

Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council
11th June 2025 at 7pm
HOLT PARISH HALL

378	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Cutts Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbroke-Chartres Cllr Guy Reynolds Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Sarah Weaver Cllr Jane White</p> <p>Cllr Will Chakawhata (Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward) Lisa Goodwin (Clerk)</p> <p>5 members of public present Stuart Tucker, Station Commander Wimborne Fire Station</p> <p>Apologies received:</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping Cllr Geoff Pike</p>
379	<p>Declaration of Interests & Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None received.</p>
380	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 7th May 2025 (AGM)</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>7th May 2025</u> were amended at item 373; confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
381	<p>Dorset & Wilts Fire Service</p> <p>Stuart Tucker the Station Commander from Wimborne Fire Station kindly presented an informative report on the Dorset & Wilts Fire Service and how it serves our community attending approximately 15,000 incidents per year. Stuart reported there has been a significant increase in wildfires on Holt Heath at Whitesheet and Mannington in the last 18 months either started maliciously or by stolen car fires. The public are asked to be observant as wildfires spread very quickly; dial 999 ideally using a 'what3words' location. The Fire Service also offer home visits for fire safety advice, detailed information can be found at Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service.</p>
382	<p>Dorset Councillors Report – Cllr Will Chakawhata</p> <p>Updates reported:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planning application for a Dog Exercise Park in Long Lane has been granted subject to conditions. • The Agricultural Access planning application at Furzehill has been refused on the loss of the substantial hedgerows. • Fly-tipping at Lodge Road has been reported to Dorset Council. • Future of the Holt Football Club is still under threat but there may be some leeway. The Chairman took this opportunity to confirm the Planning Agent for the Gaunts Estate proposal for the development of the land advised the Estate has served notice but the club does not need to leave the building/site until the new clubhouse is built. There is no formal paperwork in place for the existing arrangement and there needs to be a transition to a position whereby the club has a formal agreement for the security of all parties. The Club now has the draft agreement. • The Community Farm at Holtwood is awaiting the renewal of their tenancy agreement with Dorset Council. They would like to proceed with improvements subject to this being in place. • Correspondence received from a resident requesting a 30mph speed limit in Colehill Lane and hedge trimming around signs; forwarded to Cllr Peter Finney for Highways Working Group to consider.
383	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>A resident complimented the newly refurbished Fingerpost at Broomhill.</p> <p>A resident objected to the four planning applications at Clayford being considered by members this evening and provided information and photographic evidence to support objections.</p> <p>A further resident objected to all four applications at Clayford. The area continues to see development without appropriate permissions and access is used over private land and the unsuitable bridleway endangering rightful users and disturbing the peace and quiet of the area.</p> <p>The owner of Anchor Paddock provided clarification on the reason for this latest application for the dwelling following a recent Appeal decision whereby the Inspector agreed the dormer and ground floor additions are acceptable provided outbuildings are demolished.</p> <p>The Planning Consultant for Walston Poultry Farm explained the outline planning applications is for access to the proposed 7 dwellings. All other matters reserved.</p> <p>A neighbour to Walston Poultry Farm attended as an interested party and who has no objection to the outline proposal.</p>
384	<p>Planning Applications & Enforcement Matters</p> <p>P/FUL/2025/02998 The Bothey, Clayford, BH21 7BJ - Retain replacement dwelling. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal. This is in fact a new building in the Green Belt and therefore contrary to the Local Plan. The proposal is detrimental to the street scene in this rural location in close proximity to the SSSI/RAMSAR and is overdevelopment in the Green Belt. There are numerous factual inaccuracies in the application according to local knowledge and we suggest the Planning Officer visits the site. Evidence presented to the Parish Council clearly shows the building is not in its original location and is now 'out of line' with the adjoining building, has moved forward and is outside the boundary of ownership. The boundary wall encroaches onto the footpath. The location of the 'cess tank' is not in the applicant's ownership and we are concerned does not meet regulations for a new</p>

