

Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council
9th July 2025 at 7pm
HOLT PARISH HALL

392	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p> Cllr Sue Barnes Cllr Geoff Chopping Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Wrettham Ladbroke-Chartres (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Geof Pike Cllr Guy Reynolds (Chairman) 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>4 members of public present</p> <p>Apologies received: Cllr Jonathan Cutts</p>
393	<p>Declaration of Interests & Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None received.</p>
394	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 11th June 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>11th June 2025</u> were amended at item 378 on page 431; item 385 page 434; confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
395	<p>Dorset Councillors Report – Cllr Will Chakawhata</p> <p>Updates reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Household Recycling on-line Booking System will apply to Wimborne HRC from Autumn 2025. If you do not have internet access, you can ask someone to make the booking for you. If this isn't possible, you will be able to take your waste to the recycling centre without a booking and speak to a member of staff when you arrive. You'll be able to book a slot over the phone in the future, sometime after the system launches. <i>Members commented they are concerned local residents would be turned away and we may see an increase in fly-tipping.</i> Dorset Council will be considering boundary changes to their member wards which would affect Furzehill which is currently served by more than one member; a formal consultation will be carried out.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QE Leisure Centre unlikely now to re-open to clubs/groups until January 2026. • Planning Application for Shady Glades Dog Exercise Park was permitted under a delegated decision by Dorset Council which was in error, it should have been referred to the Planning Committee as both the Parish Council and Ward Member objected. Dorset Council may receive a Judicial Review claim by a complainant. • Holt Football Club is still facing some issues in relation to the future of the Clubhouse; an update is awaited. It may still be worth considering nominating as a Community Asset. <i>The Chairman added that the Parish Council would be able to do that if the Club should request.</i> • A public consultation will be held later this month for the 3 proposed speed limits in Holt Parish. Physical notices are placed in the area explaining how people can engage in the consultation and an advert is placed in the media. Most people use the online process to comment: Comment on moving Traffic Regulation Orders - Dorset Council. <i>The Parish Council will also publicise to encourage participation.</i> • Holtwood Community Farm – still chasing the Portfolio holder in respect of the tenancy agreement.
396	<p>Public Open Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant for Kingsettle Lodge provided information and background to the proposal for a replacement dwelling which has been reduced in scale and will utilise the existing access. <i>Noted.</i> • The applicant for The Croft provided information and background to the retrospective application which will now remain a bungalow (previous permission granted for a house). <i>Noted.</i> • A resident attended to raise a number of highway and rights of way issues that need attention in the Parish. <i>Noted for action by the Parish Council.</i> • A resident attended to ask for clarification on how the public consultation will be advertised on the proposed 30mph for Holtwood (<i>see Cllr Will Chakawhata's report above</i>) and also to raise concern with the condition of the road surface through Gaunts Common which is particularly dangerous for motorcycles. <i>The Chairman advised that any highway issues or incidents should be reported online to Dorset Council.</i> Road safety - Dorset Council
397	<p>Planning & Tree Applications/Planning Enforcement Matters</p> <p>P/FUL/2025/03407 Kingsettle Lodge, Bakers Lane, Holtwood, BH21 7DR - Demolish barn and outbuilding and erect a replacement dwelling. Members resolved unanimously to respond NO OBJECTION noting the improved proposal however, we defer to the professional opinion of the Planning Officer to decide if the proposed location is an adequate exchange for the removal of the existing buildings in this Green Belt location.</p> <p>P/HOU/2025/03490 The Croft, Burts Lane, Mannington BH21 7JX - alter and extend dwelling (retrospective). Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/FUL/2025/03614 Glenhurst, Holt Road, BH21 7DL - demolish existing buildings and erect one 4-bedroom house. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal which is in-keeping with the neighbouring property.</p>

