



HOLT TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 11 March 2019 at Holt Community Centre.

	PRESENT Cllrs Prior (Chair), Allison, Baker, Batey, Hipperson, Moore, Neech, Reed, Traynier, & Wright Elaine Oliver Town Clerk Cllr Butikofer NCC 6 Members of public	ACTION
1	WELCOME	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Payne, Singleton & Smith PC Gower-Smith	
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 declared an interest in agenda item 15.1, as CT Bakers is mentioned in accounts payable.	
4	POLICE MATTERS PC Gower-Smith had already sent his apologies but asked that the meeting was made aware that Holt is now the target of career criminals and there is a need to be extra vigilant with reference to trailers, trucks etc.	
5	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE HOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – SHAUN VINCENT Unfortunately, Shaun Vincent was unable to attend this meeting but is hoping to attend in April	
6	ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR Cllr Prior made the following announcements • A pleasant thing to report, we are now the proud owners of Nelson House • The work carried out has been done in a traditional method that suits the building • Holt Town Council now has an asset for the future. • This has been a mammoth task for the council and clerk. Cllr Hipperson thanked Cllrs Neech and Prior and the Clerk for her persistence with this project, which would not have happened without it. Cllr Baker stated that in this vision was started back in November 2016 and some things are worth waiting for and believing in. This is an example of Holt Town Council taking control of our town.	
7	AGREE MINUTES OF 7.1 Town Council Meeting 11 February 2019 On a proposal by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Hipperson the minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record of the meeting. 7.2 Extraordinary Meeting 24 February 2019 On a proposal by Cllr Traynier, seconded by Cllr Wright the minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record of the meeting.	
8	MATTERS ARISING IF ANY (for information and not included on the main council agenda) No matters arising	
9	9.1 NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL Cllr Butikofer made the following comments:- • She issued a warning to be aware of scams, two are relating to council tax bills which is timely and the other is in relation to BT. • Still trying to stop the children's centre closing. • Still working on the repairs to Jubilee Road. Cllr Hipperson reported that there are two street lights missing at the junction of the bypass that have not been replaced. Both uplights are out on the Lovells roundabout. Cllr Butikofer reported that she is still trying to find some information about the lights that are	

going to be totally removed and obtain a map from NCC listing the street light ownership. Congratulations were expressed to NCC and the workmen who made such a good job of resurfacing the High Street. It was a good job and it was quick.

Cllr Allison reported that he had read that NNDC is reverting to the cabinet system again, and asked if it would make a difference to the community?

Cllr Butikofer felt it would become more political and more closed.

Cllr Butikofer reported there has been another directive and the new ruling means that NCC Members can't attend if they are not members of the committee sitting.

Cllr Baker reported an officer team would come and talk to us at Town Council.

Cllr Butikofer left the meeting

9.2 NNDC

Cllr Prior commented as follows: -

- There will be a notice about the local plan consultation, sent out with the Council tax Notice.
- She encouraged people to attend the consultation, as it is about where you live.

Cllr Baker reported the following

- Attended a presentation on 27.2.19 about bi mode, state of the art trains on the Poppyline.
- Tourism is growing, and people will spend money on this.
- The railway in Sheringham generates more visitors to Holt and N Norfolk.
- Cromer tennis hub has a shortfall of funding. This is for satellite courts and not just tennis and has now gone if for review.
- There has been a £4.94 increase in Council tax at NNDC
- Money has been set aside for another roundabout on Holway Road at Sheringham
- There will be more funding of public conveniences, so they will be opened not just in summer months.
- New business development fund across the district
- There was no funding for Holt at budget level
- Cllr Prior reported that the LTA grant had fallen through and the shortfall of £675,000 will be met by NNDC.

Cllr Moore reported on schemes for Cromer, Wells, Stalham and Fakenham and at the same time a shortfall has now been reported. The funding figures changed when reworked.

- Cllr Prior reported the cost of all year toilet opening will be £600,000
- Holt should be looked at and see if we can have some more money now we are a tourist town now.
- Cllr Baker explained the differences between capital budget rather than revenue.

The following points were made by Cllrs.

