

HOLTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 12th January 2022
at 8 p.m. at Holton St Mary Village Hall

Present:

Parish Council (PC); Janice Cheng (JC) Chair, Sally Thurlow (ST), Mark Anderson (MA), Oliver Greene (OG)
Liz Sims (LS) Clerk

County Councillor: Georgia Hall (GH)

Members of the Public: None

21.77 Chairman's welcome, accept councillors' apologies for absence.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were received and accepted from Claire Rowan (CR) Matt Toone (MT), Mike Hay (MH) and District Councillor John Ward.

21.78 To accept members' declarations of interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

All Councillors, as Villagers, have an interest in Planning items.

21.79 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th November 2021 were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting by the Chair. Proposed by MA, seconded by JC and agreed unanimously.

21.80 Public Forum

To receive reports from and ask questions to County Councillor and District Councillor.

JW (District Councillor) was not present, report previously circulated.

GH (County Councillor) report circulated, GH noted that Suffolk County Council proposed budget for 2022/23 resulted in a 2.99% rise in Council Tax, 1.9% was to be spent on adult social care. The budget includes £20 million funding for highways (£10 million for drainage schemes and £10 million to improve footpath quality). GH advised that the ANPR scheme was still in the recruitment process, no date for commencement is available yet. GH advised that she is in discussion with Raydon PC regarding the possibility of extending the 40mph speed limit on areas of the B1070 between Holton St Mary and Raydon.

ST informed GH that there has previously been a Police recommendation for the 30mph speed limit sign entering the village to be moved nearer to the A12 slip road turn off – GH will pursue this suggestion.

An email has been received from a Parishioner regarding various issues with public footpaths in the Parish, including footpaths/bridleways being blocked with potato boxes and a bridleway being ploughed up to the hedge line leaving no pathway for horses or pedestrians. It was also noted that there is a missing footpath sign for F17, when previously reported it was advised that this would not be replaced owing to a planned footpath diversion however the PC has not been consulted on any planned diversion. It was agreed to forward details of footpath concerns to GH for her attention.

21.81 Correspondence and Clerk's Report

To note correspondence received since last meeting; -

Letter received from Dedham Vale AONB regarding donations, it was agreed that there were no available funds for this.

To note Clerk's actions since last meeting; -

VAT claim submitted

21.82 Planning

- a) To receive any planning updates

DC/21/06355 Proposal: Severance of garden and erection of 1No single storey dwelling.
Location: El Camino, Hadleigh Road, Holton St Mar, Suffolk. CO7 6NW

It was noted that planning permission has been GRANTED

It was noted that a date for the Babergh Planning Committee to meet to discuss the following planning application has not yet been set.

DC/20/05590 – Holton Hall Farm, Hadleigh Road, Holton St Mary CO7 6NN

Erection of No28 bedroom community care, rehabilitation and respite centre following removal of existing caravan park buildings and relocation of 4no static homes.

It was noted that there is renovation work currently being carried out at Little Dean, Hadleigh Road, Holton St Mary, the work being completed is within permitted development guidelines.

Joint Local Plan

The Babergh Joint Local Plan is currently under review by inspectors. HSM PC are submitting a letter to Babergh Planning Department and the Examiners regarding the inclusion of land North of the B1070 for building purposes, which the PC has previously objected to, and asking for the PC to have verbal representation at the relevant examination hearings.

21.83 Broadband

ST advised that County Broadband has advised that it has received sufficient responses from HSM to proceed, it was not yet confirmed whether this would be part of a wider programme with surrounding villages.

21.84 Locality Award

ST advised that the Millennium Green Trustees were going to be discussing the possibility of having play equipment at Millennium Green at their next meeting. GH advised that applications for locality grants had been extended into the next financial year if the PC wished to consider this following a decision from the Millennium Green Trustees.

21.85 Finance

- a. Finance Report;

Bank balances as at 31 st December 2021	Current Account	£4,779.93
	Reserve Account	£10,515.99
Receipts since last meeting	Interest	£0.09
	VAT Reclaim	£101.10
Total payments since last meeting		£893.66

The balances were examined against bank statements, signed and agreed as a true record.

- b. It was Resolved that the following payments to be agreed and authorised: -

22.11.2021	BACS	Farming Support Solutions	£200.00
30.12.2021	SO	Clerks Salary	£303.33
17.01.2022	BACS	Village Hall Hire	£ 17.00
30.01.2022	SO	Clerks Salary	£303.33

It was agreed that the invoice for Farming Support Solutions would be funded from CIL funds and noted on the end of year CIL report

- c. The remaining budget was examined and agreed, no virements necessary

21.86 Defibrillator Service Agreement

It was discussed and agreed that the PC would not sign up to 4year service agreement for Defibrillator, purchasing the replacement pads and batteries as required remained a cheaper option.

21.87 Budget 2022/2023

The budget for 2022/2023 was agreed at £6,816 the Precept form was signed by the Chair and countersigned by the Clerk.

21.88 Village Infrastructure including CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)

- a. CIL –ST advised that the Millennium Green Trustees had carried out a survey for Villager’s opinions regarding installation of electricity at Millennium Green, about a 3rd of the Village had responded with the majority in favour of the suggestion. It was agreed that a working party should be set up at the next PC meeting to proceed further with exploring options for this proposal.
- b. Village Hall Management Committee representative- ST advised that the Village Hall Committee has had a disability discrimination survey completed by an occupational therapist, the results will be considered at their next meeting.
- c. Millennium Green Representative – the Millennium Green representative was not present at the meeting.

OG left the meeting at this point.

21.89 Highways

- a. Speeding and other road issues – MA advised that he had completed and submitted the lorry route survey as agreed at the November meeting. He further advised that he had visited the Notley Business Park with Christmas cards and thanked businesses for the consideration of their lorry drivers through the village, a positive response was received by the visit.
- b. Road condition – it was noted that Anglia Water were currently working in Hadleigh Road providing maintenance to sewage pots.
- c. Footpaths and Pavements- previously discussed in Public Forum

21.90 Safeguarding

JC advised that she is currently working on a safeguarding template which will be presented to the Councillors for consideration once completed.

21.91 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.

It was agreed that Training should be noted on the next agenda to discuss various training options. ST noted that the Village had experienced a fall away in water pressure recently following power cuts, and suggested that the resilience in the system needs removing- ST will take to the SALC/Babergh forum to see if other Councils are having this problem, and suggested that individuals could write to Anglia Water with their concerns.

21.92 Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 9th March 2022.

Meeting Closed at 21.40 hrs

Signed

Date