

**Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council 1st November at 7pm
HOLT PARISH HALL**

86	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Celia Moore Cllr Guy Reynolds (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Sarah Weaver Cllr Robin Cook (Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward)</p> <p>Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) 1 member of public present</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Cutts (Chairman) Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Janet Wallace</p>
87	<p>Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None.</p>
88	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 27th September 2023</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>27th September 2023</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
89	<p>Matters Arising (not included on the agenda) from the meeting held 27th September 2023</p> <p>None.</p>
90	<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> <p>Clerk to publicise information about the Dorset Council Residents Survey in Village Voices/HOLT Together/Website.</p>
91	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>A resident attended to discuss refurbishing the BT Box at Smugglers Lane, Furzehill. A notice having been placed in Furzehill Stores and on the Furzehill Residents Facebook Page has generated interest in volunteering to carry out the refurbishment and suggested uses e.g. book exchange, seed exchange and planters. An approximate cost of £300 to complete the works has been estimated of which the FRA is able to contribute half costs to a maximum of £150.00. The resident has also kindly alarmed the Box and is able to make signs.</p>

92	<p>Planning Applications & Enforcement Matters</p> <p>P/LBC/2023/03185 & P/FUL/2023/03184 VICARAGE FARM, HARTS LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DH Proposal: Internal & external renovation works to existing cottage & outbuildings, amendments to internal layout of cottage, including creation of first floor bathroom & en-suites, addition of ground floor en-suite, replacement of windows as indicated, re-ride thatch, repairs to buildings timber frame & internal insulation/perimeter service zone created. Demolition of rear lean-to behind cart house & conversion of cart house into kitchen/living/dining space. Glazing installed to threshing barn & various doors and windows. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>Pre-Application Consultation HORTON TOWER, BH21 7DS Proposed upgrade to existing rooftop telecommunications to provide improved technical provisions, greater capacity and coverage in the area. Members agreed to respond to the consultation as follows: There is little detail included in this consultation. Our concern would be that there should be no material change to the visual presentation of the historic structure that will detract from the appearance of this significant local landmark.</p> <p>Notification of Appeal by Linwood Sawmills at Willow Farm, Holt Road, Mannington, BH21 7JY against the refusal by Dorset Council to allow the continued use of the site as a sawmill.</p>
93	<p>Highways</p> <p>Highways Working Group: Follow up meeting with Dorset Council to discuss traffic survey results has had to be delayed until 07 December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Council Road Safe Team operated for an hour on Holt Lane on 30th October, unfortunately the CSW session could not go ahead due to a nearby traffic control system in place. The previous session on 5th October recorded 3 violations. Next session is 6th November. Dorset Police have agreed to an additional location at Colehill Lane, Broomhill. • The new Speed Indicator Device is now in use at Colehill Lane, Broomhill. Cllr Finney asked that members consider installing solar panels on SID posts, Clerk to include on next agenda. • Members resolved unanimously to accept quotation of £994.65 to refurbish the Gods Blessing Green Fingerpost and the CPRE have kindly agreed a grant of £200.00 toward this. • Members considered the suggestions for the BT Box in Smugglers Lane, Furzehill and agreed that they are happy for residents to go ahead. Cllr Chopping added that some of the glass panels may be decorated and reinstated perhaps on one side. • The 40mph repeater signs have not yet been put back up on the Heath. Cllr Sarah Weaver will chase up with Dorset Council/National Trust. • Warning Signs on the Heath need repairing. Clerk and Cllr Sarah Weaver to confirm locations and report to Dorset Council.
94	<p>Cemetery Matters</p> <p>Moles are active but being dealt with by volunteer.</p>
95	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver updated members on various Rights of Way matters across the Parish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridleway through Holt Forest has been cleared but further clearance by the National Trust yet to be done. • Footpaths 13 & 14 are unwalkable, but an alternative route allows access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waymarkers put up Whitesheet and Long Lane. • Gates at cattlegrids on the Heath need some clearance but have been re-hung. • There are some discrepancies with path routes and the definitive map in Queens Copse which the Forestry Commission are aware of but this is not causing any issues. <p>Both the National Trust and Forestry England are now aware of locations of Himalayan Balsam (an invasive and non-native plant) in their ownership and will schedule in to remove however the extent of the spread of it along the waterway from Gaunts Common right through to Ameysford is too extensive for the Parish Council to tackle and members agreed to take no further action at this time.</p> <p>A resident contacted the Parish Council concerned with building wigwam/dens in Queens Copse. Cllr Sarah Weaver investigated and had no concerns, most likely youngsters playing.</p>
96	<p>Parish Hall Matters</p> <p>The National Trust has forwarded copies of the signed 1993 Lease and 2005 Licence confirming Holt Parish Council is a Trustee, the original document remains valid showing previous individuals names until the lease renews in 2039.</p>
97	<p>Complaints Procedure</p> <p>The Clerk has updated the procedure with the Chairman's name and contact details. No other amendments required.</p>
98	<p>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident would like to place a tree on Holt Village Green in memory of their late husband. Permission would be required by the National Trust but members have no objection and would like to be involved in the decision as to where to locate if the National Trust agree. • National Grid have notified members they are unable to complete the refurbishment of the overhead line between Nursling and Mannington as expected due to technical difficulties and have scheduled to return and complete toward end of 2024. • Invitation by Wimborne Minster Town Council to attend a ICCM Management of Memorials Workshop at Wimborne Cemetery on 16th November. <i>Noted, unable to attend.</i> • Dorset Council Review of Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Stations. <i>Noted, the Clerk has circulated on HOLT Together.</i> • DAPTC AGM will be held Saturday 18th November 2023. Cllrs Janet Wallace and Jackie Egan as Parish Council representatives notified.
99	<p>Guest Speaker for Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 14th March 2024</p> <p>Members discussed possible Guest Speakers and Cllr Robin Cook kindly offered to inquire with the Tivoli Theatre.</p>