	<p>P/HOU/2025/03685 White Barn, Anchor Paddock, Batchelors Lane, Holtwood, BH21 7DS - Retain existing plant room. Retain 1 x wall following demolition of the remaining garage and erection of car port. No comment – Dorset Council as declined to determine under s.70c of the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>P/NMA/2025/03732 Stocks Cottage, Furzehill, BH21 4HF Proposal: Non-Material Amendment - Internal layouts altered, minor amendment to window and door locations, ground floor level lowered to provide 2.4m room heights - ridge height retained as approved to planning permission P/FUL/2022/02243 Proposed plot severance and the erection of a new dwelling with associated hardstandings. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>P/NMA/2025/03783 Land to the East and West of the Cranborne Road, Burts Hill, Wimborne. Proposal: Non-Material Amendment - Enhancement and formalisation of the SANG path network in the southwest quadrant, including connections to Burt's Hill and Wimborne First School. The path is intended to support educational access for the school to the SANG, with secondary provision for general public use to planning permission 3/14/2017 Change of use of agricultural land to form Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) as amended by plans rec'd 30th September 2014 and 25 March 2015, and June 2015 additional details rec'd 11th February 2015. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>Notification of Appeal against Enforcement Notice at Bankside, Holtwood, BH21 7DX. Development: Raised roof with first floor accommodation, infill extension, new garage – planning permission refused. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>P/CLP/2025/03802 Turbary Cottage, Holt Heath, BH21 7JZ Certificate of Lawfulness application for siting of caravan to provide additional accommodation for family of homeowners. <i>Noted.</i></p>
398	<p>Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident has requested a Speed Indicator Device (SID) is considered for Smugglers Lane 40mph and also as a location for the Community Speed Watch as there is an increasing number of traffic movements using the route as a short cut. <i>Members agreed to ask Dorset Council to assess suitability for a SID location and Dorset Police for CSW.</i> • Proposed temporary closure of Furzehill for sewer connection works 1st – 5th September 2025. <i>Noted.</i> • Proposed temporary closure of Whitemoor 09:30 – 15:30 on 10th & 11th September to allow Openreach to carry out new pole installations. <i>Noted.</i> • The Clerk will report to Dorset Council the pipe under the bridleway/highway at Lower Row needs rodding to allow drainage to the pond (and advise the NT) 1290726 • The Clerk will report to the National Trust that work is required to Lower Row Pond to prevent highway flooding and the stream also needs clearing. There is also a lot of verge side ragwort that needs clearing. • The Clerk will report overgrown vegetation by cattle grid gates on Holt Heath to Dorset Council (and advise the NT) MNT69186 • Clerk to report split Goat Willow now leaning over highway at Bilberries Corner, Holtwood. 1290732 It was noted Holt Forest generally overgrown over the highway. • Members agreed to schedule a Community Speedwatch session at Furzehill. (SB) • It was noted that reported potholes recently were repaired by Dorset Council very quickly.

399	<p>Holt Cemetery Matters</p> <p>The Clerk updated members on actions completed following the annual inspection last month. <i>Chairman to check D68 & D100 for stability.</i></p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to accept the quotation from C. Hiscock to maintain the grass for one year from 1st August 2025 @ £1950.00 and to maintain the hedges @ £630.00.</p>
400	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver provided a general report to members on rights of way matters in the Parish including the submerged bridge on E68 Newmans Lane. The drainage of the heath appears to have altered due to the mire project.</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping reported to members on a proposal for a minimal footpath link from Woodleaze Copse to Furzehill Wood at the former East Dorset Council Offices prior to development of the site. <i>Cllr Will Chakawhata will discuss with officers.</i></p>
401	<p>Parish Hall Matters</p> <p>Members support in principle the proposal by the Management Committee to make improvements to the outside area of the Hall including French Doors to access a seating area to the rear.</p>
402	<p>Review of Policies and Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Orders – no amendments. • Financial Regulations – members resolved unanimously to amend sum to £4000 at section 11, Contracts. • Code of Conduct – no amendments. • Emergency Policy – updated contact details and it was agreed Clerk to approach The Stocks Inn, The Horns Inn and Holt Football Club to be listed as ‘meeting points’ in the event of an emergency. • Co-option Specification – no amendments.
403	<p>IT Policy</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to adopt IT Policy and record that all Parish Council business is communicated via the Clerk unless delegated specifically to a councillor.</p>
404	<p>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk has been in touch with Windrose Rural Media Trust who now hold the 1978 ‘Portrait of Holt’ film. <i>Clerk to forward contact details to Cllr Jackie Egan for possible showing at Village Hall Celebrations later in the year.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wessex Water sewer renovation in Holt 14th – 18th July communicated directly to residents effected (and circulated on HOLT Together). <i>Noted.</i>
405	<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: <p>ONLINE DAPTC New Councillor Training (SB) £60.00 ONLINE CLERK Reimbursement of Expenses £101.66</p>
	<p>Items for information only</p> <p>Cllr Janet Wallace reported on the recent DAPTC meeting which discussed improving the relationship between Dorset Council and Town/Parish Councils.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>20th August 2025 at 7pm</u></p>

Meeting closed 21:01

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

Signed: 20th August 2025