

Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council
2nd October 2024 at 7pm
HOLT PARISH HALL

260	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping Cllr Jonathan Cutts Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres Cllr Geoff Pike Cllr Guy Reynolds Cllr Sarah Weaver Cllr Jane White</p> <p>Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) 3 members of public present</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Will Chakawhata (Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward)</p>
261	<p>Declaration of Interests & Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None received.</p>
262	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 2nd September 2024</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>2nd September 2024</u> were amended on page 385, item 245 adding Cllr Jane White to those in attendance; confirmed and signed by the Chair.</p>
263	<p>Dorset Councillors Report – Cllr Will Chakawhata</p> <p>No report at the time of the meeting but subsequently provided to the Clerk, circulated to members and included in the minutes of this meeting. See Appendix A</p>
264	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>The owners of The Barn, Holtwood to provide background to the change of use application and answer questions from members.</p> <p>A resident attended in support of the planning application for Innisfree, Burts Lane. This proposal is reduced in height and less obtrusive in the landscape. Neighbours are supportive of younger families moving to the area and a need for extra space to accommodate them.</p>

<p>265</p>	<p>Planning Applications & Enforcement Matters</p> <p>P/HOU/2024/05046 INNISFREE, BURTS LANE, BH21 7JX Proposal: Raise roof to create habitable living accommodation, alterations to existing single storey rear extension and create front porch. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/FUL/2024/05209 THE BARN, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DR Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage associated with the existing dwellinghouse. Retention of an outbuilding incidental to the dwellinghouse and minor modification to boundary fences. Members resolved unanimously to object to the change of use of this agricultural land to residential curtilage which contravenes the principle of the Green Belt.</p> <p>P/FUL/2024/05146 BADGERS GREEN, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DR Proposal: Extend existing first floor loft rooms by creating new side and rear facing dormers and raising the ridge height of the roof over the garage. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal provided the requirements and recommendations in the Bat Report are adhered to.</p> <p>P/FUL/2024/04687 GLENHURST, HOLT ROAD, BH21 7DL Proposal: Demolish existing buildings and erect 1 four-bedroom house and garage. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>Report from Gaunts Initiative Drop-In Event held 11th September. (SW/JW/GP): 3 members attended and found the event to be informative. Thoughts were expressed on the requirement for grants to enable the initiative that are not yet secured and the order in which the building scheme will be completed, i.e. House builds before the replacement Changing Rooms. Once the proposal reaches the planning application stage, the Parish Council will be in a position to comment.</p> <p>P/CLP/2024/04374 CARAVAN 1, BROADBRIDGE, BH21 7EB. Certificate of Lawful use PROPOSED to replace existing day room and utility unit with purpose-built brick building. <i>Members NOTED this proposed use application.</i></p> <p>P/CLP/2024/05378 THE TUSCANS, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DX Certificate of Lawful use PROPOSED for a swimming pool, gym, sauna and changing room incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling. <i>Members NOTED this proposed use application.</i></p> <p>Notification of APPEAL against Enforcement Notices served by Dorset Council at ANCHOR PADDOCK, BATCHELORS LANE, HOLTWOOD. BH21 7DS. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>Notification of APPEAL against refusal of Certificate of Lawfulness by Dorset Council for the construction of single storey side and rear extensions with provision of a porch, together with two outbuildings at BANKSIDE, HOLTWOOD, BH21 7DX. <i>Noted.</i></p>
<p>266</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p>Working Group Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to request Dorset Council complete H&S assessments of SID poles at Furzehill and Grange so they can be utilised. • Clerk to chase Dorset Council for update on the three agreed new speed restrictions in the Parish.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Auto Speed Watch Camera is still live in Holt Lane and is very active with speed violations. This use of these camera's is still in the pilot phase. <i>The Chair will request the data collected is made available to the Parish Council.</i> <p>Other Highway matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to report bollards in place outside The Tuscons, Holtwood to Dorset Council. These appear to be on the highway. <i>(DC Ref 1267092)</i> Dorset Council notification of proposed temporary closure of Grange, Furzehill on 13th November 09:30-15:30 on 13th November 2024 to allow Openreach access to overhead network. <i>Noted, no comments.</i> A Community Speedwatch session scheduled for 12th September Furzehill was cancelled due to lack of available volunteers. Clerk to report blocked drains and grips at Bussons Corner. <i>(DC Ref 1267394)</i>
267	<p>Holt Cemetery Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk advised a burial taking place on Tuesday 15th October 2024. A Deer carcass was found and removed.
268	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Sarah Weaver provided a report on various Rights of Way matters across the Parish and has chased up the National Trust on various outstanding works on their land. Cllr Sarah Weaver has also met with two local representatives from the Ramblers Association who can offer support with any ROW issues.
269	<p>Holt Parish Hall</p> <p>No matters to report this month.</p>
270	<p>Holt Village Hall Consultation</p> <p>Members agreed to circulate the Notice on HOLT Together regarding the consultation to change the status of the village Hall from a Charitable Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Consultation events at the hall will be held Fri 4th October 7-8pm and Mon 7th October 10:30-11:30am.</p>
271	<p>Motions for DAPTC AGM</p> <p>Members agreed to defer until next meeting.</p>