100	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members approved the following items for payment including the Clerk's salary: <table> <tr> <td>ONLINE X2 CONNECT</td> <td>'HOLTWOOD' Signs for BT Box</td> <td>£118.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE DAPTC</td> <td>Clerks Conference 28th September 2023</td> <td>£45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE CLERK</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses</td> <td>£120.62</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE X2 CONNECT	'HOLTWOOD' Signs for BT Box	£118.20	ONLINE DAPTC	Clerks Conference 28 th September 2023	£45.00	ONLINE CLERK	Reimbursement of Expenses	£120.62
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101	<p>Clerks Annual Salary Review</p> <p>Deferred until next month.</p>									
102	<p>Information for Report only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Geoff Chopping will attend the Dorset Council Working Together Webinar 4 November 2023 regarding Analogue Switch Off for Dorset from Summer 2024. Cllr Robin Cook added that Dorset Council will be carrying out roadshows etc to support residents with information about this. Walston Poultry Farm, Gaunts Common has gained planning permission for the site for storage. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>6th December 2023 at 7pm</u> 									

Meeting closed 20:06

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

Signed: **6th December 2023**

Appendix A

Residents Survey

This October and November, doorstep interviewers are asking for views about the council and the services we provide.

The 2023 Dorset Residents' survey is being conducted on our behalf by Information by Design (IbyD). If you have been selected at random to take part, we hope you have your say.

Interviewers will knock on doors between 10am and 8pm and will carry an official IbyD identification card with their photograph. The survey is undertaken every 2 years, please help to spread the word that this is genuine.

Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station Review

Dorset Council is required by law to review all polling districts, polling places and polling stations in the Dorset Council area.

The electoral register for Dorset Council is divided into approximately 400 local areas (polling districts) and by law every polling district must be assigned a polling place where electors can go to vote. Around 320 buildings are used as polling stations by Dorset Council with most being village and church halls, schools, and community centres. This review aims to ensure that voting arrangements for future elections suit the needs of electors in each area, so that electors have access to reasonable facilities for voting.

The Council is consulting the public to seek their comments on the suitability of the polling station where they voted in person. The Council is also consulting local political parties, local party agents, parish and town councils, MPs and local disability groups.

The review started on 6th October and the consultation finishes on the 13th November. We would very much welcome your views.

The consultation document and information about the current polling arrangements are available online [here](#).

Please note that no changes can be made to existing ward or parish boundaries during this review and that any recommendations need to be in alignment with existing parliamentary constituency, ward, and parish boundaries. There will be changes to the ward boundaries in some areas because of the recent Community Governance Review. Information regarding the Community Governance Review can be found [here](#). Therefore, polling districts and polling places will need to be changed to align with these new boundaries. All the proposed changes can be found using the information on our website regarding the review.

Home Upgrade Grant

This month saw the launch of the Home Upgrade Grant in Dorset, a government-funded scheme helping homeowners and landlords improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

Through the scheme, households who do not use mains gas for heating, are on a low income, and have a low energy rating could be eligible for grants for energy-saving measures.

The 2-year programme is being delivered by Ridgewater Energy on behalf of Dorset Council, BCP Council and Public Health Dorset, and can cover measures like loft and wall insulation, heat pumps, double glazing, low energy lighting, and solar panels.

To qualify, homes need to have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G, must not use mains gas for heating, and have a low income.

To meet the criteria of a low-income households must receive a means-tested benefit, have a combined income of less than £31,000 before tax, or live in an eligible postcode area.

Residents can check whether they are eligible for a Home Upgrade Grant or other support available, by contacting Healthy Homes Dorset via their [website](#) or by free phoning 0300 003 7023.

Household Support Fund

Round 4 of the Household Support Fund (HSF) will reopen for applications at 10am on Thursday 2nd November 2023 for low-income households in the Dorset Council area. Details available here [Household Support Fund reopens next week - Dorset Council news](#)

Defibrillator funding

Applications are now open for the £1 million Defibrillator Community Automated External Defibrillators (AED) fund.

The Department for Health and Social Care has launched a fund to help fund publicly accessible defibrillators. This will provide 2,000 new public access defibrillators for communities across England. Anyone can apply. Would you be so kind to circulate with residents. 1900 applications will receive match funding of £750. Details here <https://www.defibgrant.co.uk/>

**CLlr Robin Cook
2023**

1st November

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