

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

<b>327</b>	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping  Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres  Cllr Peter Finney  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>2 members of public present</p> <p>Apologies received from:  Cllr Jonathan Cutts (Chair)  Cllr Jackie Egan  Cllr Geoff Pike  Cllr Janet Wallace</p>
<b>328</b>	<p><b>Declaration of Interests &amp; Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <p>Cllr Will Chakawhata declared an interest (non-pecuniary) in Planning Application P/VOC/2025/00470 Land at Anchor Paddock.</p>
<b>329</b>	<p><b>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>15<sup>th</sup> January 2025</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chair.</p>
<b>330</b>	<p><b>Dorset Councillors Report – Cllr Will Chakawhata</b></p> <p>Cllr Will Chakawhata circulated an update from Dorset Council’s cabinet prior to the meeting and briefed members on the Dorset Council budget, devolution and revision of parking charges across Dorset. As an action from last meeting, a letter of thanks was sent to the members of the Dorset Council Speed Indicator Team for their support in Holt and has paid a visit to residents of Long Lane in respect of the planning application for a dog exercise park.</p>
<b>331</b>	<p><b>Public Open Session</b></p> <p>The applicant for Planning Application P/VOC/2025/00470 Land at Oak Tree Paddock attended to provide information on the variation to this approved application.</p>

<p><b>332</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications &amp; Enforcement Matters</b></p> <p><b>P/VOC/2025/00470 Land at Oak Tree Paddock, Batchelors Lane, Holtwood.</b> Proposal: Convert existing building into dwelling house (with variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/FUL/2024/00324 to straighten approved eastern elevation wall position and alter approved materials and fenestration). Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>P/CLE/2025/00272 1 Grange Farm Cottage, Grange Farm, BH21 4HX</b> Proposal: Application for a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development for residential use of Petersham, Woodcutts and Honeybrook Cottages, Grange, Holt. Members agreed they do not have any evidence to submit that demonstrates whether the existing use or development has or has not existed for a period of time.</p> <p>P/HOU/2024/03704 Notification of an Appeal against the refusal by Dorset Council to erect ancillary garden room/annexe at Turbary Cottage, Holt Heath, BH21 7JZ. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>P/NMA/2025/00549 Whinridge, Holt Road, Mannington, BH21 7JZ 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 the walls on the North West. South East and South West Elevations, amend the oak framing to Aluminium profile from the Smarts System Range or similar and change the garden room pillars to glulam. <i>Noted.</i></p>
<p><b>333</b></p>	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p><u>Highway Working Group Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowlton Parish Council has kindly confirmed it will make a contribution toward the 30mph speed restriction at Horseshoe Crossroads. Dorset Council has now moved the scheme to Stage 2 and will advise in due course of the date for public consultation. Members agreed to report this at the Annual Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• Dorset Police advise they will not be progressing with the use of Auto Speedwatch Camera's due to operational issues and the cost exceeding budgetary constraints.</li> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to purchase a new Speed Indicator Device to replace an old model that is not functioning correctly. This will mean there will be a unit deployed at all 3 sites</li> <li>• The Chairman will prepare a public consultation item regarding proposed 20mph at Furzehill. Members discussed possibly also consulting on measures for Colehill Lane and Long Lane.</li> <li>• A Community Speedwatch Session is being scheduled to tie in with the Dorset Police Week of Action on 7<sup>th</sup> April.</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Highway matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members discussed the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Wimborne effecting Burts Hill in Holt Parish and resolved unanimously to respond with no objection to the proposal.</li> <li>• Dorset Council have advised of a proposed temporary road closure at Whitesheet and Whitemoor between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 11<sup>th</sup> April to allow Wessex Internet to carry out fibre cable installation works. <i>Noted.</i></li> <li>• Cllr Sarah Weaver reported Dorset Council will be rebuilding the verge at Wightwick, Holtwood and installing a new pipe under the road. Concern however that the water is building up</li> </ul>

