

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

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| <b>446</b> | <p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Sue Barnes<br/> Cllr Geoff Chopping<br/> Cllr Jonathan Cutts<br/> Cllr Jackie Egan<br/> Cllr Wrettham Ladbroke-Chartres (Vice-Chairman)<br/> Cllr Geoff Pike<br/> Cllr Guy Reynolds (Chairman)<br/> Cllr Sarah Weaver<br/> Cllr Jane White<br/> Cllr Will Chakawhata (Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward)<br/> Lisa Goodwin (Clerk)<br/> 23 members of public present</p> <p><b>Apologies received:</b><br/> Cllr Peter Finney<br/> Cllr Janet Wallace</p>  |
| <b>447</b> | <p><b>Declaration of Interests &amp; Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <p>None received.</p>  |
| <b>448</b> | <p><b>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>15<sup>th</sup> October 2025</u> were amended on page 456, item 438; confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>   |
| <b>449</b> | <p><b>Dorset Councillors Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Will Chakawhata reported to members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A walkthrough is being scheduled with Dorset Council to discuss maintenance of Furzehill Road.</li> <li>• Confirmed his attendance at the Holt Wildfire Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30pm Holtwood Methodist Hall.</li> <li>• Recent fly-tipping on the Cranborne Road and Petersham Lane was reported to Dorset Council and removed promptly.</li> <li>• A Police report of poachers in Alderholt having been arrested was shared for information.</li> <li>• A vehicle was driven over the football pitch at Holt Football Club, Police are aware.</li> <li>• Recommending Holt FC apply to Dorset Council to retain the clubhouse as a community asset.</li> <li>• Holtwood Community Farm should have new Dorset Council tenancy agreed shortly to allow the continuation of this valuable service for adults with Autism, learning disabilities and mental health difficulties.</li> <li>• Dorset Council reported £5m overspend providing children's services.</li> </ul> |

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| 450 | <p><b>Public Open Session</b></p> <p>Several members of public attended regarding Planning Application P/FUL/2024/06769 Shady Glades Dog Exercise Park. The main objections raised being increased traffic on this narrow country lane in an inappropriate location effecting the tranquility and enjoyment of the area by neighbouring residents. It was stated there are already 2 dog exercise fields in the parish at Hayters Farm, there is also a SANG at Dogdean. This is a narrow, single track lane with a poor surface and no passing places and the additional traffic will be detrimental to cyclists, horse-riders and other users. Should the proposal be approved then the applicant should finance road improvements.</p>  |
| 451 | <p><b>Planning &amp; Tree Applications/Planning Enforcement Matters</b></p> <p>See <b>Appendix A.</b></p>  |
| 452 | <p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Jonathan Cutts welcomed Cllr Sue Barnes to the Highways Working Group. The Group will be meeting shortly to discuss their on-going strategy to tackle volume and speed of traffic through the parish.</li> <li>• Dorset Council completed a traffic survey in Smugglers Lane at the Parish Council's request. The survey revealed that adherence to the 40mph limit is good and therefore does not meet criteria for a Speed Indicator Device.</li> <li>• Furzehill Road meeting with Dorset Council now confirmed. (JC/PF/GP/SB/WLC) Vikki Slade MP will attend if available.</li> <li>• Members discussed CSW sessions and will arrange a date at Furzehill. <i>The Clerk will chase up the Location Number with Dorset Police for Smugglers Lane and arrange a session here.</i></li> <li>• Residents of Furzehill have kindly planted up the Furzehill BT Box with winter bedding. Stewarts Garden Centre have offered additional plants for the winter. (PF) <i>Clerk to thank residents.</i></li> <li>• Clerk to report damaged Furzehill nameplate sign (at approach from Cranborne Road junction). 1300173</li> <li>• The Parish Council has been notified of various highway works in the parish during January to carry out targeted and localised repairs.</li> </ul> |
|     | <p><b>Rights of Way Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver reported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The overhanging branches on Paradise Lane have been removed by Dorset Council as requested by the Parish Council.</li> <li>• Continuing to monitor footpaths where access is affected by crops.</li> <li>• Number of footpath signs have appeared on Holt Heath and not sure who has put them in.</li> <li>• Furzehill Wood - Cllr Geoff Chopping explained to all present, the background to the issue with the footpath at the former Council Offices. There is an outstanding DMMO application on the site. An alternative route has yet to be agreed with Dorset Council. As there is no action for the Parish Council at this time, the Chairman suggested residents discuss outside of this meeting.</li> </ul>  |

