

**Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm  
HOLT PARISH HALL**

<b>153</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping Cllr Jonathan Cutts (Chairman) Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Sarah Weaver Cllr Robin Cook (Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward)</p> <p>Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) 5 members of public present</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Pike Cllr Guy Reynolds (Vice-Chairman)</p>
<b>154</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>155</b>	<p><b>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>21<sup>st</sup> February 2024</u> amended on page 344; item 145 following which they were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
<b>156</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising (not included on the agenda) from the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>157</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Annual Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for a Speed Indicator Device &amp; Community Speed Watch in Smugglers Lane 40mph. <i>Noted, this will be considered by the Highways Working Group.</i></li> <li>• Suggestion to implement a 7.5 tonne limit on Holt Road at Mannington and Furzehill to prevent such large vehicles using the rural roads. <i>Noted, this will be considered by the Highways Working Group.</i></li> <li>• Parish Council to seek clarity from the Diocese on the sale and future of St James Church. <i>Clerk to action.</i></li> </ul>

<p><b>158</b></p>	<p><b>Dorset Councillors Report</b></p> <p>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 commented on the well-attended Annual Meeting last week which was a very good evening. He has since received a query on the accuracy of the Council Tax statement that was reported at the meeting and will address this directly outside of this meeting. Should anyone have any queries or concerns with their Council Tax then they are advised to contact Dorset Council direct to discuss.</p> <p>In response to the additional funding available for road maintenance, Cllr Finney drew attention to the terrible condition of the whole of Long Lane. Cllr Cook asked that any defects are reported online to Dorset Council.</p> <p>Cllr Finney asked Cllr Cook to follow up with the Police &amp; Crime Commission about the possibility of Holt Parish utilising Auto Speedwatch Camera’s where the data is automatically transmitted to Dorset Police, twelve units are currently on trial across Dorset.</p>
<p><b>159</b></p>	<p><b>Public Open Session</b></p> <p>Two residents in attendance with an interest in planning applications on the agenda.</p> <p>Applicant attended the meeting to present to members the details of the Planning Statement for Planning Application P/FUL/2024/00809 Kingsettle Lodge which he believes is a reasonable proposal to return the plot to its historic layout.</p> <p>A candidate for the Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward Elections attended with an interest in Holt Parish matters.</p> <p>A candidate for the Dorset &amp; Poole Constituency, attended with interest to understand issues in rural Parishes.</p> <p><i>Cllr Robin Cook left the meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>160</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications &amp; Enforcement Matters</b></p> <p>Members accepted the following statement from applicant regarding Kingsettle Lodge, Holtwood: <i>In regards to my planning application P/FUL/2023/06337, the site notice was printed and displayed the day after I received it from the Local Planning Authority. It remained on display for the statutory 21 days.</i></p> <p><b>P/FUL/2024/00809 KINGSETTLE LODGE, BAKERS LANE, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DR</b> Proposal: Demolish barn and outbuilding and erect a replacement dwelling. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal. Whilst members acknowledge the benefits of the new proposal to the surroundings, the Parish Council still considers the previous refusal relevant including the impact on the openness of the Green Belt.</p> <p><b>P/FUL/2024/00324 LAND AT OAK TREE PADDOCK, BATCHELORS LANE, HOLTWOOD.</b> Proposal: Convert existing building into dwelling house. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal which will have an adverse impact on the openness of the Green Belt.</p>

The proposal will impact the neighbours as will the infrastructure to serve the property. The proposal is a significant change to the buildings current use and members consider the design inappropriate for the street scene and highly visual in the setting.

Members request this application is referred to the Planning Committee if the officer's recommendation is at variance to the above.

**P/FUL/2024/00677 LAND LOCATED BETWEEN THREE GABLES AND 319, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DR**

Proposal: Construction of two new dwellings.

Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal which will have an adverse impact on the openness of the Green Belt. The proposal will impact the immediate neighbours. We note this is not a recognised settlement and can see no reason for back-land development of agricultural land.

Members request this application is referred to the Planning Committee if the officer's recommendation is at variance to the above.

**P/FUL/2024/01096 HORSESHOES, HOLT LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DQ** Proposal: Erect stable/storage building.

Members resolved unanimously to make NO COMMENT on the proposal.

**P/VOC/2024/01249 4 SHEEPCROFT LANE, WHITEMOOR, BH21 7DA** Proposal: Minor material amendment to vary Condition 2 of Approved P/A 3/20/0978/FUL (Proposed replacement of the existing domestic barn with a detached house with garden and division of plot) to revise the position of the house relative to the donor dwelling and garage proposals.

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

**P/CLE/2024/01394 LINWOOD SAWMILLS, MANNINGTON.** Proposal: Use of building and surrounding yard within use class B2 and B8 - Industrial Processes for a period of in-excess of 10 years.

