



HOLT TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 8th August 2016 at Holt Community Centre.

PRESENT: Cllrs Hill (Chair), Allison, Batey, Chapman, Hipperson, Moore, Payne, Percival, Prior, Reed, Smith, & Traynier

Elaine Oliver Town Clerk

3 members of the public

The public and town councillors were made aware that the meeting was being recorded.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr D Baker
Cllr P High NNDC

PCSO Keith Clarke- Norfolk Police

2. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FROM THE RESTRICTION ON PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSION OR VOTING ON A MATTER IN WHICH A MEMBER HAS A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

The following declarations were made:-

Cllrs Allison and Hill mentioned in accounts, agenda item 15.1

3. POLICE MATTERS

The Police were not present but a report had been sent in, as below:-

Since your last meeting there have been 58 calls to the police from the Holt area. From these SEVEN crimes have been recorded. Included in this figure are two low value shop thefts, and criminal damage to the parking space numbers at Letheringsett Hill.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor not present, Cllr Hill reported that there had been 11 applications for the maintenance personnel vacancies.

5. AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 11th JULY 2016

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Hipperson, **SECONDED** by Cllr Payne, the minutes were **AGREED**.

6. MATTERS ARISING if any (for information and not included on the main council agenda).

Cllr Prior had some points for clarification:-

Page 36 regarding the carnival, she is supportive of this but is concerned about the legality of donating to one charity who then gives money to another charity.

Cllr Moore felt that the carnival committee provided two services, one was providing something for the Town and also to raise money for charity.

It was stated that Fit for Norfolk had donated £600 to them.

It was agreed that this would be looked into before any money was paid to them, it was reported that they still have not supplied account details to the Town Council.

Cllr Prior was concerned that she still had not had a response from I Furniss regarding Holt In Bloom.
Cllr Smith explained that he was difficult to get hold of at the moment

Cllr Prior reported she had asked NNDC who was responsible for the underpass sweeping and cutting of bushes etc on each approach.
She has also asked enquired about the TIC and will have the answers at the next meeting.

Cllr Payne reported that Sheringham has been given £154,000 for their TIC.
Cllr Moore thought that now we are a resort town we should be given a good amount.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Norfolk County Council

Cllr Baker not present

Cllr Hipperson asked about parking in Gravel Park lane. As people are now parking both sides of the road, it was requested by a resident that permit parking be put in here. The Clerk will contact Cllr M Baker, as it is a NCC issue

7.2 North Norfolk District Council

Cllr Prior reported the following:-

- Still no further information on H01, there has been no other replies and no action or result on what issues happening which is contrary to Cllr High's hope that something would happen soon. Another month has gone and it appears we are no further forward, but she hopes to have an update for the next meeting.
- Cllr Smith asked if the developer, Cllrs and officers could be summoned to explain the issues.
- Cllr Prior felt it would be unlikely a member of the planning team would attend and it appears that the delays are down to NCC.
- Cllr Moore felt the NCC officer should be summoned.
- Cllr Allison discussed the history of the spring and reported that Cllr High had been in touch with T Ivory whose company was the original purchaser and he was going to pass the info on Terry Harper
- Cllr Payne felt that with all the infrastructure work required the houses would probably not be built until 2018
- Cllr Reed was concerned if the development doesn't go ahead; we could have yellow lines but no car park, because the S106 money was not released.
- Cllr Moore felt that the other implication was that the S106 contribution of £10,000 towards the playing fields which is much needed.
- Cllr Prior felt that the developer would also need to attend.
- Cllr Prior agreed to invite the officer to the next meeting.

The Clerk will contact the developer and NCC via Cllr Baker.

Cllr Allison has noticed the large amount of moderately constructed industrial properties in Fakenham. He felt that we have been put on the back burner as Carter will only build first class buildings, and wondered how we could get some help from NNDC.

It was discussed if we could choose another site and be a proactive Town Council as we will be always waiting for Carters to arrange a meeting.

