

**Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council 19th June 2024 at 7pm
HOLT PARISH HALL**

211	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping Cllr Jonathan Cutts Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Geoff Pike Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Sarah Weaver</p> <p>Cllr Will Chakawhata (Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward) Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) 4 members of public present</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Cllr Guy Reynolds</p>
212	<p>Co-option of Candidates for Vacancies</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Sarah Weaver to accept the application from Jane White to fill the vacancy for Holt. RESOLVED unanimously. A further vacancy for Furzehill Ward remains.</p>
213	<p>Declaration of Interests & Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None received.</p>
214	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 15th May 2024</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>15th May 2024</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chair.</p>
215	<p>Matters Arising (not included on the agenda) from the meeting held 15th May 2024</p> <p>None.</p>
216	<p>Dorset Councillors Report</p> <p>Please see <u>Appendix A</u> for Cllr Will Chakawhata's report which was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p>
217	<p>Public Open Session</p>

	<p>A resident of Furzehill asked if members had received a response from the Ward Councillor for an update on the former EDDC Council Offices. <i>The Clerk advised the request had been acknowledged but no information to report this evening. Cllr Will Chakawhata will follow this up.</i></p> <p>A resident attended to express concerns with inaccuracies in the plans for the Planning Application for Dunromin due to be considered this evening. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>A resident advised that the two planning applications for The Old Sawmills due to be considered by the Eastern Area Planning Committee were withdrawn because undeniable evidence demonstrated that Building 2 was new and not existing and therefore unauthorised development. After 5 years of unlawful development at this site, the resident requests support of both Dorset Council and the Parish Council to take enforcement action. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>Two residents attended with concerns of traffic speeding through Furzehill making it extremely dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists (locals and tourists from the Caravan Park visiting Furzehill Stores and The Stocks Inn). They have contacted Dorset Council Highways who have responded quickly and positively to assess signage and roundels but would like the Parish Council to consider if safety can be improved further. <i>The Chair advised this will be considered by the Highways Working Group.</i></p>
218	<p>Planning Applications & Enforcement Matters</p> <p>P/VOC/2024/02972 SUNNY LAWN, FURZEHILL, BH21 4HT Proposal: Erect replacement dwelling and garage (with variation to condition 2 of planning permission P/FUL/2022/06517 to make changes to the roof structure to simplify the form, changes to fenestration and deletion of chimney. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/HOU/2024/02936 & 02937 LBC LITTLE THATCH, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DR Proposal: Proposed outbuilding (amended design to previous approval). Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/VOC/2024/02865 VICARAGE FARM, HARTS LANE, HOLT, BH21 7DH Proposal: General internal and external renovation works to existing grade 2 listed cottage and outbuildings, amendments to internal layouts of cottage, creation of 1st floor bathroom & en-suites, addition of ground floor en-suite, replacement of windows as indicated. Re-ridge thatch, repairs to buildings' timber frame as set out in HBC&R Report and internal insulation/perimeter service zone created. Demolition of rear lean-to behind cart house and conversion of cart house into kitchen/living/dining space. Glazing installed to threshing barn to be renovated as per plans along with dairy building into annexe. (Amended description) (variation of condition 16 of P/FUL/2023/03184 to allow Dairy Barn Annexe to be used for holiday lets). Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/FUL/2024/02831 HOLT FOOTBALL CLUB, PETERSHAM LANE, BH21 4JH Proposal: Installation of 8 floodlights. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT. In principle, we support the enhancement of the facilities for the community however in view of the comments of the Cranborne Chase National Landscape Dark Skies Advisor we object to this particular proposal and hope that the scheme can be modified to take into account their advice.</p> <p>P/HOU/2024/02924 DUNROMIN, UDDENS DRIVE, BH21 7BJ Proposal: Former mobile home to be demolished and replaced with new extension attached to existing stable building. Existing store/workshop to be extended.</p>