Members have no evidence to demonstrate whether the use has existed or not existed for a period of time.

**P/CLP/2024/00877 PIG OAK FARM, HOLT LANE.** Proposal: Siting of Solar Panels on non-domestic property.

Members NOTED this proposed use application without comment.

**P/PABA/2024/01059 ROWE HILL FARM, BH21 7EB** Proposal: Erect a new agricultural building to measure 13.72m in length by 13.62m in breadth with a ridge height of 6.15m and a height to eaves of 3.76m. Members NOTED this prior approval application without comment.

**P/CLP/2024/01011 STOCKS FARM, FURZEHILL, BH21 4HT** Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed stationing of a mobile home within residential garden to provide ancillary accommodation. Members NOTED this proposed use application without comment.

**P/CLP/2024/01455 BANKSIDE, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DX** Proposal: Construction of a single storey side and rear extensions with provision of a porch. Members NOTED this proposed use application without comment.

**EN/2022/00426 BRIGHTFIELDS FARM, PRIORS CORNER, CHALBURY, BH21 7EX** Notification of Appeal against an enforcement notice issued by Dorset Council for the development of a hardstanding and erection of a temporary barn and storage of building materials on agricultural land.

**P/FUL/2023/00674 HOLTWOOD HOUSE, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DR** Notification of Appeal against the decision by Dorset Council to refuse the retention of tractor and machinery store.

161	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The road sweeper has cleaned Lodge Road.</li> <li>• Cllr Sarah Weaver has reported to Dorset Council, invisible fly tipping (which includes a gas cylinder, fire extinguisher and tyres) in the ditch at the lay-by on Pilford Lane.</li> <li>• Community Speed Watch sessions at Gaunts Common on 7<sup>th</sup> March and today at Colehill Lane which successfully recorded 110 vehicles of which 15 were exceeding the 30mph speed limit.</li> <li>• The Clerk will advise both Vale of Allen PC and Knowlton PC that Dorset Council has agreed to a 30mph limit at Horseshoe Crossroads which is on the parish boundary.</li> <li>• A resident asked if the broken mirror at Broomhill could be replaced however this is not a Dorset Council authorised mirror.</li> <li>• Bussons Corner flooding is much improved but there is still problem with rainwater coming down from Lodge Road which will be monitored.</li> </ul>
162	<p><b>Cemetery Matters</b></p> <p>Members resolved unanimously not to increase the Burial Fees from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. The Clerk provided members with details of burials/interments over the past year.</p>
163	<p><b>Rights of Way Matters</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that Knowlton Parish Council is considering renovating BW E46/17 in Queens Copse which crosses into Holt Parish and becomes E45/56 as it is very wet and boggy.</p> <p>Report from Cllr Sarah Weaver:</p> <p>The Parish has 71 Rights of Way of which 55 are open and signed with only a few minor details missing.</p> <p>At last, the footbridge on FP E45/28 has been rebuilt and the path is open! I have checked that the landowners are aware.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I have had recent discussions with the DCC Rights of Way Officer regarding 6 routes in the area and 3 routes that are questionable in terms of their use and usefulness (FP E45/74 in Holt wood and BWs E45/13 and 14 in the SW corner of Holt Heath which are probably historic accesses to an old field system).</li> <li>2. Definitive signing of routes through Holt Wood.</li> <li>3. The correct route into Holt Forest from Bilberries Corner.</li> <li>4. The variable status, signing, and access along BW E45/15 from the gravel track at Whitesheet through Stable Copse towards the Parish border at Pilford where it joins FP E36/8.</li> <li>5. The DCC Rights of Way Officer has been working on the access to FP E45/9 through Mannington farmyard, and I have discussed with them the stepping stone arrangement and the ford.</li> </ol> <p>The National Trust has been responsive to my requests, the latest being tree clearance (twice!) and holly cutback on FP E45/5 adjacent to Crooked Withies.</p>

164	<p><b>Parish Hall Matters</b></p> <p>Members have been provided with the Annual Maintenance Report from which there were no matters of concern.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the Parish Hall Committee is currently looking after the 5 Baptismal Rolls from St James' Church and is hoping to obtain the two War Memorials to join the others in the Parish Hall.</p>
165	<p><b>80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings</b></p> <p>Members would like to light a lantern at 9:15pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 on Holt Village Green coinciding with the lighting of Beacons throughout the UK and to read the International Tribute. <i>Clerk to register and purchase lamp @ £55.00.</i></p>
166	<p><b>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset's New Rural Housing Enabling Service, members agreed to defer until after elections and once new Officer is in place.</li> <li>• Thanks received from resident who has now moved out of the area for keeping them informed via HOLT Together and for members understanding relating to the Walston Poultry Farm application.</li> <li>• Thanks received from resident for the achievement of the Highways Working Group to secure a reduction in the speed limit at Holt Road, Bowers section. Also, thanks to members for the Good Citizen Award.</li> </ul>
167	<p><b>Financial Matters &amp; Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to accept the quotation from Limecove Ltd for grass cutting Holt Green for 2024 season.</li> <li>• Members reviewed and updated the Asset Register.</li> <li>• Members reviewed and updated ear marked reserves for end of the financial year increasing the allocated funds to Highways to £14,000.00 in view of the cost to implement the agreed speed reductions in 3 areas of the parish and the possible need for an additional Speed Indicator Device for Furzehill.</li> <li>• Members approved the following items for payment including the Clerk's salary: none.</li> </ul>
168	<p><b>Information for Report only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm</u></li> </ul>