	<p>roadside in Holt Forest near Meadow Cottage and undermining the road. <i>Clerk to advise Community Highways Officer.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to report pot-hole and persistent flooding beside bridge at Lower Mannington. 1278905</li> </ul>
<b>334</b>	<p><b>Holt Cemetery Matters</b></p> <p>Thanks to Cllr Sarah Weaver, Richard Weaver and the Clerk for carrying out general clear up of the Cemetery however clearing the path of moss etc was a more difficult job than expected. The Clerk has approached Limecove Ltd for a quotation to carry out the works @ £320.00 + VAT. Members agreed it is important this work is done and agreed to proceed.</p> <p>It was noted there are a lot of active moles making it very unsightly and need to be dealt with as soon as possible - molehills will have to be removed before able to mow. The moles are currently very kindly monitored by a volunteer but the scale of the problem may now require a contractor who can also clear the molehills. <i>Clerk to obtain quotation.</i></p> <p>Members also discussed planting a hedge to screen the compost heap at the far corner and agreed this would be a good solution. <i>Clerk to obtain a quotation.</i></p> <p>The Clerk updated members on actions from inspection in June 2024 and will attach report to the minutes. See Appendix A</p>
<b>335</b>	<p><b>Rights of Way Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver provided a round-up on Rights of Way Matters.</p> <p>A site meeting was held with Dorset Council to discuss the damaged footbridge at E45/64 Holtwood and it was agreed a repair would suffice. <i>Dorset Council to action.</i></p> <p>Footpath E45/38; inquiries made about access being restricted for dogs due to stiles but unfortunately the landowner has experienced trouble with dogs attacking livestock and litter being left and is therefore not willing to open the path to dogs.</p> <p>Footpath E45/32 behind Stewarts Garden Centre, two rotten bridges in need of repair reported to Dorset Council.</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Chopping updated members regarding the old East Dorset Council Site which is intended to be developed. The suggested footpath route is an easy way to retain links between three woodlands for new and existing residents.</p>
<b>336</b>	<p><b>Holt Parish Hall</b></p> <p>No matters to report this month.</p>
<b>337</b>	<p><b>Black Poplars</b></p> <p>Cllr Geoff Pike has reported to the Clerk that unfortunately there are no longer any rare Black Poplars available at the moment from Bere Marsh Farm/Holme Garden Centre due to a massive number of requests, however more trees will be cultivated for the Autumn.</p>
<b>338</b>	<p><b>MHCLG Consultation on Standards in Public Life &amp; Conduct</b></p> <p>Noted, the Parish Council will not respond but members can respond individually.</p>

339	<p><b>Correspondence – circulated to members in advance of the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAPTC has invited Holt Parish Council to nominate a councillor to attend the Royal Garden Party on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Buckingham Palace. Members agreed to nominate Cllr Jonathan Cutts if eligible or Cllr Guy Reynolds</li> <li>• Wimborne Minster will be happy to store the Holt St James Baptism Rolls in the Chained Library where they will be safe and available to view.</li> <li>• Invitation to the Chair from the Mayor of Wimborne to attend the Civic Day of Activities on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Unfortunately, the Chair is not available to attend and offered the invitation to members.</li> </ul>												
340	<p><b>Guest Speaker for Annual Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b></p> <p>Members approved the agenda for the Annual Meeting. <i>Clerk to publish.</i>  Members are very pleased the Leader of Dorset Council, Cllr Nick Ireland has offered to attend in place of the Chair of Dorset Council.  The Clerk has booked Speakers from the Wimborne Minster Chained Library.  Members agreed recipient of the Good Citizen Award 2025. No nominations received for the Youth Award 2025 this year.</p>												
341	<p><b>Financial Matters &amp; Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members reviewed and approved the system of internal audit prior to year end.</li> <li>• Members reviewed the Asset Register and the Clerk will update for year end.</li> <li>• Members reviewed and approved the General Fund of Reserves to meet the needs of the Parish Council and Earmarked Reserves for specific purposes.</li> <li>• Members considered the quotation to repair the Millenium Sign posts/roof @ £1046.00 and it was agreed the Clerk will obtain a further quotation.</li> <li>• The Clerk provided members with current bank account balances.</li> <li>• Members approved the following items for payment and the Clerk's salary:</li> </ul> <table border="0" data-bbox="247 1422 1412 1568"> <tr> <td>ONLINE Clerk</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses</td> <td>£111.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Dorset Council</td> <td>Speed Survey in Furzehill</td> <td>£354.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE DAPTC</td> <td>NPPF Training for JC &amp; JW</td> <td>£70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE Source Business</td> <td>Water supply for Holt Cemetery July 24 to Jan 25</td> <td>£36.68</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE Clerk	Reimbursement of Expenses	£111.45	ONLINE Dorset Council	Speed Survey in Furzehill	£354.00	ONLINE DAPTC	NPPF Training for JC & JW	£70.00	ONLINE Source Business	Water supply for Holt Cemetery July 24 to Jan 25	£36.68
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342	<p><b>Information for Report only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Geoff Chopping advised members how Dorset Council will be calculating the Council Tax for 2025/2026 following his query last year.</li> <li>• The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm</u></li> </ul>												