	<p>Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal of what is in principle the creation of a new dwelling. It is also a change of use from an equestrian to a domestic property which is inappropriate in this location (Green Belt & Holt Heath SSSI).</p> <p>There is a huge increase in the footprint of the habitable space from a caravan to a substantial house and the increase in height is a concern.</p> <p>We query that if the stables are no longer required then justification for the caravan no longer exists. From our local knowledge we know that sewerage is compromised by flooding in this area and concerned with the impact this has on the SSSI.</p> <p>We also note the comments of Southern Gas Networks as the proposed works are in close proximity to a pipeline.</p> <p><i>We request this application is considered by the Planning Committee if the officer's recommendation is at variance to the above.</i></p> <p>P/FUL/2024/02662 STEWARTS GARDEN CENTRE, GODS BLESSING LANE, BH21 7DF Proposal: Erect pergola structure.</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/FUL/2024/02793 LITTLE OWLS FARM, HOLT, BH21 4JS Proposal: Minor material amendment to Vary Condition 1 to Approved P/A 3/19/0777/RM (Approval of reserved matters (following approval of 3/18/0665/OUT) in respect of appearance and landscaping).</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to make NO COMMENT on the proposal.</p> <p>P/VOC/2024/02635 LITTLE OWLS FARM, HOLT, BH21 4JS Proposal: Minor material amendment to Vary Condition 2 of Approved P/A 3/18/0665/OUT (Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 6no. dwellings).</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to make NO COMMENT on the proposal.</p> <p>P/PAAC/2024/02832 BASCOMBE BARN, BURTS LANE, BH21 7JX Proposal: Change of use of and conversion of an agricultural building into a single residential dwelling.</p> <p>Members NOTED this prior approval application.</p> <p>P/CLP/2024/02796 GREEN GATES, HOLT LANE, BH21 7DQ Proposal: New side extension to allow for a more usable dining room.</p> <p>Members NOTED this Certificate of Lawful use PROPOSED application.</p> <p>P/CLP/2024/03254 THE TUSCANS, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DX Proposal: Jacuzzi, pool and sauna building incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house.</p> <p>Members NOTED this Certificate of Lawful use PROPOSED application.</p> <p>Members discussed sources of evidence to respond to Certificate of Lawfulness Applications. It was agreed the Clerk will notify residents via HOLT Together of an application and suggest responding directly to Dorset Council or to the Parish Council with any information or evidence as to whether the use has existed or not existed for a period of time. Members may also wish to research further evidence online and view aerial photographs at Dorset Explorer.</p>
219	<p>Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group Update: Furzehill will be considered as part of the Highway Working Group discussions with Dorset Council. Members discussed the possibility of visual narrowing and a weight limit. <i>The Clerk will request a Community Speed Watch site with Dorset Police.</i> Furzehill residents are invited to join the CSW group.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are still awaiting a quotation from Dorset Council to implement the 3 agreed speed restrictions, it is hoped to have more information for the July meeting. Residents are encouraged to report any incidents or near misses online at Report a non-injury collision or near miss to Dorset Council as evidence supports any requests for road safety improvements. The Community Speed Watch Session on Holt Lane on 24th May recorded 137 vehicles and 4 speed violations. The Clerk has requested the faded road markings are repainted on Holt Lane. The Clerk will report the faded white lines on Mannington Bridge. 1257526 Dorset Council are proposing essential highway maintenance works on Holt Road Mannington on 2nd August 2024 with a diversion in place along Burts Lane. <i>The Clerk will request that temporary lights are installed at Clump Hill junction on the C2 as this is a dangerous junction.</i>
220	<p>Cemetery Matters</p> <p>Cemetery Inspection and Risk Assessment completed Wednesday June 19th 2024 findings recorded for action by the Clerk.</p>
221	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Sarah Weaver reported a number of fallen trees in Holt Forest will be cleared by the National Trust and has noticed Hazel trees through Holt Forest from Pond Head to Pheasants Rise and through to Lower Rowe are growing over the highway.
222	<p>Holt Parish Hall</p> <p>Members have received the Financial Report and end of year accounts for inspection. <i>It was agreed the Clerk will write and thank the Committee for managing the hall very well.</i></p> <p>Cllr Jackie Egan reported that the Committee are still considering alternatives to the railings, improving the outside space and the possibility of installing mains drainage. A new Chairman has yet to be appointed.</p> <p>Members are invited to join a celebration to thank the out-going Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee on 28th June.</p>
223	<p>Review of Forestry & Woodland in the Parish</p> <p>Members have received a report from the National Trust on the Management of Holt Wood and Forest which will be shared with residents on the Parish Council website, subject to permission. Members commented that it is the responsibility of the National Trust to ensure footpaths are kept clear.</p> <p>Woodleaze Copse adjacent to the former EDDC Council Offices at Furzehill: In view of the redevelopment of this site, members discussed the possibility of either the Woodland Trust or Dorset Wildlife Trust acquiring the woodland to protect it and/or to register it as Ancient Woodland. <i>Cllr Geoff Chopping will make inquiries.</i></p>