Meeting closed 21:11

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

**Signed: ..... 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

## Appendix A

### **Council Tax**

With council tax bills starting to be delivered this week, we want to make sure you are not struggling alone without knowing the support that is available.

If you're having problems paying your Council Tax, [contact us](#) and we'll do all we can to help. See our [Council Tax pages](#) for further advice.

Check out our cost-of-living help webpage below to explore the support available. It is crucial to remember, you are not alone so reach out if you need assistance. Dorset Council is working with Dorset Citizen's Advice to offer help, support and advice on issues. Visit our Cost-of-Living Help webpage. [Cost of living help - Dorset Council](#)

### **Extra funding for road maintenance**

As our annual programme gears up for spring, with extra government funding we are set to bolster our proactive measures to look after our roads. This includes more pothole repairs, resurfacing and preventative treatments to manage road condition and maintain highway safety.

£2.068 million each for the years 2023/24 and 2024/25 from the Department for Transport (DfT) Network North fund, from reallocated HS2 government funding, together with other maintenance and pothole funds, will be dedicated to carriageway maintenance in the council area.

The council is also allocating an additional £6.03million from its own budget for highway maintenance. This will be invested in more proactive maintenance to preserve the condition of its roads.

The council is also awaiting confirmation of further government funding.

Pothole repair includes extensive patching of the wider area surrounding the defect, instead of just repairing the immediate pothole. This aims to reduce the likelihood of further potholes forming. A new method, called thermal patching will also be tested. This will reduce CO2 emissions by heating up existing asphalt (tarmac like surface), adding new binding materials and aggregates, and recompacting the road to form a permanent seamless repair.

Resurfacing takes place throughout most of the year. This rebuilds the various layers of a road to restore strength and shape, with drainage maintenance also carried out as part of the resurfacing schemes. Further information is available here. [Extra funding for road maintenance - Dorset Council](#)

### **Voters encouraged to get their ID ready ahead of this year's local elections**

Residents are reminded that they will need be registered to vote and show an approved form of photo ID when they go to the polling stations on 2nd May to elect Dorset Council councillors as well as Town and Parish Councils. The Police and Crime Commissioner elections also takes place on the same day.

Following the Elections Act 2022, photographic identification is a mandatory requirement for everyone voting at polling stations. Residents will also need photo ID to vote at parliamentary general elections, expected to be called sometime this year. Various forms of photo ID are accepted, including a driving licence, passport, Older Person's Bus Pass, a blue badge or Disabled Person's Bus Pass. The

full list of accepted ID can be found [here](#). Residents can also use an expired ID as long as the photograph is still a good likeness.

For those without accepted photo ID, a [free Voter Authority Certificate can be obtained online](#). Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, 24th April to be processed in time for the 2nd May elections. The Voter Authority Certificate is valid for 10 years and is valid for all elections.

If you need further guidance, you can also contact the Electoral services team on:

Email: [elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

Telephone 01305 838299

To cast your vote in the upcoming elections, you must be registered by Tuesday, 16th April, 2024. If you're not already registered, you can complete the process on the [Government's website](#). Voters only need to register once unless they have changed their name or address.

Postal votes:

There is no need for people to provide photo ID if you vote by post, but you will need to give your National Insurance number and date of birth. Once your [postal vote](#) is set up, whenever an election, referendum or poll at which you are entitled to vote is called, you will be sent a postal poll card giving details of the forthcoming election, referendum or poll. This will be followed by a postal vote pack.

### **Dorset Police Rural Crime Team**

The Dorset Police Rural Crime Team Engagement Van will be at Badbury Rings Car Park, Blandford Road DT11 9JL on Tuesday the 26th of March between the hours of 5pm and 6pm.

The Rural Crime Team are supporting the NSA (National Sheep Association) Sheep Worrying By Dogs Awareness week by visiting locations across Dorset and speaking to people to raise awareness of the damage and losses that can be caused by livestock worrying.

Please come along as this is your opportunity to speak with the Dorset Police Rural Crime Team.

**Cllr Robin Cook**  
**2024**

**20<sup>th</sup> March**