

MINUTES OF HOLTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 8th January 2020
in Holton St Mary Village Hall

		Action
	<p>Present: Parish Council (PC): Sally Thurlow (ST – Chairman), Erik Ellis (EE- Vice Chairman), Oliver Greene (OG), Jan Cheng (JC), Claire Rowan (CR), Mark Anderson (MA), Richard Appleton (RA), Anne Priestley (Clerk) District Councillor: John Ward (JW) County Councillor: Gordon Jones (GJ) Members of the Public: 0</p>	
19.77	<p>Apologies for Absence: None</p>	
19.78	<p>Declarations of Interest: MA declared that he lives at Church Square.</p>	
19.79	<p>Minutes of meeting of 13th November 2019 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2019 were approved and signed as an accurate record by the Chairman.</p>	
19.80	<p>Public Forum County Councillor’s Report (GJ): There will be a council tax increase at maximum allowed for this year. Reasons vary from continuing uncertainty in the economy and the wish to improve services such as care provision and education. New funds are becoming available just this year for Suffolk wide issues and we might be able to fund an ANPR camera for the area. The consultation on children’s centres has been announced today. GJ will chase up the letter Sally sent to highways re. recent Anglian Water road closures. District Councillors’ Report (JW): District are currently prosecuting environment and food hygiene infringements and will be looking to impose penalties on people claiming rates discounts they are not entitled to. Draft budget is being looked at next week. Council Tax is to go up by £5 for a band D property. Council house rents are also to go up. Council will be borrowing up to £100M in the next 18 months to invest in property, aiming to achieve a portfolio whose income will support the overall council budget.</p>	GJ
19.81	<p>Correspondence and Clerk’s Report: Two new villagers at Lark Hall with experience in these matters have offered to help the Parish Council with Planning issues. Letter from Stratford St Mary PC re possible Neighbourhood Plan joint working. Upon discussion, it was decided it was difficult to see how this is beneficial to HSM. Clerk to write back and ask what are the drivers for wanting to do this? Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch had asked for a donation. It was agreed that there were no funds for this. Insurance Claim for post and rail fence. Clerk reported that the requested information had been sent and we were still awaiting response from insurers. SALC survey. The Clerk encouraged those able to spare the time to complete the online planning survey for SALC, details of which had been forwarded in an email.</p>	AP
19.82	<p>Updated Policies The tailored Standing Orders and new Media and Press policy were reviewed and it was RESOLVED to adopt them as presented.</p>	
19.83	<p>Finance: a. Financial Report Bank Balances at 31.12.19: Current Account £1806.37 Saver Account £12,164.53 Receipts since 01.11.19: Bank Interest £2.03 Precept £3,414.15 CIL £7,376.96 Total Payments since 01.11.19: £1,630.29 The balances were examined against bank statements, signed and agreed as a true record.</p>	

	<p>b. It was RESOLVED the following payments be received and approved:</p> <p>30.11.19 S/O Salary £303.33 31.12.19 S/O Salary £303.33 31.1.20 S/O Salary £303.33 8.1.20 Village Hall MC Hire of Hall £17.00</p> <p><i>All payments are made under the powers provided by the Local Government Act 1972 S111 unless otherwise specified.</i></p> <p>c. Budget expenditure and remaining budget were examined and it was agreed to Vire £5 from wreath and £7 from elections to Village Hall to cover shortfall arising from extra meeting held last year.</p> <p>d. The precept forms for 2020/21 were signed ready to be delivered.</p>	
19.84	<p>Planning:</p> <p>A planning committee was appointed in order to give the council greater flexibility in finding a suitable meeting date. The members are: ST (Chair), EE(Deputy), OG, MA, RA, JC and CR. The meetings shall be quorate at three members.</p> <p>The committee will comment on local planning applications and planning matters.</p> <p>It was noted that Appeal decision APP/D3505/W/19/3236288 was Dismissed.</p>	
19.85	<p>Highways:</p> <p>a. Speeding and other road issues- MA reported temporary RAS sign was in the village in late October and again in November and is due again soon. The Safety van visited last week.</p> <p>b. Road condition – The gravel is still coming off the road surface and the BT covers have been ‘cemented’ in by the tar.</p> <p>c. Footpaths and Pavements – Wenham loop field hasn’t been re-instated, but the ground is too wet. The bridge at the bottom of Sulleys Hill has broken. Both incidents have been reported. All others are OK. Clerk to contact SCC to ask if there has been any applications for variations to footpaths in HSM.</p>	AP
19.86	<p>Emergency Planning</p> <p>RA reported that the open list in the Village Hall asking for volunteers had not been successful and we need to think of a different way to gather info. RA has talked to Businesses seem to have their own plans and wouldn’t be a part of a village plan. RA to organise a subcommittee to push this forward.</p>	RA
19.87	<p>Church Square</p> <p>Recent further damage to bollards and post and rail fence has left the structures unstable. Clerk to push ahead with appointing Bland Landscapes to replace as soon as possible, bearing in mind funding is not available until April.</p>	AP
19.88	<p>Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council</p> <p>To agree items for next agenda</p> <p>RA raised the issue of the broken fence and untidy strip of hedging along the roadside between Field View and Holton Hall. He will research ownership and possible solutions to bring to the meeting in March.</p>	RA
19.89	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>11th March 2020 was confirmed.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed

Date