

Minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council
15th April 2026 at 7pm
HOLT PARISH HALL

001	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Sue Barnes Cllr Geoff Chopping Cllr Jonathan Cutts Cllr Jackie Egan Cllr Peter Finney Cllr Geoff Pike Cllr Guy Reynolds (Chairman) Cllr Janet Wallace Cllr Sarah Weaver Cllr Jane White Lisa Goodwin (Clerk) Cllr Will Chakawhata (Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward)</p> <p>6 members of public present</p> <p>Apologies received:</p> <p>Cllr Wrettham Ladbrooke-Chartres (Vice-Chairman)</p>
002	<p>Declaration of Interests & Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>None.</p>
003	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 11th March 2026</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held <u>11th March 2026</u> were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.</p>
004	<p>Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held 19th March 2026</p> <p>There were no matters arising for action by the Parish Council. Members agreed MP Vikki Slade gave a very interesting talk and was well received by those present.</p>
005	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>6 residents attended regarding the Appeal for a dog exercise park at Shady Glades, Long Lane. Residents are still concerned with the impact of the proposal regarding noise and active badger sets. There is still a question on ownership of the site and future use if permission is not granted. It was noted that Hayters Dog Exercise Park has been expanded.</p>

006 Dorset Councillors Report

Cllr Will Chakawhata provided a brief round-up of on-going items and thanked members for invitation to the recent Holt Annual Parish Meeting with MP Vikki Slade who enjoyed meeting local residents. Holtwood Community Farm tenancy – it has now been indicated that the land will be passed to the Parish Council as a community asset. Shady Glades Dog Exercise Park – in touch with local residents on concerns. Electoral Review of Dorset Council Wards – the Furzehill lobe of Holt Parish is currently split between two Dorset Council wards and request it is wholly included in the Stour & Allen Ward to represent its rural connection to Holt. Council Offices at Furzehill – security concerns being addressed by officers. Clayford area Planning Enforcement issues on-going. Flood Roadshows – Authorities are obliged to investigate areas where 5 or more houses are impacted by flooding.

Community Drop In

We understand that homes and businesses in your community may have been recently affected by flooding.

Join us to share your experience of the recent flood events so we can better understand the impacts of flooding in your community.

Speak to the Environment Agency, Dorset Council, Wessex Water and partners to understand what support might be available.

Find out how you and your community can be better prepared and build resilience through the Flood Warning Service, preparing flood plans and Property Flood Resilience (PFR) measures.

For additional information and advice:
<https://engageenvironmentagency.uk/engagementhq.com/dorset-and-wiltshire-groundwater-incident-response-2026>

Join us from 3-7pm at any one of our hub locations:

- 21 April** - Weymouth: The Palm House, DT4 7TZ
- 23 April** - Blandford: Pimperne Village Hall, DT11 8UZ
- 14 May** - Winterborne Stickland: Pamela Hambro Hall, DT11 0NT
- 21 May** - Sydling St Nicholas Village Hall, DT2 9NX
- 4 June** - Dorchester: Stratton Village Hall, DT2 9WG

For more information or to register your interest please email:
floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk

007 Planning & Tree Applications/Planning Enforcement Matters

See Appendix A.

Rubbish accumulating in a private field off Holt Road at 3X junction has been reported to Dorset Council who are investigating with the Environment Agency.

008 Highway Matters

The Highways Working Group update:

- Dorset Council have indicated the speed limits will be installed mid-May when final costings will be available.
- Furzehill has been resurfaced however there has been some concern from residents that the centre white lines have not been repainted through the village. Dorset Council have advised that no further lining works are proposed. The Highways Working Group are in discussion with Dorset