	<p>dwelling. We are also concerned with impact of flooding in this location. We are keen to view the comments of Forestry England for development in this location. Photo evidence provided. <i>We request this application is considered by the Planning Committee if comments are at variance to the Planning Officers recommendation.</i></p> <p>P/FUL/2025/02869 The Old Sawmills, Clayford, BH21 7BJ - Retain replacement building. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal to retain this replacement building as the dimensions and volume have increased enormously including the height of the building. We are alarmed by the factual inaccuracies in the proposed plans. We continue to be concerned with the adverse environmental impact on the protected heathland and the detrimental impact on a SSSI/RAMSAR site, also on the amenities of the neighbours in this location. We continue to be concerned with the significant increase in traffic movements on this unsuitable bridleway access to the site as illustrated in the proposal by the applicant. We can see no justification or evidence of special circumstances that warrant this building being granted in the Green Belt/SSSI/RAMSAR. Photo evidence provided. <i>We request this application is considered by the Planning Committee if comments are at variance to the Planning Officers recommendation.</i></p> <p>P/CLE/2025/02225 The Old Sawmills, Clayford, BH21 7BJ - retain log drying shed. No evidence to tender to demonstrate the use has or has not existed continuously for a period of either 4 or 10 years.</p> <p>P/FUL/2025/02691 The Old Sawmills, Clayford, BH21 7BJ - retain use of buildings and yard to B2 general industrial use. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the apparent industrial site in this inappropriate location in close proximity to the SSSI/RAMSAR and suggest the Planning Officer makes a site visit. The site is now operating multiple commercial activities of high intensity in comparison to the low intensity Sawmill demonstrating a huge change in activity. Consequently, this has impacted on traffic, noise and disturbance to neighbours and intensive use of the unsuitable bridleway. We understand from local knowledge that neighbours and recreational users of the bridleway have stopped using it due to the volume of traffic which includes HGV'S. <i>We request this application is considered by the Planning Committee if comments are at variance to the Planning Officers recommendation.</i></p> <p>P/OUT/2025/02407 Walston Poultry Farm, Gaunts Common, BH21 4JR - Redevelopment of existing buildings to create 7 habitable dwellings (access only). Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/HOU/2025/02570 Anchor Paddock, Batchelors Lane, Holtwood, BH21 7DS - Retain first floor dormer and ground floor additions, demolish outbuildings known as AP1 and AP2. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal. Having viewed the Planning Inspectors Report, whilst we welcome the reduction of buildings on the plot, we still maintain our original objection to the scale of the dormer on the original bungalow.</p> <p>P/HOU/2025/02526 The Barn, Gods Blessing Lane, Holt, BH21 7DE – Change of use of land to garden and erect a garage. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the substantially enlarged curtilage for a garden and garage in this prominent location. The proposal would impact the openness of the green belt and therefore we consider is inappropriate development.</p>
385	<p>Highways</p> <p><u>Highway Working Group Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting confirmation from Dorset Council for the public consultation for the 3 agreed speed limits. <i>Cllr Will Chakawhata will enquire with Officers when this will be.</i> • The new SID unit should be delivered to Dorset Council this week and will be deployed. • The survey of Lodge Road will be completed by Dorset Council before school summer holidays to establish if location is suitable for a SID unit.