- We must have input in business level help and practical methods to help Holt and get started on our business land.
- Cllr Baker reported that H09 was not part of the budget proposals dealt with at corporate level.
- Cllr Moore reported that N Walsham has had an all-purpose football for a large amount of money and reported on other capital spends in Cromer and Wells.
- He would like to know how the poorest children can get to Fakenham, Cromer or Wells for sports facilities
- It was agreed that it was a disgrace that Holt hasn't had something sooner.
- Cllr Baker reported he is well along the process of putting a proposal to Nick Baker and it is high time Holt had something.
- Cllr Neech asked if the money is coming from High street fund, which was an initiative from the Govt announced on Boxing Day.
- From a recent email from NNDC it appears that NNDC has already decided this will be for the benefit of North Walsham.
- Cllr Allison questioned why the roundabout at Holway Road was being funded by NNDC, when it is surely a Highways issue.
- Cllr Baker reported that there are now changes in NNDC and all agencies are working together more closely. The new model is that people are funding together with part funding by the LEP
- Cllr Moore reported it was a shame that the roundabout wasn't originally incorporated

	into Glaven stone pits scheme as it would have saved a lot of money • Cllr Baker reported that was paid for by the operator. • Cllr Prior reported that need that has been reported, for roundabouts in Holt, which have not happened. • NNDC is letting us down totally and we are being utterly ignored, NNDC fail this town time and time again. • Cllr Prior reported that on numerous occasions things have been looked at for Holt but they need backing and an appetite and conviction of public opinion must be seen. • She went onto say that It is very clear that other proposals are coming from other towns and parishes and it is clear Holt is seen as a wealthy town, but we need to have a plan behind any requests. • She went onto to say that it is difficult as two things have come up she knows nothing about it. • Cllr Batey felt Holt was out of the picture all the time. • Cllr Neech reported the town is planned to double in size and we need more infrastructure. • Cllr Moore felt a press release should be produced saying this town is dissatisfied. • He felt the issue had been going on for the last two or three decades. • Cllr Baker felt we don't shout enough. • Cllr Prior requested if there was anything that Cllrs wanted taken forward to NNDC to email it to her. • To clarify things the Clerk reported that the toilet rate relief which was due for the coming financial year will not actually come into play until 2020/21 • Cllr Moore asked if we had heard from the NNDC officers who attended a meeting and discussed the future of our industrial land. <i>Unfortunately, the lead officer has now got a new job.</i> • Cllr Baker stated he could hear the sentiment that NNDC is not giving Holt enough, but there are projects in the offing such as potential sites for the school, potential for more car parks, and a planning application for supermarket. • HTC recently turned down a care home on the earmarked industrial land. • It is not always NNDC fault but sometimes market forces prevent progress. • Cllr Prior reported that there has been opposition to some of the proposals and this doesn't encourage NNDC to move forward. Support makes a proposition more viable. • Cllr Moore just wanted the same advantages as other towns. • Cllr Baker said we wouldn't get more because of the population of Wells. • Cllr Moore pointed out that Holt had a higher population than Wells and Stalham 9.3 HOLT CHAMBER OF TRADE Cllr Smith was not present Cllr Neech reported that he is going to liaise with the Chamber of Trade. He and the Clerk met with the Fiat 500 club and they are visiting Holt on May 4, 26 Fiat 500's will attend. It should be a fun weekend centered around Fish Hill	
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME Limited to 15 mins (3 Minutes Per Person) Comments made as follows:- • Town Council should chase things up and get behind things. • Read on the last mins that the council objected to a 66-bed care home, based on • roundabout noise etc. • Why doesn't the Council chase up the developers to come up with a better site if they want a care home. • What action has the council taken on this? Cllr Prior reported that she doesn't become involved in the planning sessions, but when the planning submission goes in we have no right in suggesting to the developer not our duty. We may in another way be considering care. Depends how far the NHS plan is going down the road, NNCG is talking about the four hubs and other provision this is somewhere else we can go Cllr Neech felt we should follow up developments that haven't taken place The Council would strongly support a care home which would also bring employment • A street light is still out on Feathers Yard.	