	<p>Council on various highway improvement suggestions in the Parish, including Furzehill and will advise residents when more informed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Speed Watch 4 dates scheduled: Wednesday 22nd April 8.30am Monday 11th May 3pm Friday 26th June 8.30am Tuesday 7th July 3pm <p><u>Other matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holtwood Chapel has provided additional hardstanding for car parking and is considering opening up spaces beside the Chapel. Clerk to report overgrown hedgerow obscuring road signs approaching Horseshoe Crossroads from Holtwood to Dorset Council online. [1317978] Dorset Council confirmed litter along the A31 from Canford Bottom has been scheduled to be picked up during March, often overnight to minimise disruption. Concern that two Rhea's are loose in the High Hall area. <i>Clerk to report to RSPCA.</i> Burglary at 4am Lodge Road on 9th April of motorbikes from outbuilding. The Police are investigating and should anyone have dash-cam footage then please notify the police. Cllr Will Chakawhata suggested inviting Dorset Police to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss rural crime with members.
009	<p>Rights of Way Matters</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Weaver updated members on various footpath matters including a number of improvements to stiles and way-markers by Dorset Council. The National Trust have also been notified of broken glass on the heath. Cllr Jane White reported the surface of the Paradise Lane bridleway has been repaired but not the full length.</p>
010	<p>Parish Hall Matters</p> <p>Cllr Jackie Egan reported that work to the outside seating area has begun. The AGM will be held on 29th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall – residents welcome to attend. A new bank account needs to be opened as TSB no longer offer accounts for charities.</p>
011	<p>Cemetery Matters</p> <p>Members discussed that the new hedge may need watering over the summer months. The Clerk advised there will be a burial on 22nd April at 11am.</p>
012	<p>LGBC Electoral Review of Dorset Council initial consultation</p> <p>Agreed to prepare a draft response for approval next meeting. <i>Cllr Janet Wallace and Clerk to action.</i></p>

013	<p>Filming & Recording Policy</p> <p>Members reviewed the policy without amendment.</p>									
014	<p>DAPTC Statement of Reasonable Expectations</p> <p>Members agreed in principle to the Statement of Reasonable Expectations the purpose of which is to strengthen partnership working, improve communication and support a consistent and respectful approach between Dorset Council and Town & Parish Councils.</p>									
015	<p>Correspondence for action – circulated to members in advance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dorset Wildlife Trust would like to complete an up-to-date botanical survey of Holt Village Green (Site of Nature Conservation Interest) last completed in 2017. <i>Members agreed.</i> • VISION ICT have completed the website MOT to review overall performance, layout consistency and compliance with accessibility standards. • Dorset Council advise they are intending to provide the site of the former Council Offices at Furzehill with a 24-hour guard and dog presence, including a welfare unit that has CCTV capability to deter unwanted visitors. This is hoped to commence early next week. 									
016	<p>Financial Matters & Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk provided members with up-to-date bank account balances and advised the VAT re-claim has been submitted for £1974.21 • Members reviewed and approved the Financial Risk Assessment. • The Clerk confirmed the appointment of the Internal Auditor for end of year Accounts. • Members considered replacing both benches on Holt Village Green and to consider quotation to supply and install next meeting. • Members approved the Clerk updating the banking address with TSB. • The following items were approved for payment including salary and the Clerk authorised to pay online: <table data-bbox="252 1541 1316 1641"> <tr> <td>ONLINE VISION ICT</td> <td>Website MOT</td> <td>£174.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE CLERK</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses Jan – Mar 2026</td> <td>£183.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE DORSET COUNCIL</td> <td>Furzehill Nameplate repair and re-erect</td> <td>£165.60</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE VISION ICT	Website MOT	£174.00	ONLINE CLERK	Reimbursement of Expenses Jan – Mar 2026	£183.73	ONLINE DORSET COUNCIL	Furzehill Nameplate repair and re-erect	£165.60
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	<p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the AGM in Holt Parish Hall; <u>13th May 2026 at 7pm</u></p>									

Meeting closed 20:35

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

Signed: 13th May 2026

Appendix A

Application Number	Location	Description	Parish Council Comment
P/HOU/2026/01644	Stocks Corner, Smugglers Lane, Furzehill, BH21 4HB	Orangery extension with flat roof and lanterns to south-west elevation and detached garage with pitched roof to east boundary.	NO OBJECTION
P/CLE/2026/01793	The Barn, Holtwood, BH21 7DR	Residential outbuilding and associated hardstanding. <i>Note this is an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness and is not a planning application. Dorset Council can only consider evidence that the claimed use is lawful or not lawful. Normally, that it has existed, or not existed continuously for a period of time which is either 4 or 10 years.</i>	Members agreed to respond that we understand the residential outbuilding was evident 4 years ago but not 10 years ago.
6007277	Shady Glades, Long Lane, BH21 7AQ	Notification of Appeal against the refusal by Dorset Council for a Dog Exercise Park to include the formation of car parking areas, fencing and storage container.	Members agreed not to make a further representation to that already submitted to Dorset Council that will be considered by the Planning Inspectorate. However, if residents have additional information or relevant comments then they should respond directly.
TPO/2025/0095	Land to the front of Castle View, Holtwood, BH21 7DR	Tree Preservation Order confirmed for Oak Tree	Noted.
P/NMA/2026/01671	Sunny Lawn, Furzehill, BH21 4HT	Remove two roof light windows on east roof slope, replace entire roofing with solar roof tiles.	Noted.