Meeting closed 20:40

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

**Signed:** ..... **19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Appendix A**

**Holt Cemetery Memorial Inspection completed 19 June 2024**  
**Cllrs Janet Wallace, Sarah Weaver and Geoff Chopping**  
**Reported to Holt PC 19 June 2024**  
**Update to members for 12 February 2025**

**Headstones identified as in need of attention, notice fixed, PC to action:**

AE21 Gladys CHANDLER                    members agreed to lay flat as too expensive to repair  
 B92 Walter WESTLAKE                    members agreed to lay flat as too expensive to repair

**Headstones identified as not secure and notice fixed to alert owner – check in 12 months:**

C68 Arthur DACOMBE	C65 Ernest ISAACS
C46 Clifford POTTER	C60 Arthur SMITH
B63 Mary GAYTON	C160a SJ & Joy SHERMAN
C143 Eleanor SAVAGE Excalibur repaired	C150 Austin DEAN A. Ives repaired 12/8/24
AE 21 Gladys CHANDLER	A21 Ivy TRICKETT
C26 Reginald Frank TAYLOR Spoke with son no action required	
C42 Gertie LONG	
D16 Frederick & Alice YOUNG Williams Monumental repaired	C21 John & Florence ROSE

**Headstones identified as not secure but not likely to move, check in 12 months:**

D48 Cecil DAVIES	C98 Beryl WRIXON
D17 Kenneth JOY	B2 Maria COFFIN

**Headstones identified as not secure but ground anchored, no action required:**

C131 BERLIN	C135 EVANS
C116 BURGESS	C100 STEELE
D68 MEREDITH	D28 THOMAS

**Miscellaneous for action:**

B84AE EVANS – Flat stone needs raising  
 Ground holes in A & B & C sections (large hole behind UDELL)  
 Graves that need levelling:

- C131 BERLIN      N O’Hara DONE
- C121 FELTHAM    Co-op Funeral Care DONE
- C120 FRAMPTON   N O’Hara DONE
- D36 GRIFFIN      MC asked to level Dec 24

MC repaired.  
 MC filled.  
 Clerk contacted Funeral Directors:

Coronation Bench unstable – PC to remove for replacement.

Replacement bench purchased – not yet in place as of Feb 25 (GR to action)  
 Les suggested clean, no need to paint.  
 MC actioned.  
 CH actioned.

Cemetery Gates – inquire with Les Gordon about maintenance.

Noticeboard Post – movement, needs securing.

Grass heap spreading and hazel needs cutting at base of Yew tree.

Clerk to put note in VV/HOLT Together about headstones and a warning notice on board - ACTIONED JUNE 24