

**Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council 30th August at 7pm
HOLT PARISH HALL**

51	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Cutts (Chairman) Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Celia Moore Cllr Guy Reynolds (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Sarah Weaver Cllr Robin Cook (Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward)</p> <p>Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) Josh Goodchild, Community Engagement Manager, Wessex Internet. 3 members of public present</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Geoff Chopping</p>
52	<p>Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None.</p>
53	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 26th July 2023</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>26th July 2023</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
54	<p>Matters Arising (not included on the agenda) from the meeting held 26th July 2023</p> <p>None.</p>
55	<p>Dorset Councillors Report – Please see <u>Appendix A</u> for Cllr Robin Cook’s report which was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p>
56	<p>Visit by Wessex Internet</p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager from Wessex Internet attended to speak to members about the free installation of full fibre roll out direct to 113 homes/businesses in Broomhill area at the end of this year. This is part of Project Gigabit North Dorset, the Government’s flagship funding programme to deliver full fibre connections to the hardest to reach communities in the UK. St James’ School and Holtwood Community Farm have already been connected and Lodge Road has also been identified for connection.</p> <p>Wessex Internet will provide more information via the Parish Council as the scheme progresses with community engagement and a network walk to be arranged.</p>

57	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>A resident of Burts Lane raised his objection to Planning Application P/FUL/2023/04087 Land at Burts Lane. Two further representations from residents objecting to the proposal have been received in writing. There is a continual increase in both commercial and industrial traffic on this very narrow lane to service several small industrial estates on this very narrow road. There is misleading information in the application suggesting there is no traffic. Residents feel ignored in their concerns and feel they are not considered important and information provided is not being taken into account.</p>
58	<p>Planning Applications & Enforcement Matters</p> <p>P/FUL/2023/04087 Land at Burts Lane, BH21 7JX Proposal: Change of use of building and yard from agricultural to a mixed use of B2 & B8 comprising of storage, maintenance and repair of plant and machinery. Retrospective improvement of highway access and laying of access track. Erection of acoustic fence.</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to STRONGLY OBJECT to the proposal.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the change in classification, we note and agree with the reasons for refusal in the previous application, P/FUL/2022/05597 and can see no material change in the proposed use or acceptability of this application.</p> <p>The site is wholly unsuitable for the proposed use, accessed by a single-track road which is totally unsuitable for the size of vehicles used for this type of business making it dangerous for cyclists, pedestrians, horse-riders who share the road space, particularly when 2 large vehicles meet. The road is already suffering with too many HGV movements from existing businesses located here (including Jubilee Farm which does not have relevant permissions). The junction with Holt Road is inadequate and the blind junction at Clump Hill is dangerous and been raised with Dorset Council on a number of occasions. This rural location is unsuitable for this type of business and will encourage increased traffic across Holt Heath SSSI. The Parish Council feels that evidence of local residents who are impacted by this proposal should be considered and request that Dorset Council Highways make a site visit to assess this location and in particular our concerns with the junctions. The proposed 3m fence sub-urbanises the open rural environment of the Green Belt and is visually totally unacceptable. We recognise the extreme concerns of the neighbours that such a fence is required.</p> <p>Members will request this application is referred to the Scheme of Delegation should the officer's recommendation be at variance to the above.</p> <p>P/CLP/2023/04306 Post Cottage, Holt, BH21 7DH Certificate of lawful use proposed for reinstatement of fire damaged roof structure and thatch. <i>Noted, no comments.</i></p> <p>P/CLP/2023/04292 Alma, Harts Lane, Broomhill, BH21 7AR Certificate of lawful use proposed for erection of two outbuildings (garden studio and greenhouse) for use incidental to the enjoyment of the main dwelling house. <i>Noted, no comments.</i></p> <p>P/VOC/2023/04691 Little Owls House, Petersham Lane, Holt, BH21 4JS Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 to application 3/19/0777/RM and P/VOC/2021/05110 - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 6no.new dwellings Minor alterations to Unit 4 including the reduction of the overall height of the buildings, minor changes of some windows and doors, the addition of gable features to the roof (N&S elevations) to be more in keeping with the local context, and a simplified material palette.</p>

	<p>Revisions to Unit 5 design to align this with Unit 4 for efficiency of construction and for sustainability equipment requirements. These changes include an updated footprint that reduce the width of the main house footprint and increases the gap between Unit 5 & 6, extension of the garage to the north, updated simplified material palette and updates to the window and door locations. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/FUL/2023/00500 Notification of Appeal by The Old Sawmills, Clayford, BH21 7BJ against the refusal by Dorset Council to retain log drying shed. <i>Noted, no further comments to make to original objection to the proposal.</i></p>
<p>59</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p><u>Highways Working Group:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman has yet to meet on site at Holtwood with the Community Highways Team Leader to discuss village ‘gateways’ and installing road markings. Cllr Robin Cook will attend meeting if possible. • The Highways Working Group, including Cllr Robin Cook plan to meet again with Dorset Council to discuss the results of the traffic speed surveys due to be installed in September in 3 locations around the parish. • The Community Speedwatch will be operating on 5th October 2023 and will schedule an additional date in September. • The Landlord of The Old Inn is interested in taking forward the proposal to install an EV charging point as part of Dorset Councils project to increase the county wide infrastructure. • Cllr Finney with help of volunteers kindly prepared the BT Box at Holtwood for painting and currently repairing the door. Local contractor has kindly painted free of charge. The Clerk will arrange ‘Holtwood’ nameplates. • Members discussed the unsightly barriers outside the Parish Hall and would like to suggest to the Parish Hall Committee that these might be removed and marked disabled parking spaces immediately outside the hall may be more effective in deterring non-parish hall users from parking there. <i>Cllr Celia Moore will raise suggestion with the Chairman of the Committee.</i> • Clerk to report centre white lines need renewing at Bussons Corner and at Mannington Bridge along with ‘SLOW’ markings. The patch repair here also needs repairing again. Colehill Lane surface also breaking up. • Notification received from Dorset Council of proposed temporary closure of Gods Blessing Lane, 09:30 – 12:30 on 2nd October to provide safe access of a crane delivering a lodge. • Notification received from Dorset Police of an accident and subsequent road closure on Holt Road on 8th August 2023 by the Cross Keys.
<p>60</p>	<p>Cemetery Matters</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver has managed to remove the wasp’s nest from a grave.</p>
<p>61</p>	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver has attended meetings with both the National Trust and Dorset Council to discuss various issues with access and signage across rights of way in the Parish. Holt Forest has several fallen trees to be cleared. The stile is now fixed on FP8 Burts Lane to Crooked Withies and Dorset Council will be discussing footbridge and access around lakes at FP28 Whitemoor to Broomhill with Landowner.</p>

