

**Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council**  
**15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm**  
**HOLT PARISH HALL**

<b>310</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping  Cllr Jonathan Cutts (Chair)  Cllr Jackie Egan  Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres  Cllr Geoff Pike  Cllr Guy Reynolds (Vice-Chair)  Cllr Sarah Weaver  Cllr Jane White  Cllr Will Chakawhata (Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward)  Lisa Goodwin (Clerk)</p> <p>21 members of public present</p> <p>Apologies received from:  Cllr Peter Finney  Cllr Janet Wallace</p>
<b>311</b>	<p><b>Declaration of Interests &amp; Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver keeps sheep in fields in Long Lane and whilst not declaring a pecuniary interest, does not wish to contribute or vote on the application for P/FUL/2024/06769 Shady Glades.</p>
<b>312</b>	<p><b>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>4<sup>th</sup> December 2024</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chair.</p>
<b>313</b>	<p><b>Dorset Councillors Report – Cllr Will Chakawhata</b></p> <p>Cllr Will Chakawhata provided members with a brief report mentioning the devolution of Regional Councils to form one Authority with a proposed name of ‘Wessex’. With this, Town and Parish Councils will become more important in local governance. The Government backs mayoral combined authorities.</p>
<b>314</b>	<p><b>Public Open Session</b></p> <p>The owner of ‘Shady Glades’ provided those present with some back-ground and information on the planning application for a Dog Park in respect of fencing, trees and visibility from the road.</p> <p>Three residents spoke with objections to the proposal in respect of traffic, unsuitable access, site operation concerns, noise and disturbance to local residents, impact on livestock in neighbouring fields /local wildlife, land drainage and setting a precedent for this type of development in this location. Also, that there is an existing dog park in the parish at Hayters Farm so local residents have experience of the impact of this type of operation.</p>

	<p>A resident asked members to investigate security for the Parish Council website and to consider a Speed Indicator Device for the 40mph section in Smugglers Lane which has a high volume of traffic. Local residents would support financially.</p>
<p><b>315</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications &amp; Enforcement Matters</b></p> <p><b>P/PAAC/2024/07631 BARN, BAKERS LANE, HOLTWOOD</b> Prior Approval Application Proposal: Class Q conversion of barn to form 1 C3 dwelling house. Members resolved to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>P/FUL/2024/06769 SHADY GLADES, LONG LANE, BH21 7AQ</b> Proposal: Change of use to a dog exercise park to include the formation of car parking areas, fencing and storage container. Members discussed the application having listened to the comments of members of public present and voted: 5 members objected to the proposal. 2 members had no objection and 1 abstained from voting.</p> <p>It was therefore resolved to OBJECT to the proposal due to concerns with the impact of an increase in traffic to access the park on this already over-used, single-track road without passing places and generally through Holt Parish if visiting from afar (and potentially vehicles waiting to access for a booked slot). The location is considered unsuitable both in terms of traffic and impact on local environment. We are concerned with noise and disturbance to neighbours, livestock in adjoining fields and local wildlife (whistles, voices, barking etc) without staff permanently on site to monitor. Fencing appropriate for dogs/local wildlife is necessary. We are concerned the large number of comments of support are from residents outside of the Parish (some a considerable distance) and are not 'neighbours' as stated on the Dorset Council website. Note, the Tree Officer's comments on the proposal were not available for members to consider. <i>We request this application is referred to the Planning Committee if the Officer's recommendation is at variance to the above.</i></p> <p>Notification from Dorset Council of a Local Inquiry on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 regarding appeals at Anchor Paddock, Holtwood, BH21 7DS. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>P/NMA/2024/07596 Whinridge, Holt Road, Mannington, BH21 7 JZ Proposal: Non-material amendment to Approved P/A P/FUL/2021/05632 (Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings; re-development with a detached house and separate garage / outbuilding; installation of replacement septic tank) to Straighten out wall on North West and South East elevation. Change the outer face from brick to Western Red Cedar with shadow gap to the main house and render the single-story area marked on the original plan as a boot and utility room with Sandtex Pure Brilliant White covering. Amend the oak framing to Aluminium profile from the Smarts system Range; The colour is RAL 9005matt 4. Keep the ground level the same as the existing ground level and not drop the whole site by 600mm and change the Garden frame pillars to Glulam. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>P/NMA/2024/06383 Whinridge, Holt Road, Mannington, BH21 7JZ Proposal: Non-material amendment to reduce the number of garage doors and number of windows to the rear of the garage to PP P/FUL/2021/05632 Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings; re-development with a detached house and separate garage / outbuilding; installation of replacement septic tank. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>P/CLP/2024/06958 Homeland, Holt Wood, BH21 7DX Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness application: Proposed single storey side and rear extensions and rear dormer window. <i>Noted.</i></p>

