



HOLT TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 10 December 2018 at Holt Community Centre.

	PRESENT Cllrs Prior (Chair), Allison, Baker, Batey, Hipperson, Neech, Payne, Reed, Smith, Traynier & Wright Elaine Oliver Town Clerk Cllr Butikofer NCC PC Gower-Smith	ACTION
1	WELCOME	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Moore & Singleton	
3	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 Cllr Baker agenda item 15, his company is mentioned in payments	
4	POLICE MATTERS PC Gower-Smith was unable to attend but sent the following report: - • A quick report this evening basically concentrating on residential burglaries. We have had a small number in the local area and these seem to be holiday homes or lets • Can we all be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour. • We have also been targeted in the last few weeks with criminals visiting our county. They have been using white transit vans and have been driving into areas on the pretence of looking for scrap metal. • The occupants will usually be in twos or three and will steal items of interest. • This usually means pressure washers, garden equipment and scrap metal. • Current Snap priorities are Community engagement and theft of heating oil and diesel. • Anyone wishing for advice on security can call PC Gower-Smith who will happily assist. • Anyone wishing to voice concerns can do so direct or through the council if preferred.	
5	ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR Cllr Prior reported the following: - • Very sorry that Cllr Moore can't be here, but he has been very poorly, the good news is that he is now at home and making a good recovery. • Announced that the in the MTI bids, Holt is going to receive approx 50% of money allotted to Holt • Wish everyone well who has received funding. • We look forward to rebidding in January 2019 • Thanks to everyone who participated in the public consultations that HTC held • Attended a meeting at NNDC, representing Holt, about the overall viewpoint of Holt's open and green spaces. Cllr Prior reported, it has been stated others recently, that Holt is OK because we have a public school in our vicinity, but this should not be relevant when we are looking at public money distributed over all Norfolk	
6	AGREE MINUTES OF 6.1 Town Council Meeting 12 November 2018 After amending Cllr Reeds name on agenda item Cllr Hipperson proposed and Cllr Baker seconded that the minutes were a true record of the meeting on 12 November, agreed unanimously	
7	MATTERS ARISING IF ANY (for information and not included on the main council agenda) The Clerk reported that after comments at the last meeting comments the hearing loop is on. Hearing aid users confirmed it was working. In relation to a question it was also confirmed that the High Street is going to be resurfaced, the road closure will be discussed later in the meeting, under correspondence.	

	The Clerk confirmed that she has sent a request in for Parish Partnership money for the replacement bus shelter in Coronation Road. Cllr Butikofer entered the meeting	
8	8.1 NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL Cllr Butikofer made the following comments:- • The Police & Crime Commissioner has decided to keep the Fire Service in house • There is an ongoing consultation on the NDR, reference the section to join up • Children's services are to be debated in January • Discussed moving to a cabinet system, this will happen from May next year • Big discussion about Govt funding to NCC. • NCC will approach the Govt about the funding sources that have been cut. • This has been supported by all parties as NCC can't cope with all the cuts. • Still looking at bus services and amounts of cuts to the service. • • Wanted to hear comments about the road surface work due to take place in town on 25th February. • Wanted to know what impact the road closures may have. Cllr Hipperson was concerned with more and more traffic coming off the bypass, and cutting through Pearson's Ave., maybe from Gresham's. Wondered if a sign warning that pedestrians are walking here could be put on the bypass for cars turning right. Cllr Batey enquired if the cuts forecasted would be around £43,000,000 • Cllr Butikofer reported that we are now talking about £95,000,000 over three years Cllr Reed congratulated Cllr Butikofer on her new position The Clerk asked Cllr Butikofer if she could help the Town Council and chase up payment for cutting the verges from NCC. 8.2 NNDC Cllr Baker commented as follows:- • It has been an eventful month and politically there is now a Lib Dem administration at NNDC now. • NNDC finances are in a good state with a £303,000 deficit forecasted for next year and they are not anticipating problems with cutting any services. • A meeting regarding the building of the School on the Gladman's site was held and hosted by Cllrs Butikofer and Baker, issues have been fed back to the relevant officers. • This will not be a quick decision. Cllr Hipperson enquired why Victory has recently sold 4 houses, 2 in Holt . He asked if the District Councillors could find out why Victory housing is selling good houses that are needed. Cllr Prior took the question and explained that the Local Plan is being split into two. • The first stage will be open to ask what housing type we would like. • Price are dictated by square footage rather than number of bedrooms. • As a Holt representative she asked if we could get developers to go under £350,000 for starter homes. • The Developers should look at our whole population. Cllr Prior agreed to go back to NNDC and ask why this Social housing has been sold. Cllr Allinson, speaking as a member of Holt Housing Assoc reported they have purchased four houses at a reasonable cost and will be let out at a reasonable cost. He was also concerned that Breckland and Broadland DC's are providing free car parking but NNDC made £274 million profit on car park. He wondered if footfall is down because the car parks are too expensive or are there no car parking spaces. £1.30 an hour is a lot. Cllr Baker stated when he was on cabinet, he looked at the Council's income which is not that	