62	<p>Parish Hall Matters</p> <p>The Clerk has asked the National Trust to clarify details of current lease, awaiting response.</p>				
63	<p>St James' Church</p> <p>St James' Church has been placed for sale on the open market. Offers are invited by 15th September. Offers can be made for a variety of alternative uses other than residential and the Commissioners are not required to accept the highest offer. Subject to sale, the 17th century pulpit will be returned to Wimborne Minster. The future of other items will be determined by the nature of the use that is found for the building and whether that involves continued public access.</p>				
64	<p>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident advised a large branch came down in Lodge Road 10th August late at night taking down a BT Line. 				
65	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members resolved unanimously to support St James' School with a grant of £500 to purchase a cabinet to house a defibrillator on the outside of the building. Members approved the following items for payment including the Clerk's salary: <table data-bbox="319 1120 1484 1187"> <tr> <td>ONLINE</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses</td> <td>£88.06</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE	Clerk	Reimbursement of Expenses	£88.06
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66	<p>Property Inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Green Inspection, 6:30pm Wednesday 27th September. Woodland at Queens Copse Lane, 6pm Wednesday 6th September. (JC/CM/SW) 				
66	<p>Information for Report only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse Drive stopped at The Old Inn on Bank Holiday Monday, some disruption to traffic. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>27th September 2023 at 7pm</u> 				

Meeting closed 20:52

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

Signed: 27th September 2023

Appendix A

Traffic issues in Holt

An update for you. I noted in a recent Dorset Alert, a piece from our Police & Crime Commissioner about road safety in Dorset and this detailed some initiatives he is introducing in 10 North Dorset villages. Under the heading of 'Road safety sign trial'.

Here is a quote from the piece.

"This trial comes as a direct result of Dorset residents telling me of their concerns about speeding in their villages. I have heard their concerns and I hope that these new signs will encourage road users to think about their speed and take more care on Dorset's roads."

Following on from this I have written to David Sidwick, the PCC, extract here:

Here is an appeal from me please – my ward, whilst predominately situated in the east of the county, falls within the North Dorset Parliamentary constituency and parts of it suffer considerably from the issues mentioned here. Just to elaborate, large scale development over the last 7 years or so around Wimborne Minster town (50% increase in housing) has increased local residential traffic dramatically. This coupled with the notorious Canford Bottom roundabout, opened for the 2012 London Olympics, causing a big increase in rat running to avoid the daily horrible jams on the A31. In particular the village of Holt is the most affected by the kind of problems your trial is aimed at mitigating.

I have been working with their parish council and Dorset Highways for some time to identify and tackle particular hotspots but progress is painfully slow. My inbox has more correspondence on traffic issues from local residents than any other.

Can I make a plea to include Holt as part of this trial or any other measures that you are able to assist with in this connection.

Pop up camping changes

The regulations for temporary recreational campsites or 'pop up' camping sites have changed with the introduction of new permitted development rights. Land can still be used for up to 28 days per calendar year as a campsite with unlimited number of tents only without formal planning permission. This right applies until 25th July 2024.

The new rights also allow land to be used for up to 60 days in any calendar year as a campsite. This latest change permits up to 50 pitches of either tents or campervans. With this usage the council will need to be notified in writing first. There may also be the need for a site licence.

Related to this I have recently been contacted by residents regarding camping taking place at Clayford on a site promoted as Clayford Field Camping, and what is considered to be unacceptable use of this site and activities associated with it, particularly with the impact on the protected Dorset heathland. I am currently in discussions with officers around this matter and will report further in due course.

Housing Strategy Consultation

We are halfway through our housing strategy consultation and want you tell us what is important to you and help shape the council's approach to housing over the next five years.

To complete the consultation, click the link below. The consultation closes on 2 October 2023.

[Dorset residents are encouraged to home in on housing as our Housing Strategy Consultation launches. - Dorset Council news](#) which we will be updating with videos featuring our Voices of Dorset. Please help us spread the word.

Clr Robin Cook

30th August 2023

Clr Cook added to his report that David Sidwick had responded and understands the concerns with Holt which he knows well. He suggested contacting the Highway Safety Officer at Dorset Council for an initial assessment in respect of a 'road safety sign trial' which Clr Cook has now done and awaiting a reply.