Cllr Batey felt the only way get development is to offer something financial assistance, otherwise people

will go to Fakenham which is being promoted by NNDC

Cllr Moore felt that we needed to be proactive as the town is going down and down.

It was thought that compulsory purchase could be reconsidered again.

Cllr Prior stated that Fakenham is a different issue, as the land is available.

Cllr Prior thought that NNDC couldn't be responsible when the problem is caused by a private builder. She felt that we need to be thinking about some new possibilities that suit our town.

It was questioned, as we are now classed as a resort, does that put a different view on things.

Cllr Payne asked if we could enquire about compulsory purchase or designate another piece of land for industry.

It was queried as to why no suggestions were sent to the LDF call for sites.

Cllr Smith asked if there is any merit in an advert to invite landowners to discuss the provision of land. It was explained fully that this was the purpose of the LDF call for sites. Cllr Prior will take the above comments back to NNDC. She also warned that the boundary commission is still under consultation.

7.3 Holt Chamber of Trade

Cllr Smith reported the following

- Christmas light switch on will be on 30.11.16
- Late night shopping event will be on 8.12.16. This will be a commercial event and not part of the Christmas light switch on.
- He reported that the present Postmaster no longer wishes to run the PO but wants to continue with the record store.
- It was reported that Larners answered an advert to run the PO. The idea is that it would be placed in Budgens which would have advantages with a car park and extended opening hours
- The TIC is under also review. The Chamber state it should be positioned close to the town, or within various existing businesses within the yards.
- Cllr Payne reported that money is available to whoever wants to set it up.
- Thanked Len Casey for making the RNS marquee so successful
- The 1940s weekend is being planned with posters being prepared for shop windows, 40 odd businesses have signed up for ration books.
- Tug of war is not going to take place, because there are not enough volunteers.
- Bull Street from Byfords to include Shirehall Plain, will be closed on Sat and Sun, every effort will be made to man the barricades allowing access to Lees Yard etc.
- The closure will be from 9.00-4.00
- It is hoped that there will be a display of military vehicles and a piper band will perform over the two days. The piper bank will stay in caravans at Gresham's.
- There was a lot of enthusiasm for Holt in Bloom and it was unfortunate that 60 odd businesses did not contribute to the display.

8. TO APPROVE PENSION STATEMENT

On a **PROPOSAL** from Cllr Hipperson, **SECONDED** by Cllr Prior the statement was approved.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Limited to 15 minutes
(Three minutes per person)

Questions as follows

- The issue of yellow lines in Peerers Close was discussed. It was reported that Cllr M Baker told the residents to refer this back to the Town Council about this.
- Is Cley road car park going ahead?
- Does it depend on the car park or H01?
- Will H01 go ahead?
- Do the Council think there is a chance to get yellow lines in Pereers and Winns Close?
- Will the new maintenance man be making the underpass more presentable?

It was reported that the underpass is not the responsibility of Holt Town Council

9. TO CONSIDER STREET LIGHTING AT HOPKINS HOMES – CROMER ROAD

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Hipperson, **SECONDED** by Cllr Smith that we don't want to take responsibility for the lights on the new development.

On a Recorded vote this was agreed to, results as follows

Cllr Baker absent

Cllrs for the proposal Cllrs Chapman, Hill, Hipperson, Percival, Prior and Smith

Cllrs against the proposal Cllr. Allison, Payne, Reed and Traynier

Abstained Cllrs Batey and Moore

10 TO CONFIRM NEXT THREE ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

The following items were agreed to be included in the next month's newsletter

- The purchase of the Kubota
- The children's involvement in the Holt Festival
- Summary of the 1940s

11 TO CONSIDER PARISH PARTNERSHIP FUNDING FOR PATHWAY FROM WOODFIELDS TO PEACOCK LANE

After much discussion about the parishioners email and the path it was felt this was a country path and that when H01 is complete the tarmac path will be used by residents so on a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Hipperson, **SECONDED** by Cllr Traynier it was decided not to apply for parish partnership money for this pathway.