	Vast and NNDC is dependent on car parking income in the district. As we enter an era of internet and with big chain stores dying out and high streets are under increasing pressure, this will have an ever increasing impact on communities and he urged NNDC, when budgets are put together, to look closely at not putting up car parking charges, which causes pressure. It is easy to go out of town and we need to think of different ways of generating income, without relying on car parking charges. He reported that Holt is treated as a victim of their own success, Fakenham and N Walsham have cheaper car parking but Holt comes under the same bracket as Sheringham and Cromer which is not fair, they should not be in the same bracket as coastal towns with a beach and a pier etc. Cllr Prior reported she has queried the reason for our change of status. Holt is now tourist town and this does not do us credit. Where that is linked to car parking needs clarification, People expect to pay for car parking but don't expect charges to be disproportionate or unfair. 9.3 HOLT CHAMBER OF TRADE Cllr Smith reported the following There has been no meeting but reported that, as a result of the MTI grants, £26,000 has been awarded to Love Holt /chamber of trade to redevelop a website along with a town promotional film promoting Holt. The data base with up to 180 will be extended further and incorporate visitors to Holt.	
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME Limited to 15 minutes (3 minutes per Person) The Chair reported there were some papers on the table with the rules and regulations on public participation. Comments were made as follows • Concerned about planning application number PO/18/0061, strongly object to this this property backs onto their property and has now gone to appeal as the application was originally refused. • The property will cover the width of our back garden and will block out light. • NNDC planning officer felt that proposal was an infringement of public rights. • What is the problem with Nelson House? We were told it would be completed by end of the year. • This is over six months later than originally we were told, rumours about the property needing listed building consent, legal problem and that it is a "dodgy structure" are circulating • All this would involve a great deal of cost and we need reassurance that residents are not going to incur any extra costs. Cllr Prior commented that this is the nature of rumour and the position of Nelson House will be reported later but at the moment she didn't want to discuss the rumours.	
9	TO FURTHER DISCUSS FIAT 500S VISIT TO HOLT Cllr Neech reported that he had thought about the visit of the Fiat 500s and felt it would be a good excuse to have an Italian weekend over the May Day Bank Holiday with Italian food, wine, paintings, art and music, generally celebrating Italy. Cllrs Smith and Allinson have agreed to help with this. More news later when arrangements have been made.	
10	TO DISCUSS POSITION OF THE PLAQUE TO MARK HOLT AIRFIELD After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Wright to site it near the Obelisk, seconded by Cllr Hipperson. Unanimously agreed.	
11	TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ON FUTURE PLAY EQUIPMENT PROVISION ON SOUTH SIDE OF THE BYPASS The Clerk reported that she now had plans for these two sights, which can be seen in the office.	Clerk

	was agreed to sign these, unanimously agreed. Our normal deed of execution will be actioned, as above. Cllr Neech reported that Birketts have been extremely helpful and always anticipate what is going to happen and put in contingencies. The Clerk confirmed that it was a very good working relationship with both our Solicitor and his assistant who have our backs and are efficient and effective.	
19	Date of next meeting 14 January 2019	

M Prior (Mayor).....Date.....