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	<p>RIGHTS OF WAY (PF/SW/JE) TREE OFFICER (JC)</p> <p>SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (PF/JC/GC)</p> <p>STAFFING (JC/WLC/PF)</p> <p>HIGHWAY WORKING GROUP INC SPEED WATCH (JC/PF/GP)</p> <p>ST MARGARETS & STONES ALMSHOUSES (JC) NEIGHBOUR CARE TRANSPORT (AK)</p>
366	<p>Annual Reports</p> <p>Members noted the very comprehensive report from St James' School.</p> <p>Members noted the report for the Holt Area Neighbourcare.</p>
367	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 9th April 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>12th February 2025</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chair.</p>
368	<p>Dorset Councillors Report – Cllr Will Chakawhata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoken directly with residents concerned with Planning Application P/FUL/2025/00596 Agricultural land at Furzehill which was considered by the Parish Council last month. • Advised that the Planning Application for a Dog Exercise Park in Long Lane will be a delegated decision and is recommended for approval. • Discussions regarding use of additional SID poles in the Parish is in hand with the Parish Council.
369	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>A representative for Holt United Football Club attended to make members aware the Club has been asked to vacate the clubhouse this month by Gaunts Estate. A scheme is being considered by the Estate to redevelop the site which includes removing the clubhouse. The Club will be unable to continue without a clubhouse and has not received any formal clarification from the Estate as to a timeline for the development of the site or a replacement clubhouse.</p> <p><i>Members are very concerned at the loss of this community asset. The Club has a very large membership of both youth and adult players and contributes to the well-being of residents of Holt and neighbouring parishes. It was agreed to write to the Estate for clarification.</i></p> <p>A resident thanked the Parish Council Highway Working Group for the achievements with Dorset Council on the agreement for speed limits in 3 areas of the Parish including Holt Road. The resident asked if it would be helpful to apply pressure to Dorset Council to hasten the implementation. <i>The Chairman assured the resident that the Holt speed limit requests are a priority for Dorset Council however residents could write to the Leader of Dorset Council, Cllr Nick Ireland. At this point, Dorset Council is preparing a sign installation plan before formal public consultation, target date for this tbc.</i></p> <p>The resident also raised the possibility of operating the Community Speed Watch in Holt Road. <i>The Clerk had already asked Dorset Police who advised that CSW teams are not permitted to monitor traffic on a 60mph road, however a Police camera van could carry out enforcement provided there is suitable parking. For information, speed complaints can be made via the Dorset Roadsafes website.</i></p>

	<p>A resident updated members regarding a number of outstanding enforcement matters in the vicinity of Clayford and provided information regarding the Claimed Lawful Use Application P/CLE/2025/02450 for Clayford Logging Yard.</p>
370	<p>Planning Applications & Enforcement Matters</p> <p>P/FUL/2025/01816 SHEEPCROFT FARM, WHITEMOOR, BH21 7DA Proposal: Convert and alter existing buildings to form 1 residential dwelling house with associated landscaping, parking and infrastructure. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the application.</p> <p>P/HOU/2025/01953 & P/LBC/2025/02138 WIN WHISTLE COTTAGE, BURTS LANE, MANNINGTON, BH21 7JX Proposal: Extension to existing outhouse. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the conversion of the outhouse into a separate dwelling in this particular location impacting the street scene and in relation to a Listed Building. The proposal is contrary to Local Planning Policy and harmful to the Green Belt.</p> <p>P/HOU/2025/01828 PILFORD COTTAGE, PILFORD LANE, BROOMHILL, BH21 7AR Proposal: Raise roof of garage, garage conversion to create first floor level with linked extension to main dwelling, removal of conservatory, erection of flat roof rear/side extension with block paving to driveway and upgrade and enlarge patio. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal. Whilst we recognise the minor reduction, the proposal is still too large and dominant in the street scene and we consider it to be inappropriate development and out of character in the locality which is mainly small bungalows.</p> <p>P/HOU/2025/01826 PILFORD COTTAGE, PILFORD LANE, BROOMHILL, BH21 7AR Proposal: Removal of conservatory, erection of flat roof rear/side extension with block paving to driveway and upgrade and enlarge patio. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to this more modest proposal for the property.</p> <p>P/CLE/2025/02450 CLAYFORD LOGGING YARD, UDDENS, BH21 7BJ Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness to confirm the lawful use of the site as a logging yard. Having received representation from the public, we are informed the level of intensity and scale of the use of the site has changed from log storage to processing. From evidence provided by the applicant, the scale of the current use is not evident in the 2018 photograph and therefore the application fails to provide evidence of lawful use of the site.</p> <p>Provisional Tree Preservation Order on all trees on woodland to the east of Emmers Farm, Holt Road, Mannington, BH21 7JY to ensure the trees are fully considered as part of any current or future development proposal. The trees are considered to enhance the amenity of the area and make a contribution to the surrounding landscape. Members have NO OBJECTION to the proposed TPO.</p>
371	<p>Highways</p> <p><u>Highway Working Group Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed Indicator Device – new deployment locations agreed at Holt Lane, Grange and Lodge Road. Members resolved unanimously to approve additional expenditure to utilise these sites: Dorset Council speed survey at Lodge Road to ensure it meets criteria @ £275.00 Solar installation by Dorset Council on 3 poles @ £225.00 per pole plus brackets at £55.00.