	<p>P/CLP/2025/00154 Glenhurst, Holt Road, BH21 7DL Certificate of Lawful Use Proposed Application: Side extensions to the existing bungalow. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>P/CLP/2025/00152 Glenhurst, Holt Road, Bh21 7DL Certificate of Lawful Use Proposed Application: Rear extension to existing bungalow. <i>Noted.</i></p>
316	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>Highway Working Group Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk provided members with a review of planned expenditure on highways.</li> <li>• The Chair reported on the Teams meeting with Dorset Council in December to discuss the three proposed speed limits in the Parish. Cllr Will Chakawhata was present at the meeting. Dorset Council welcomes a contribution from the local parishes and agreed to take this forward. Vale of Allen Parish Council has agreed to contribute 50% cost on the meterage that affects their Parish at Horseshoe Crossroads and a decision from Knowlton Parish is awaited. <i>Members resolved unanimously to financially support the three schemes from earmarked funds.</i></li> <li>• The Chair and Cllr Peter Finney met with two officers from Dorset Council to discuss the Speed Indicator Device programme in the Parish. The Officers were extremely helpful and supportive of the work by Holt Parish Council and members agreed to write and thank them.</li> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to utilise the Dorset Council Service to deploy the Speed Indicator Units across 3 sites in the Parish (6 poles) at a cost of £850.00 + VAT per annum from 1<sup>st</sup> April and pro-rata starting immediately. This will mean the units will be regularly deployed in rotation and maintained. Members expressed their thanks to volunteers for their time and commitment in helping with the SID's.</li> <li>• To support the SID programme, members resolved unanimously to ask Dorset Council to install solar panels on all 6 poles in the Parish for the Speed Indicator Units to work effectively @ total of £1350.00 + VAT</li> <li>• Members discussed the proposal for a 20mph speed limit in Furzehill. A speed survey has been completed in this location and it does not meet the criteria for deploying a Speed Indicator Device. Whilst traffic speed is not exceeding 30mph here, there is a high volume of traffic and the introduction of a 20mph limit would be beneficial to residents. Members agreed the Working Group would take this action forward and invite comments from local residents.</li> <li>• Members approved expenditure of £400.00 to repaint the Fingerpost at Rowe Hill Crossroads and fix an additional bracket and blade directing to Lower Rowe.</li> </ul> <p>Other Highway matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspondence from Colehill Parish Council advising that following a public consultation, their members do not support the proposed 20mph limit by Dorset Council for Burts Hill.</li> <li>• Proposed temporary closure of B3078 Cranborne Road on 18<sup>th</sup> February from 09:30 to 15:30 to allow Openreach to access poles for cabling works. <i>Noted, no comments.</i></li> <li>• Proposed temporary closure of Grange on 11<sup>th</sup> March from 09:30 to 15:30 to allow for tree works to be carried out. <i>Noted, no comments.</i></li> <li>• Proposed temporary closure of road at Holtwood between Emohym and Holtwood Community Farm on 11<sup>th</sup> March from 09:30 to 15:00 to allow Openreach to carry out pole replacement works. <i>Noted, no comments.</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed temporary closure of road at Holtwood between Holt Forest Farm to a point 190metres north on 10<sup>th</sup> March from 09:30 to 15:30 to allow Openreach to carry out pole replacement works. <i>Noted, no comments.</i></li> <li>Clerk to chase Dorset Council regarding the damage caused to the verge in Holt Forest by the water rising from the blocked pipe by Wightwick.</li> </ul>
<b>317</b>	<p><b>Holt Cemetery Matters</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported the cemetery needs a good tidy up and to remove wreaths. Moles have been very active but are being dealt with.  <i>Clerk to suggest dates for members to get a working party together to clear up.</i></p>
<b>318</b>	<p><b>Rights of Way Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver provided a round-up on Rights of Way Matters and will approach Dorset Council to discuss contributing toward the cost of repair/replacement of the damaged footbridge at E45/64 Holtwood so that it can be scheduled for repair. The Clerk will contact the horse-rider who unfortunately caused the damage if they could contribute.</p> <p>Dorset Council has advised the footpaths that were in Colehill Parish but following boundary changes in 2024 are now in Holt have been renumbered on the definitive map and statement. <i>Details circulated to all members.</i></p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping will be meeting with an Officer from Dorset Council regarding the old East Dorset Council Site to discuss the routing of the footpath.</p> <p>Members are concerned with the damage caused by builders vehicles parking on Holt Village Green. The Clerk will contact the home-owner to request the Village Green is reinstated when the building works have been finished. Members also noted damage caused by cars parking on the Green by the Village Hall entrance.</p>
<b>319</b>	<p><b>Holt Parish Hall</b></p> <p>No matters to report this month.</p>
<b>320</b>	<p><b>Black Poplars</b></p> <p>Cllr Geoff Pike provided members with a comprehensive report on potential locations for planting rare Black Poplars. Cllr Pike is in discussion with the Head Teacher at St James' School and the National Trust who support the Black Poplar Project and who can advise further.</p>
<b>321</b>	<p><b>MHCLG Consultation on Standards in Public Life &amp; Conduct</b></p> <p>Clerk to send link to members to consider a response either as an individual or as a council by 26 February 2025.</p>

