorset Council access issues on FP 8 Burts Lane to Crooked Withies; FP 28 Whitemoor to Broomhill incorrect signs.
31	<p>Parish Hall Matters</p> <p>Members were provided with a copy of the Parish Hall Accounts 2022-2023. No comments.</p>

32	<p>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank-you card received from recipient of Special Recognition Award last month. • Copy letter to the Planning Inspectorate by resident re Planning Appeal at Little Orchard, Gaunts Common to demolish garage and erect dwelling. • Two projects by a resident for members to consider; a ‘veg verge’ to use pockets or strips of cultivatable council land to grow vegetables and fruit to work in conjunction with food banks that don’t provide fresh food; wildlife camera systems to prevent and detect fly tipping in the area. <i>Noted, happy for resident to pursue although verges in Holt are predominantly owned by the National Trust and aware there is legislation around cameras in public places that would need to be considered.</i> • Invitation to members to attend The Rifles Bugle Breakfast, Wallisdown Road, Poole on Thursday 27th July. <i>Noted.</i> • Invitation to the Chairman to attend Civic Day Walkabout, Wimborne Friday 14th July. • Dorset Council Public Consultation on Dog related Public Space Protection Order available to view at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk. <i>Circulated on HOLT Together.</i> 																
33	<p>Register of Members Interests</p> <p>The Clerk reminded members to check their Registers are up to date at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</p>																
34	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members approved the final quotations to refurbish the traditional fingerposts at Broadbridge and Pheasants Rise @ £2028 less grant from CPRE of £400.00 • Members resolved unanimously to make a grant of £500 toward the Citizens Advice Bureau for Purbeck and East Dorset. • The clerk requested new signatories for the NS&I postal only savings account. Members discussed looking at alternative savings accounts with online access. • Members approved the following items for payment including the Clerk’s salary: <table border="0" data-bbox="236 1400 1385 1518"> <tr> <td>ONLINE</td> <td>DAPTC</td> <td>Training Changing Chairs (JC)</td> <td>£27.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE</td> <td>HOLT VILLAGE HALL</td> <td>Hire of Hall Tuesday 27 June Highways Meeting</td> <td>£25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE</td> <td>EVANS ABOVE</td> <td>Clear fallen tree at Woodland</td> <td>£144.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE</td> <td>DAPTC</td> <td>Training Civility & Respect Modules (JC)</td> <td>£48.00</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE	DAPTC	Training Changing Chairs (JC)	£27.00	ONLINE	HOLT VILLAGE HALL	Hire of Hall Tuesday 27 June Highways Meeting	£25.00	ONLINE	EVANS ABOVE	Clear fallen tree at Woodland	£144.00	ONLINE	DAPTC	Training Civility & Respect Modules (JC)	£48.00
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35	<p>Information for Report only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Janet Wallace reported on the recent DAPTC Area East Meeting and noted that other Councils invite organisations that have received grant funding to report to their Annual Parish Meetings. <i>Clerk will circulate notes of the meeting to members.</i> • The Clerk will chase up builders to straighten up the Furzehill BT Box. • The Clerk is on holiday from 5th – 17th July 2023. • The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>26th July 2023 at 7pm</u> 																

Meeting closed 21:35

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

Signed: **26th July 2023**

Appendix A**DORSET COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR HOLT PC MEETING****WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE 2023****Highway matters in Holt parish**

In response to a large number of resident concerns received in respect of highway safety issues in various parts of the parish, I have had discussions and attended a meeting with your chairman and Cllr Finney together with Dorset Council officers and the lead member for Highways – Cllr Noc Lacy-Clark. Much work has been done by this parish in this respect over recent years and an update of progress to date will be given during this meeting.

Savings achieved to protect frontline services

A total saving of £96 million has been achieved since Dorset Council was created in 2019 through Local Government Reorganisation, which brought together five former district and borough councils and the county council into one new unitary council. The savings were achieved by bringing together similar services, reducing duplication and costs, increasing efficiency, and reducing the number of councillors and senior officer roles.

The savings made to date have been reinvested into essential frontline services, protecting them from cuts, and focussing on sustainable local services over the longer-term. This includes children's social care, road maintenance, libraries, housing, planning and adult social services.

This has been achieved in a climate of increased financial pressures on councils, including inflation, a growing need for housing services due to the cost-of-living crisis, and increasing demand for adult social care due to our ageing population.

Many of the savings have been driven by the council's transformation programme which has been redesigning services with the aim of providing a better experience for residents and more efficient operations with lower costs. Savings of £13.6 million have been successfully delivered over the last two years, with a further £17.4 million projected over the next three years.