	<p><u>Other Highway matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to report 'Horse Drawn Vehicles' Sign at Higher Row Cattle Grid is not legible. 1288186 • Cllr Sarah Weaver reported Goat Willow close to Bilberries is falling over the road and will discuss with the Community Highways Officer. • The Clerk advised that members of the Holtwood Chapel Community kindly planted up the Holtwood BT Box and are tending to them. <i>Clerk will write a letter of thanks.</i> • The Furzehill BT Box is now painted and bedding plants kindly supplied by Stewarts Garden Centre for this box and the Broomhill Box. Cllr Peter Finney advised Stewards are happy to support every year. <i>Clerk will thank the resident who organised the refurbishment of the Furzehill Box with helpers and for organising 'Stewarts' logo signs. They also suggested the Parish Council regularly inspect the boxes for maintenance. Agreed. The Chairman will write a letter of thanks to Stewarts Garden Centre.</i> • The Broomhill Fingerpost has been refurbished as arranged with a grant from the Dorset CPRE and will be featured in their social media. www.dorset-cpre.org.uk • Cllr Sarah Weaver advised the verges have been cut very well by the Dorset Council Contractor. • Dorset Council proposed temporary closure of Holt Lane to allow Wessex Water to carry out sewer works 14th – 16th July 2025. <i>Noted</i> • Dorset Council proposed temporary closure at Gaunts Common (Horseshoe Crossroads) to allow Scottish & Southern Power to carry out tree cutting works 09:30 – 15:30 on 7th July 2025. <i>Noted.</i>
386	<p>Holt Cemetery Matters</p> <p>Members completed the annual inspection and risk assessment; the Clerk will action issues raised. The Chairman will clean/repair benches and place new bench.</p>
387	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver provided a general report to members on rights of way matters in the Parish.</p>
388	<p>Parish Hall Matters</p> <p>Members reviewed the Annual Accounts from which there were no matters arising.</p>
389	<p>St Margarets & Stones Almshouses Report – Cllr Jonathan Cutts</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Cutts (Parish Council representative for the Charity) reported the collection of Almshouses in Wimborne with the 9 commercial properties in West Street are very active and suggested the criteria for eligibility is circulated to residents via HOLT Together/Village Voices and the website. The Charity provides subsidised housing for people in housing need who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have been resident for at least ten years in either the town of Wimborne or the parishes of Pamphill & Shapwick, Holt or the part of Colehill which was the ancient Borough of Wimborne. 2. Are of pensionable age (normally). 3. Have limited capital and little income. <p>The Clerk can provide an application form on request.</p>

390	<p>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A resident has written in support of the proposal to deploy a SID unit at Lodge Road and raised their concern with vehicles approaching Lodge Road too fast from Bussens Corner. This area is busy with pedestrians, cyclists, horse-riders. <i>Noted.</i>Dorset Local Plan – Parish & Town Council Event Monday 14th July 2025 at Dorchester Corn Exchange. <i>Clerk to reserve two places for session 2-4pm. (JW/JC)</i>Correspondence from a resident concerned about the horse-driving event visiting Holt on June 28th and the reason why the Holt Halls Together Summer Fete has been cancelled. <i>Noted, it is now understood they are just visiting as part of the drive and entitled to use the Green.</i>Members discussed the proposed Vale of Allen Neighbourhood Area and agreed to respond: <i>In our opinion the Vale of Allen area of Gaunts Common should be considered for exclusion from the proposed area on the basis of not splitting the community.</i>																		
391	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 D. Croombs</td><td>Millenium Sign Holt Green</td><td>£1200.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE Normtec</td><td>Refurbishment of Broomhill Fingerpost</td><td>£1539.75</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE DAPTC Ltd</td><td>Annual Subscription to DAPTC & NALC</td><td>£496.21</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE Dorset Council</td><td>Supply & Install Solar Panels on 6 poles</td><td>£1620.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE Dorset Council</td><td>Annual SID Deployment pro-rata to 31/03/25</td><td>£170.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE DAPTC</td><td>New Councillor Training (SB)</td><td>£60.00</td></tr></table>	ONLINE D. Croombs	Millenium Sign Holt Green	£1200.00	ONLINE Normtec	Refurbishment of Broomhill Fingerpost	£1539.75	ONLINE DAPTC Ltd	Annual Subscription to DAPTC & NALC	£496.21	ONLINE Dorset Council	Supply & Install Solar Panels on 6 poles	£1620.00	ONLINE Dorset Council	Annual SID Deployment pro-rata to 31/03/25	£170.00	ONLINE DAPTC	New Councillor Training (SB)	£60.00
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	<p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>9th July 2025 at 7pm</u></p>																		

Meeting closed 21:28

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

Signed: **9th July 2025**