

MINUTES OF HOLTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 11th July 2018
in Holton St Mary Village Hall

		Action								
18/39	<p>Present: Parish Council (PC): Erik Ellis (EE – Vice Chairman), Richard Appleton (RA), Mark Anderson (MA), Riet Howard (RH), Anne Wicks (Clerk) District Councillors: Fenella Swan (FS), Sue Carpendale (SC) County Councillor: Members of the Public: 6 Erik chaired the meeting in absence of Sally</p>									
18/40	<p>Apologies for Absence: Apologies were accepted from: Oliver Greene (OG), Sally Thurlow (ST- Chairperson), Claire Rowan (CR), Gordon Jones (GJ). Apologies were accepted unanimously.</p>									
18/41	<p>Declarations of Interest: None declared</p>									
18/42	<p>Minutes of meeting of the meeting held on 9th May Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May were approved and signed as an accurate record by the Chairman. Proposed by RH . Seconded by RA . Agreed unanimously.</p>									
18/43	<p>Matters arising not covered by the agenda monitor Contact Oliver re being responsible for footpaths – Richard is happy to take over</p>	AW								
18/44	<p>Close Meeting County Councillor’s Report (GJ): Read by Anne District Councillors’ Report (SC, FS): attached Public comments on planning application. All present were against the new plans for the same reasons as detailed when the first plans were discussed. The Chairman reopened the meeting.</p>									
18/45	<p>Correspondence and Clerk’s Report: Funded PSCOs – It was decided we were too small to fund a local PSCO, will consider helping a local joint venture. Internal Audit Report. This was read through, it was unanimously agreed that all recommendations should be implemented and comments taken into consideration where possible. Data Protection – It was agreed to register with ICO as soon as possible – problems with website currently making things difficult. Anne reported that the next stage is to complete an information Audit. It was agreed that Anne should bring this to the next meeting for ratification.</p>	AW AW AW								
18/46	<p>Finance: a. Financial Report. Anne presented a financial spreadsheet (attached) detailing expenditure against budget with reconciliations against the bank account to demonstrate accuracy. Payments for authorisation were also detailed. Bank Balances at 31.05.18: Current Account £1,920.16 Saver Account £5,314.11 Bank Balances at 30.06.18: Current Account £1,532.42 Saver Account £5,314.11 Receipts since 01.04.18: Precept £2,486.00 VAT repayment £281.68 Total Payments since 01.04.18: £1,420.49</p> <p>b. The following payments were authorised:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Village Hall Cmttee</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Hire of Hall: 18.07.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keith Jeffreys</td> <td>Grass Cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keith Jeffreys</td> <td>Grass cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anne Wicks June</td> <td>Clerks salary</td> </tr> </table>	Village Hall Cmttee	Hire of Hall: 18.07.18	Keith Jeffreys	Grass Cutting	Keith Jeffreys	Grass cutting	Anne Wicks June	Clerks salary	
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	Anne Wicks July	Clerks Salary	242.74
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	HMRC	PAYE	257.20
	Salc	Internal Audit Fee	136.04
	Salc	Clerks Introductory Course	27.60
	ICO	Data Protection Registration	35.00
	Proposed by MA . Seconded by RA . Agreed unanimously.		
18/47	Planning: - DC/18/01945 - Land To The Rear Of Longacre , Hadleigh Road, Holton St Mary, CO7 6NS - revised plans. Properties have been reduced in size, but comments made on first application still stand. Public comments were noted. Still in our view overcrowded. Anne will draft a reply and circulate. Erik has been approached by a villager re. enforcement of planning regulations for the caravans at Holton Hall Farm. No progress has been made to date – Sue Carpendale will contact the relevant officer and advise		AW SC
18/48	Roadside trees: No report on progress. Anne to email Gordon.		AW
18/49	Commemoration of end of WW1: Things moving ahead. We would like to plant roadside trees this season and name them to commemorate the five men who died in WW1 . Anne to speak to Gordon		AW
18/50	Speeding and other Road issues: Highways contacted re state of road – inspection done, no action is required. Speed survey, Highways to come back to Mark Wheelie bins stickers – we will watch the Raydon campaign and see if the scheme works. Notley park traffic – Mark has been to see LJ – It was a good meeting. They have been positive about ensuring compliance of drivers, particularly at night. Police have done two speed monitoring sessions recently.		
18/51	Tony Johnson: EE will see soon.		EE
18/52	Footpaths: Path by A12 in Higham still impassable. EE to chase.		EE
18/53	Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council: None		
	Next meeting: The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 12 th September. Reit sends here her apologies as she is on Holiday		

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed

Date

Copy of Parish Council Planning response:

Planning Application No: DC/18/01945

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Severance of part of rear garden and erection of 3 single storey dwellings and associated garages and landscaping with amended vehicular access to the highway – Amendments made 6th June 2018

Location: Land to the rear of Long Acre, Hadleigh Road, Holton St Mary CO7 6NS

Following consultation with the village residents, the Parish Council of Holton St Mary objects to the application for outline planning permission reference DC/18/01945 for the following reasons:

1. Land is outside the Local Plan settlement boundary

It does not constitute an 'exception site'

Site is not 'previously developed/brownfield site.'

2. The proposal contravenes the objectives set out in the Local Strategic Plan and Local Development Plan

- The number of houses (3) proposed in the application is disproportionate for the size of the site. Despite the amended size of the properties, it is still felt that 3 new properties represent an overdevelopment of the site. Reference core strategy numbers 12-15. Also Objective 6: Protect / conserve and enhance: local character; built, natural and historic environment including archaeology, biodiversity, landscape, townscape; **shape & scale of communities**; the quality and character of the countryside; and treasured views of the district

3. Highways Issues – Living in a village with few amenities is only possible with a car. The severe deterioration of the road surface through the village would be exacerbated by these extra dwellings. It is recognised by Suffolk Highways and Highways England that the Four Sisters junction with the A12 is substandard and the increased use of the B1070 means it is increasingly busy and by obvious extrapolation, dangerous.

4. Proximity and Impact on Heritage Asset

The proposed development is located within line of sight of Squirrels Hall, a building and setting of which are both listed Heritage assets.

5. Mains Drainage

The plans submitted suggest the new properties will be connected to the mains drains. Anglian water is aware of a number of instances of reflux sewerage in people's homes at the east end of the Village, suggesting capacity issues. The Meadow View development of houses of equal distance from the main sewer was refused connection, and there is nowhere for drains to be routed other than under the non-load bearing proposed roadway

6. Unsustainability

Holton St Mary is considered an 'unsustainable Hinterland village' (DC Local Plan 2011-2031). It is Babergh's policy not to introduce housing developments where there is insufficient infrastructure. Under the existing Babergh core strategy and draft Joint Local plan, the proposed development does not meet the criteria for development.

In addition, local services are already under pressure; schools, Doctors' surgeries, and transportation. The bus service through the village now only services commuters with no provision for the elderly, the most likely investors in new bungalows. Footways are in many places not wide enough to pass safely (18 inches) and are in poor condition with overhanging vegetation that has not been cut by Suffolk Highways despite Parish Council members reporting these issues over the past few months. It is impossible to push pram / buggy / wheelchair from one end of village to other on a secure footway.

The Parish Council has concluded that this is still inappropriate development on undesignated land and we wish to register our objection to the amended proposal.