12. TO DISCUSS 1940S WEEKEND

It was agreed by the Councillors that they were not enough volunteers to make this day workable this year, this was also the case for the Town Council tug of war.

It was felt that if you can't do it properly then it is not worth doing it.

Cllr Prior explained that this is a tiring event and all the jobs specified have to be covered and it means being on duty all day

13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 R Percival Re Thame newsletter

Emailed

Cllr Percival felt the item about the NP in Thame was of interest. In their newsletter it stated that the local plan can override the NP and they will require a new NP and all that entails. He felt that as a council we are pursuing the NP but the Local plan can bring in issues that would need the NP to be rewritten.

Cllr Payne stated that it had been agreed that the NP would have nothing about new developments

Cllr Prior stated that Thame is very different to Holt. The LP will always be more important but the purpose of the NP is to give us a greater input. It is the only document we have that is legal and sits at NNDC, and which has to be referred to alongside the LDP. Because of the housing we have onboard already there is no need to take new building into account.

Cllr Percival felt it was about more than just housing, say for example if you wanted to close off the town centre the LP could over rule that.

Cllr Payne we can control certain things but we were always aware that if NNDC wanted to put 500 houses in Holt this couldn't be controlled

13.2 Resident Re yellow lining of Pereers/Winns Close

Emailed

Cllr Moore requested a breakdown of costs relevant to the TPO for yellow lining..

Cllr Prior felt it was important to have a definite vote on this as she couldn't support paying for any yellow lines, because a lot of other places in Holt have similar requirements..

Cllr Payne agreed and felt that St Andrews Close, Gravel Pitt Lane would be requesting lines as the parking will get even worse when parking is stopped in Hempstead Road.

It was unanimously agreed that the Town Council could not pay for these yellow linings and it was in the remit of the NCC.

13.3 Late correspondence

13.3.1 Consultation on P O

Emailed

13.3.2 Re Grove Lane

Emailed

13.3.4 Elderly provision

Emailed

It was agreed that this should be put on the agenda for October.

13.3.5 Felling of trees on Thornage Common

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Moore, **SECONDED** by Cllr Percival it was agreed that the Town Council would support felling of the trees if they were on their property.

13.3.6 Citizens Advice AGM

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

14.1 Definitive map update

15. FINANCIAL MATTERS

15.1 Approve payments of invoices as attached

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Batey **SECONDED** by Cllr Hipperson, unanimously agreed these were Approved for payment.

16. PLANNING MATTERS

16.1 Planning applications to consider

16.1.2. PF/16/1015 Provision of new roundabout and associated works land at Cromer Road A148 **NO OBJECTIONS AND STRONGLY SUPPORT**

16.1.3 PO/16/026 Site for erection of up to 9 detached dwellings with access from Hempstead Road to rear of Seven Acres, 61 Hempstead Road.

NO OBJECTIONS

16.1.4 LA/16/1063 Retention of alterations to shop front 23 Market Place

NO OBJECTIONS

16.2. DECISIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

16.2.1 PF/16/0488 Erection of two storey rear and single storey side lean to extensions, 8 Kenwyn Close

PERMITTED

16.2.2 PF/16/0803 Erection of a 4 bed dwelling at 37 Hempstead Road

PERMITTED

17 TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION (UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960) TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

As no members of public present at this point the meeting did not need to consider this resolution

18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER

19.1 Installation of CCTV cameras

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Batey, **SECONDED** by Cllr Moore it was agreed to purchase two cameras for the town due to the spate of vandalism.

Cllr Smith reported that Cottage collectables are moving out and this listed building is not in good condition. As it is such a significant building on the entrance to town should we take an interest in this?

Cllr Prior reported she had already put a question into NNDC about this.

19. NEXT MEETING DATE

Town Council meeting Monday 12th September 2016

Meeting finished at 9.30pm

D Baker(Mayor).....Date