	• A clear concise case, for car parking for Holt has been probed, traffic surveys etc. and was totally ignored by Cllrs Rest and Fitzpatrick • NNDC ignored the car park at Thornage Road which had a concise plan. • The figures supplied relied on parking at supermarket and car park on Cley Road • The parking at Gresham's has a lower capacity when the school is in attendance. • Based on those two principles strongly at the top of the list, is the need for car parking in Holt which hasn't changed. • Has the promised asset of the Church street toilets become a liability? To clarify the toilets are still an asset the rates were paid last year and will be paid this coming year, but in 2020/1 rates will not be payable on public toilets. • Light off on Star Plain • What's happened to second bid of MTI We have received no further communication on this.	
	When the Council was back in session Cllr Prior stated that car parking at Thornage Road was not supported by NNDC because they did a thorough financial assessment . It never stopped being a private enterprise or was going to be gifted to Holt, we can discuss parking on our list but we can't challenge NNDC as it is not in their remit to provide. There was nothing to hide about that car park decision which was taken for financial reasons. The public can write to NNDC about that	
10	TO DISCUSS INSTALLATION OF SEAT IN MEMORIAL GARDEN BY BRITISH LEGION. On a proposal by Cllr Hipperson, seconded by Cllr Baker this was agreed unanimously.	
11	TO CONFIRM DELEGATED POWERS ON CEMETERY ISSUES Delegated powers to the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Hipperson, seconded by Cllr Moore, unanimously agreed.	
12	TO DISCUSS PROVIDING PLAY EQUIPMENT ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE BYPASS It was reported that NNDC are looking into transferring this land over to Holt Town Council and on a proposal by Cllr Hipperson, seconded by Cllr Wright it was agreed to provide equipment the southern side of the bypass, more information will be provided to the council in the future.	
13	NELSON HOUSE 13.1 To receive any update It was reported Holt Town Council had ownership of this property and work was being undertaken to open early in April. Notice had been given to the Community Centre	
14	Correspondence NCC Road closures BCKLWN Future High Street fund POLICE Cluster newsletter RESIDENT Woodfield Road Cllr Batey reported that anyone could park in Woodfield or Blackthorn road as there is no yellow Lines, if no drives are blocked so the park and walk could help this. Cllr Baker felt the proposal at the HPFA was a fantastic thing and couldn't understand why everyone was concerned. This is potentially providing 100 car parking spaces when we are crying out for spaces It seems a shame that we may lose this. HPFA has been put in a position they can't benefit from a sensible win, win situation and get the improvement they need, and make an excellent space for parking. Somebody has written to FIT, and HTC would like to see the basis the FIT lawyers have made their decision. Cllr Moore reported the upgrade on their car park, increased car parking provision is a win, win situation. Cllr Wright visited a resident who was under the impression it was a park and pay scheme, he was of a different opinion when he knew the facts. RESIDENT Mins and purchase of Nelson House VISITOR Holt Owl Plaque Cllr Baker reported he has some clear eco trade clear spray that can be used on the plaque every six weeks, this should stop the slippery surface. In response to a question it was confirmed the liability lies with Holt Town Council The Clerk read the Internal auditors report which had no issues in the interim report.	

15	Financial Matters 15.1 Approve payments of invoices as attached On a proposal by Cllr Batey, seconded by Cllr Wright the payment of attached invoices was approved.	
16	Planning matters Cllr Prior handed this item to Cllr Prior PF/19/0212 Replacement of loose gravel surface pathways and driveways with resin bound surfaces (retrospective) 5 Woodlands Close, Holt, NR25 6DU PF/19/0213 Variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission PF/17/1190 to allow for a plot substitution on plots 1,2 & 8 and for repositioning of plot 9, Rear of, Seven Acres, 61 Hempstead Road, Holt, NR25 6DQ PF/19/0246 Conversion of existing garage/workshop to single storey self-contained 2 bedroomed holiday unit at Town Close PF/19/2166 Erection of two storey detached dwelling and garage Maybeech, 22 Station Road, Holt, NR25 6BS Withdrawn PF/19/0331 Single storey attached garage 1A Hales Court, Holt, NR25 6HF PF/19/0356 Installation of externally fixed tip-down benches and external flue, 4 Fish Hill, Holt, NR25 6BD Bins must be provided Adv/19/0343 2no. non-illuminated fascia signs, 1no. illuminated hanging sign, window graphics and awnings 4 Fish Hill, Holt, NR25 6BD On a proposal by Cllr Batey, seconded by Cllr Baker the above were agreed with no objection PF/19/0306 Prospect House, Norwich Road, erection of single storey detached house. On a proposal by Cllr Hipperson seconded by Cllr Allison the application was objected to due to Over development	
	Date of next meeting 8 April 2019	

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