322	<p><b>Dorset Council Climate &amp; Nature Survey</b></p> <p>Members resolved not to respond to this survey on this occasion as it would not be reflective of Holt Parish.</p>
323	<p><b>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sale of Holt St James Church: an expression of interest has been received and will be considered by the Diocese before making a recommendation to the Church Commissioners. In the event of this being received a further draft scheme for consultation will be published. <i>Noted.</i></li> <li>• A resident advised the Baptism Rolls are hoped to be placed in Wimborne Minster, alternatively they may be kept at the Dorchester Record Office.</li> <li>• A local resident has kindly cut the hedge to the front of Holt St James and suggested if 4 – 6 burials are relocated it might be possible to create an entrance and driveway that may make it more saleable. <i>Noted.</i></li> <li>• A resident is concerned with damage to Holt Village Green by builder’s vehicles driving and parking there for some weeks and asked if it will be repaired. <i>Action agreed.</i></li> <li>• Wessex Internet are bringing full fibre broadband to both Broomhill and Holtwood as part of the Government funded Project Gigabit scheme. Residents meetings will be organised for February/March. <i>Noted.</i></li> <li>• A resident has advised a planted Christmas Tree in a large grey ceramic pot was stolen from outside their property on 9<sup>th</sup> January, fortunately captured on CCTV. <i>Noted, Clerk to add to HOLT Together for residents information and warning.</i></li> <li>• Dorset &amp; Somerset Air Ambulance are looking for locations for clothing donation banks to support the service. <i>Clerk to forward to Village Hall/Parish Hall Committee’s.</i></li> </ul>
324	<p><b>Guest Speaker for Annual Meeting</b></p> <p>Members discussed potential Guest Speakers for the Annual Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025.</p>
325	<p><b>Financial Matters &amp; Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members considered a request for a grant from St James School toward the cost of trips and wider school activities for all pupils. Members resolved unanimously to grant £500.00.</li> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to transition to a .gov web address and email @ £125.00 pa for initial two years followed by a renewal fee every two years of £65.00 plus £20.00 for Clerk’s mailbox per year.</li> <li>• Members considered the 30% increase to the DAPTC subscription for 2025/26 and agreed to continue with membership as it provides valuable support and training to both the Clerk and members.</li> <li>• Members approved the Budget for 2025/2026. It was proposed by Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres and seconded by Cllr Jonathan Cutts to maintain the Precept @ £27.00 per Band D household for 2025/26. RESOLVED unanimously.</li> <li>• Members resolved to retain the current Financial Regulations and not adopt the new NALC Model Regulations.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quotation not yet received for the repair to the Millenium Sign on Holt Village Green. <i>Cllr Sarah Weaver will chase up with contractor.</i></li> <li>• Members approved the following items for payment and the Clerk’s salary:</li> </ul> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">ONLINE C. Hiscock</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Cemetery Grass Maintenance 2023/24</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£1900.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE C. Hiscock</td> <td>Cemetery Hedge Cutting 2023/24</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£480.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Dorset Council</td> <td>Election Expenses May 2024</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Clerk</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses Oct – Dec 2024</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£93.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Holt Parish Hall</td> <td>Hire of Hall for 2025 meetings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£198.00</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE C. Hiscock	Cemetery Grass Maintenance 2023/24	£1900.00	ONLINE C. Hiscock	Cemetery Hedge Cutting 2023/24	£480.00	ONLINE Dorset Council	Election Expenses May 2024	£50.00	ONLINE Clerk	Reimbursement of Expenses Oct – Dec 2024	£93.08	ONLINE Holt Parish Hall	Hire of Hall for 2025 meetings	£198.00
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<p><b>326</b></p>	<p><b>Information for Report only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7pm</u></li> </ul>															

Meeting closed 21:21

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

Signed: ..... **12<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

