

HOLTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 8 pm at Holton St
Mary Village Hall

Present:

Parish Council: Oliver Greene (OG) Chair, Mike Hay (MH), David Johnson (DJ)

District Councillor: John Ward (JW)

Members of the public: Not counted.

01.03.24 Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence: Mark Anderson, Claire Rowan, Mark Rogers, Faye Hall (Parish Clerk) and Georgia Hall County Councillor.

02.03.24 Members declarations of interest were accepted: OG declared personal interest in relation to Planning Application DC/24/00781

03.03.24 The minutes of the meeting of January 10th 2024 were approved and signed.

04.03.24 Councillor Vacancy: No applications have been received.

05.03.24 Public Forum: John Ward gave his report.

06.03.24 Planning:

DC/24/00781. Mr Henry Sugden attended the parish Council meeting so was invited to make further comments about this application following his presentation at the previous meeting. These included remarks about 24/7 operation, tractor trailer deliveries of grapes, bottling operations. Comments from Councillors and the public included concerns about water supply and pressure issues in the village, electricity supply disruptions, traffic, lighting at night, noise from the facility including bottling and the need for a noise survey (that is being undertaken), ecology-including bats- and smell. Mr Sugden remarked that there had been 16 letters in support of the scheme.

It was agreed that the Chairman would draft a formal letter to Babergh District Council objecting to the proposal including, amongst other things, that the approval of an industrial facility on the site would be precedent setting and citing the concerns expressed above.

DC/24/01178 Oaks Farm. It was agreed that the Chairman would draft a letter to BDC reinforcing the objection comments already made by Highways and BDC and the fact that there had been no material change from the previous application that had been refused by BDC.

In regard to the 28 Bed Rehabilitation Home project it was noted that the meeting to consider this will be held on 17th April.

07.03.24 National Grid East Anglia pylons project. No update was received

08.03.24. Correspondence and Clerk's report

The Aggregate Industries speeding issue may have been resolved by the acknowledgement of the management to instruct drivers to slow down and stick to the authorised route (with thanks to Erik Ellis for taking this up with them).

09.03.24 Finance

The proposed expenses set out in the agenda for the meeting were authorised and signed.

10.03.24 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The CIL Expenditure report was approved and signed

11.03.24 Plaque for the King's Coronation Tree. Item deferred

12.03.24 Disabled Bay in Church Square. Deferred as awaiting quotation.

13.03.24 It was agreed that a replacement hedge was needed the cost to be discussed with the PCC

14.03.24 Village Infrastructure (in order as on agenda)

(1) Janette Appleton stated that the Little Lending Library had been made and would be installed in Millenium Green. Cost being borne by SCC.

(2) Stiles expenditure up to £927 was approved

(3) Not discussed.

(4) Well Piece proposal welcomed subject to consultation outcomes. Potential request for funds noted.

15.03.24 Highways. Deferred in the absence of Mark Anderson

16.03.24 GDPR Review was approved and signed by the Chair.

17.03.24 Community Self Help Scheme. Deferred

18.03.24 Parking Sign costs. Item deferred

19.03.23 Grass cutting: Approved expenditure of £62.50. Contract renewal to be agreed when alternative costs known.

20.03.24 Kissing gate: Agreed.

21.03.24 Internal Audit

SALC re-appointed as Internal Auditor at stated fee of £177.00+VAT

22.03.24 Annual Parish Meeting-10th April 2024. No agenda amendments were proposed

23.03.24 Matters for the attention of the Council. None received

24.03.24 Next Parish Council meeting 8th May 2024 agreed

Meeting closed at 2140hrs