	<p>Additional cost for deployment of the units by Dorset Council from £892.50 to £1338.75 for one year.</p> <p><u>Other Highway matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members approved the additional expenditure required for lettering on the Broomhill Fingerpost. Total refurbishment cost is now £1539.75 including a grant of £200.00 from CPRE. Dorset Council Highways promptly removed a branch overhanging the highway at Holtwood recently. The National Trust have been notified that the hinge is broken on the gate at the cattle grid by Gorselands, Holt Heath. It therefore is left permanently open. The pedestrian gate also needs attention. [1285432] Members wished to express their thanks to the resident who has kindly organised a new HOLT PARISH COUNCIL sign for the Furzehill noticeboard. Cllr Peter Finney will organise flowers to plant up the Broomhill BT Box. Furzehill residents will source flowers for the Furzehill Box which is currently being painted. A resident (unknown) has kindly planted up the Holtwood Box. Cllr Peter Finney reported the roads have been swept in the area in preparation for surface dressing this month. The Clerk received a complaint from a resident regarding this work effecting their horses and this was passed to Dorset Council for a response. Cllr Geoff Chopping advised there is a 'box' on the B3078 by the junction with Dogdean which is for sensors under the road surface, the data may be of interest to the Parish Council. Dorset Council advise the proposed 20mph for Wimborne which includes Burts Hill is now at Stage 3: Making the Order to deliver. Correspondence received from resident concerned with speed of vehicles and large lorries using Gods Blessing Lane requesting a 40mph limit. The Clerk will respond advising the Parish Council is currently progressing 3 speed limits elsewhere in the Parish and this location may be considered at a later date. <i>Clerk to advise resident reports any incidents online to Dorset Council and speed complaints to Dorset Roadsafte.</i>
372	<p>Holt Cemetery Matters</p> <p>The Clerk advised the Cemetery is looking much tidier now the moles are under control. Members scheduled annual inspection for 6pm on 11th June 2025.</p>
373	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver advised new stiles installed on the footpath between Holt and Petersham Lane, these do however prevent access to dogs, so will discuss with Dorset Council Rights of Way Team. The Chairman reported the board walk at Newmans Lane is rotten, the National Trust have been advised and will arrange repair with Dorset Council.</p> <p>Garden waste is being tipped onto common land at Lower Rowe which is dangerous to grazing animals although none on the Heath at the moment. <i>The Chairman will report to the National Trust.</i></p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping will be meeting on site with Dorset Council in respect of the footpath at the former East Dorset District Council Offices.</p> <p>The new Millenium Sign on the Village Green is hoped to be put up Thursday 8th May.</p>

374	<p>Holt Parish Hall</p> <p>Cllr Jackie Egan reported the planned celebrations for both the Village Hall and Parish Hall on 28th June will have to be postponed as it clashes with a horse driving event in the village.</p> <p>The AGM was held 3 members resigning from the committee. Roles have now been re-allocated.</p> <p><i>Cllr Janey White left the meeting 9:17pm</i></p>						
375	<p>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vale of Allen Parish Council have submitted a neighbourhood area application to Dorset Council and invites comments on the public consultation by 17 June. <i>Clerk to include on next agenda.</i>• Wessex Internet are bringing full fibre broadband to 50 properties in the Furzehill area. They will hold a residents drop-in meeting in June.• Vikki Slade MP for Mid-Dorset & Poole is currently available to attend the Holt Annual Parish Meeting 19th March 2026 as a guest.						
376	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members approved a grant toward The Reef Youth Club of £500.00 which is attended by a number of Holt children.• Members reviewed Spend against Budget 2024-2025.• Members confirmed there are no conflicts of Interest with BDO LLP.• Members received and noted the Internal Audit Report for y/e 31 March 2025 from which there were no matters arising.• Members approved the Annual Governance Statement for y/e 31 March 2025.• Members approved the Accounting Statement for y/e 31 March 2025.• The Clerk confirmed the dates for Notice of Public Rights & Publication of Unaudited AGAR for y/e 31 March 2025.• Members approved the Annual Insurance Renewal due 1st June 2025.• The Clerk provided members with up-to-date bank account balances.• Members approved the following items for payment and the Clerk’s salary: <table><tr><td>ONLINE CLERK</td><td>Reimbursement of Expenses Jan-Feb-Mar 2025</td><td>£223.15</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE WHEELER BROWN</td><td>Professional Services Payroll & AE to March 2025</td><td>£312.00</td></tr></table>	ONLINE CLERK	Reimbursement of Expenses Jan-Feb-Mar 2025	£223.15	ONLINE WHEELER BROWN	Professional Services Payroll & AE to March 2025	£312.00
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377	<p>Candidates for co-option for Furzehill vacancy</p> <p>Members considered applications from two very good candidates for the vacancy for Furzehill. It was resolved (6 in favour/2 abstentions GP/JE) the preferred candidate is Mrs Sue Barnes.</p>						
	<p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>11th June 2025 at 7pm</u></p>						

Meeting closed 21:50

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

Signed: 11th June 2025