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| <b>454</b> | <p><b>Meeting Holt Heath Wildfire</b></p> <p><b>Meeting arranged with Holt Commoners Association confirmed for 7:30pm, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November at Holtwood Methodist Hall.</b></p> <p>This meeting provides an opportunity for residents to hear directly from representatives of the Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire Service and the National Trust. They will present their findings on the Holt Heath Fire, review the response actions taken, and outline future plans for the area's safety, restoration, and ongoing management. There will be an open forum for parishioners' questions and concerns.</p>  |
| <b>455</b> | <p><b>Parish Hall Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr Jackie Egan (Chair of the Parish Hall Committee) confirmed the 2002 Portrait of Holt Film will be shown on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 3pm and 7pm.</p>   |
| <b>456</b> | <p><b>Cemetery Matters</b></p> <p>Members discussed planting a hedge in the far corner to hide rubbish etc. GR/WLC will measure up the area, the Clerk will order mixed native hedging plants and ask Limecove Ltd for a quotation to plant.</p>  |
| <b>457</b> | <p><b>Correspondence for action</b></p> <p>None.</p>  |
| <b>458</b> | <p><b>Financial Matters &amp; Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk provided members with up-to-date bank account balances and advised a Community Infrastructure Levy payment has been received from Dorset Council from planning development in the parish amounting to £381.86. This is to be used for the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure needed to support development or anything else that helps to address the demands that new development is placing in the parish.</li> <li>There were no items for payment this month other than Clerk's salary.</li> <li>CLOSED SESSION to discuss the Clerks' Annual Salary Review/Contract &amp; Job Description. Members resolved unanimously to increase salary to SCP 28 from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025 and approved back-pay from 1<sup>st</sup> April in accordance with NJC rates for 2025/26.</li> </ul> |
|            | <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in Holt Parish Hall, <u>10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7pm</u></p>  |

Meeting closed 20:55

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

**Signed: ..... 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

## Appendix A

| Application Number               | Location                                 | Description   | Parish Council Comment  |
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| <a href="#">P/VOC/2025/06051</a> | <b>LONGHOW, Dogdean, BH21 4HA</b>        | Demolition of existing dwelling and buildings, erection of five dwellings with associated garages, parking, ancillary infrastructure and landscape planting (variation of condition 2 of PA P/FUL/2024/01423 to detach units 2,3 & 4; revise approved fenestration on all units; add chimney to rear elevation of Units 1 & 5; relocate garage for Plot 5). | No Comment.   |
| <a href="#">P/FUL/2024/06769</a> | <b>SHADY GLADES, Long Lane, BH21 7AQ</b> | Amended plans for change of use to a dog exercise park to include the formation of car parking areas, fencing and storage container.  | <p>Members discussed the application having listened to the comments of members of public present and voted: 6 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).</p> <p>The location is considered unsuitable both in terms of traffic and impact on local environment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>We request this application is referred to the Planning Committee if the Officer's recommendation is at variance to the above.</i></p> |

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| <a href="#">P/FUL/2025/06406</a> | <b>ANCHOR PADDOCK,<br/>Batchelors Lane,<br/>Holtwood, BH21 7DS</b>   | Change of use dwelling with bed and breakfast holiday accommodation (C1) to single dwelling (C3).  | No Comment.        |
| <a href="#">P/HOU/2025/05904</a> | <b>WOOD END,<br/>Gods Blessing Lane,<br/>Holt, BH21 7DE</b>          | Demolition of conservatory and pergola and erect single storey extension. Extension of west gable to form additional bedroom on first floor. Erect second storey extension above garage. Demolition of various outbuildings. | No objection.      |
| TPO/2025/0078                    | <b>Land at SHEEPCROFT FARM, Sheepcroft Lane, Whitemoor, BH21 7DA</b> | Provisional Tree Preservation Order has been made on T1 – Oak and T2 – Oak.  | Noted, no comment. |

**Other items for report:**

| <b>Application No.</b>            | <b>Location</b>                        | <b>Description</b>   |
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| <a href="#">P/PAAC/2025/05966</a> | <b>Batchelors Farm,<br/>Holtwood,.</b> | Conversion of existing agricultural building into three C3 dwellings. This is a request for Dorset Council to determine whether prior approval is required for the proposal. |