272	<p>Inspection Holt Green & Woodland at Queens Copse Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Green Inspection completed 6:30pm Wednesday 2nd October. It was noted 1 Cherry Tree, 1 Ash Tree and 1 Chestnut Tree have died and members will consider replacing. A quotation to reinstall the Millennium Sign is expected for next meeting. Queens Copse Woodland Inspection to be arranged by Chair and Cllr Janet Wallace. 						
273	<p>St Margarets & Stones Almshouses Charity</p> <p>The Chair, who is the Parish Council's representative on the Board of Trustees reported this very well-run charity provides 17 Almshouses with the Chapel in Wimborne. There are a further 9 properties in Wimborne generating income for the Charity. The Chair has been involved in the tenancies and financial aspects. Residents of Holt who meet the criteria are able to join the waiting list.</p>						
274	<p>Complaints Procedure</p> <p>Members reviewed the current procedure and agreed to add a reference to Standing Orders Section 7 'Previous Resolutions' under item 2 of the procedure.</p>						
275	<p>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy letter received regarding Dorset Council's commitment to work with the Initio Learning Trust and Community Groups in response to the desire for the community to have greater access to the QE Leisure Centre. 						
276	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members reviewed half year spend against budget and resolved unanimously to transfer £20,000 to the TSB Savings account. Members approved the following items for payment and the Clerk's salary: <table data-bbox="252 1536 1305 1597"> <tr> <td>ONLINE CLERK</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses July – Sept 2024</td> <td>£86.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE VISION ICT</td> <td>Website/Email Hosting & Support Annually</td> <td>£234.00</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE CLERK	Reimbursement of Expenses July – Sept 2024	£86.32	ONLINE VISION ICT	Website/Email Hosting & Support Annually	£234.00
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277	<p>Information for Report only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>6th November 2024 at 7pm</u> 						

Meeting closed 20:34

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

Signed: 6th November 2024

Appendix A**Dorset Councillors Report****Stour and Allen Vale Parishes October 2024 updates:****1. Devolution**

- Dorset, Somerset, and Wiltshire Councils submitted expressions of interest in council devolution plans as requested by the central government, aiming to gain more powers and resources for the regions. While each Council has unique priorities, they are committed to regional growth, improved public services, and local decision-making.
- Discussions have been held with neighbouring authorities, including BCP and Swindon Councils, about working together under the Heart of Wessex concept. The councils seek more explicit government guidance on devolution, including population requirements and the powers to be devolved. The councils do not favour a mayoral system but will consult residents once formal proposals are agreed upon.

2. Queen Elizabeth

- There has been a great deal of community engagement and dissatisfaction with the closure of the Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre. The petitioners attended the cabinet meeting in September 2024 and made representations.
- The Council is developing a new leisure strategy to improve the management of its leisure facilities, particularly in East Dorset, where spending is higher than in other areas. A key focus is the Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre (QELC), which the Council does not own but supports due to its importance to local swim groups, such as the Wimborne Wagtails Swimming Club. Dorset Council has contributed funds to improve the pool's air handling system, roof, and changing areas. The Council supports a proposal to operate QELC similarly to a local school pool, benefiting both the school and community groups. Link to decision <https://moderngov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?AllId=16781>
- Initio recently informed the Council that they would open the swimming pool to public access shortly. Capital works are still to be done, and negotiations are underway to amend the cutoff deadline of March 2025.

3. Social care and council tax

- There is growing demand for adult care and the Council is considering sustainable accommodation for an ageing population. There is growing pressure on the reserves being used to balance finances. Government decisions awaited in areas such as council tax etc.

4. Requests for Council works

- Please let's continue encouraging residents to register online for any council works. Usual requests are to do with verge cutting, potholes and speeding.