224	<p>Dorset Council Contaminated Land Strategy 2024</p> <p>Noted, no comment.</p>				
225	<p>Annual Review of Co-option Specification</p> <p>No amendments required.</p>				
226	<p>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Housing Enabling Officer now appointed by Dorset Community Action. <i>Clerk to invite to a meeting to discuss affordable housing.</i> • The Clerk circulated the response from Dorset Council on how the Council Tax percentage increase is calculated. <i>Noted.</i> • Notification from Dorset Council the ‘Sounds Beautiful’ Application for a premises license at Gaunts House was refused. <i>Noted.</i> 				
227	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members RESOLVED unanimously to remove 3 former Parish Councillors from the TSB Mandate and add Cllr Jonathan Cutts and Cllr Guy Reynolds. • Members have received an application for a grant from The Reef Youth & Community Centre as children from both Holt and Furzehill attend. Members would like to inspect the accounts before considering approving this grant. <i>Clerk to request.</i> • Members approved the following items for payment and the Clerk’s salary: <table border="0" data-bbox="252 1294 1374 1330"> <tr> <td data-bbox="252 1294 336 1330">ONLINE</td> <td data-bbox="336 1294 539 1330">R.WEAVER</td> <td data-bbox="539 1294 1310 1330">Reimbursement of photographic expenses for D-Day Research</td> <td data-bbox="1310 1294 1374 1330">14.00</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE	R.WEAVER	Reimbursement of photographic expenses for D-Day Research	14.00
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228	<p>Information for Report only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council D-Day Commemoration on Holt Green on 6th June was very well attended with over 60 people to light the lamp of peace and to hear the International Tribute. Cllr Janet Wallace received comments that it was a very nice service and residents appreciated the opportunity to talk with the Chairman. • The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>24TH July 2024 at 7pm</u> 				

Meeting closed 21:14

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

Signed: 24th July 2024

Appendix A**Dorset Council**

June 2024 Report

1. Introduction of Will Chakawhata as new councillor for Stour and Allen Vale
2. I would like to express my gratitude to Councillor Robin Cook for his great and long service to East Dorset and the Stour and Allen Vale Ward for many years.
3. New council met on Tuesday 7 May 2024 to welcome 28 new councillors.
4. The cabinet has been announced and was formally agreed at Full Council on 15 May 2024.

Details below:

Leader, Portfolio Holder for Governance, Performance, Communications, Environment, Climate Change and Safeguarding	Nick Ireland
Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder for Property & Assets, Economic Growth & Levelling Up	Richard Biggs
Portfolio Holder for Finance & Corporate Assets & Strategy	Simon Clifford
Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development, Transformation, Digital & Change	Ryan Holloway
Portfolio Holder for Place Commissioned Services (Highways, Waste, Travel etc.)	Jon Andrews
Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, Education & Skills	Clare Sutton
Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care	Steve Robinson
Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Environmental Health, Housing and Regulatory	Gill Taylor
Portfolio Holder for Planning and Emergency Planning	Shane Bartlett
Portfolio Holder for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement	Ryan Hope

5. I will be a member of the following Committees: People and Health Oversight, Pension Fund and also on Dorset Healthcare NHS University Foundation Trust governor.
6. Further community discussions regarding the closure of QE leisure centre, great community interest.
7. I will endeavour to attend as many meetings as I can, but the Dorset Council meetings are critical. When I can't attend parish meetings in person, I will send my apologies and provide a written report.
8. Please let us encourage reports for work to be registered on <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/> but happy to support those in need. Please also guidance on cutting verges below and road safety.

I look forward to working with the five parishes and using our collective experiences and skills to the benefit of all rate payers in the Stour and Allen Vale Ward.



Highway verge
cutting update June 20



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