To deliver the council plan it is key that the council continues to evolve, to ensure that services are designed around people's needs, access to information is as clear and simple as possible and that the council focusses on delivering services in a sustainable way.

A report detailing the outcomes of the second year of Dorset Council's transformation programme has just been published. Here are some examples of projects undertaken as part of the programme:

- A new care company was set up by Dorset Council in October 2022, and adult care services were transferred from Tricuro to Care Dorset. They offer residential services, day opportunities, reablement services and supported living services. The new company is helping the council to provide the right support, in the right place, now and the future.
- The first two Family Hubs in Tricketts Cross (Ferndown) and Wareham have been opened. Family Hubs make council and partner services easily available, providing a complete experience for families where different services can work together to deliver the right help at the right time.
- The "customer account" went live on the council's website in April 2023 and enables customers to register and access local information personalised to them.
- In October 2022, a new approach to the council's out of hours service went live. This involved using the existing customer services team to provide this service in a more efficient and cost-effective way. In the

first 3 months, 100% of out of hours calls were being answered, an increase of 31% on previous arrangements.

Record number of affordable homes built in Dorset

Record numbers of affordable homes have been built for Dorset residents in the last financial year as we respond to the huge need for affordable housing.

Working with Registered Provider Housing Associations, a total of 664 new affordable homes, including a range of tenures, such as rented and shared ownership, including houses for local, key workers, were built by Housing Associations, or acquired by the council in the year to March 2023.

This is the highest figure since the unitary authority was created in 2019 and represents a risen of 135 additional houses and flats compared with the 529 created in the year to March 2022. In the year to March 2021, just 301 new affordable homes were built.

Community funding opportunity

It's not too late to apply for grants of up to £5000 for a project that brings communities across Dorset together. If you're looking for funding to extend or add value to an existing project or event or want to kickstart a new initiative that will make a difference for people in your community, time is running out to apply. Round 5 of the [Community and Culture Project Fund](#) will close on Sunday 7 July.

You can find out more about eligibility, and how to apply on the [Dorset Council website](#).

Co-optees wanted

Dorset Council currently has adverts out for a [co-optee to join our Police and Crime Panel](#) and also for two [co-optees to join our Audit and Governance Committee](#). If you know of anyone who may be interested, please send them these links.

CLLr Robin Cook

28th June 2023

Appendix B**Notes from Highways Meeting held 11:00 Holt Village Hall Tuesday 27th June 2023**

CLlr Robin Cook – Ward Member Stour & Allen Vale

CLlr Noc Lacey-Clarke – Lead Member for Highways

Tony Burden – Road Safety Manager Dorset Council

Mark Adams – Community Highways Team Leader

CLlr Jonathan Cutts – Chairman Holt PC

CLlr Peter Finney – Member Holt PC

Lisa Goodwin - Clerk Holt PC

Overview:

3 main concerns for Holt Parish regarding speed/volume of traffic and driver behaviour.

- Motorists avoiding Canford Bottom roundabout.
- 1400 new homes in Wimborne impacting on Holt.
- Outdoor activities encouraged, walking, cycling (also accessing Holt Heath) affected by increasing traffic.

Holt has identified 4 locations for speed surveys at Holt Lane Bothenwood, Holt Lane Furzehill, Horseshoe Crossroads and Holt Road Bowers. This is to address the confusing changes in speed limits with a view to extending them for consistency.

CLlr Robin Cook raised Holtwood, Grange and Whitemoor as problems for residents.

Actions from discussions:

- DC to carry out speed surveys at 3 agreed locations (DC already has data for Holt Road Bowers). If criteria are met, the PC can ask DC to consider extending existing speed limits to incorporate these areas to enable enforcement and avoid confusion to drivers.
- Encourage residents to report any incidents and 'near misses' to Dorset Council online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/road-safety> for additional evidence. (Put on HOLT Together/website). The Parish Council also keeps an accident record book and incidents can be reported to the Clerk.
- Continue to operate Holt Community Speedwatch Team (next session is 4 July 2023) and request visits by Dorset Roadsafes camera.
- The Parish Council has purchased an additional Speed Indicator Device for deployment.
- Consider 'quick wins' i.e. road paintwork (SLOW, visual narrowing) and request re-marking of existing, faded road markings.
- Dorset Council will look at data available to them from Dorset Police for specified locations.
- Parish Council consider 'village gateway' for Holtwood and road markings.
- Meet again in the Autumn to assess results of surveys and cost to Parish Council if locations meet criteria for speed limits.