



HOLT TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 14 January 2019 at Holt Community Centre.

	PRESENT Cllrs Prior (Chair), Allison, Batey, Hipperson, Moore, Neech, Payne, Traynier, & Wright Elaine Oliver Town Clerk Cllr Butikofer NCC 12 Members of public	ACTION
1	WELCOME	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Baker, Reed, 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 No Declarations	
4	POLICE MATTERS PC Gower-Smith was unable to attend	
5	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE HOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – SHAUN VINCENT Unfortunately, Shaun Vincent was unable to attend this meeting	
6	ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR Cllr Prior had no further comments.	
7	AGREE MINUTES OF 6.1 Town Council Meeting 10 December 2018 After amending the minutes agenda item 9, from excuse to reason, Cllr Hipperson proposed and Cllr Prior seconded that the minutes were a true record of the meeting on 10 December 2018, agreed unanimously	
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:- - Not a lot to report this month. - There has been an update on Children's services, which will be sent to all the Town/Parish Clerks. <i>The Clerk informed the meeting this had been received this pm</i> - Certain benefits have been cut, more information will be available on this in near future or at the next meeting. - Police & Crime Commissioner has put out, for public consultation, the need to raise the Police precept to its maximum as there is a need for more police officers. - We can probably all agree more police officers are needed but the precept went up last year to cover this and the extra police have not materialized. Cllr Batey asked if there was any more info on the proposed new school - Planning application is with NNDC and the application is going through the planning process. 9.2 NNDC Cllr Prior commented as follows: - - Some extra meetings have been planned for the local plan which is being worked on. - The next stage is for this to go out to public consultation, which will be part one. This will enable the plan to be got out. - Invitations will go out for the six-week consultation and everyone can have a say on what has been put forward. 9.3 HOLT CHAMBER OF TRADE Cllr Smith not present	

10	TO DISCUSS AND AGREE CHANGE OF SALARY PAYMENT DATE TO 28TH OF EACH MONTH. The Clerk explained that having payment on the last day of the month means the audit figures get confused at the end of the year. On a proposal by Cllr Traynier, seconded by Cllr Moore it was unanimously agreed to change salary pay date to the 28th of each month.	
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME Limited to 15 minutes (3 minutes per Person) Comments were made as follows • What is happening about the millennium clock The Clerk reported that this has been looked at by the clock mender as one clock face is showing the incorrect time, this will be on the agenda for next month. The resident felt it was important to have it working correctly as it was originally purchased to commemorate the millennium	
11	TO DISCUSS CLLR BUTIKOFER LETTER AND AGREED ON AN IDEA TO PUT FORWARD TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY. A letter had been received from Cllr Butikofer asking for an idea, as leader of NNDC, to improve our community. It was agreed to defer this to next month and for members to email the Clerk with any ideas.	
12	TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ON FUTURE PLAY EQUIPMENT PROVISION SOUTH OF THE BYPASS. It was agreed to defer this until the legal position is defined by NNDC.	
13	TO FURTHER DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL LAND AT HOLT Cllr Prior clarified that we were mainly talking about the H09 site. It was stated that the previous two or three leaders have emphasised the need for employment in the town. We need employment on the industrial land on Hempstead Road and land on H09, which seems to be sitting there unused. The idea of compulsory purchase has been mentioned in the past as well. The aggravating part is houses are being built but there is no employment being created. It was felt that we can't do anything about the industrial land, but we need help from NNDC. Cllr Prior stated the only person that can make a deal with an employer is the landowner not NNDC, but they have a responsibility and we can ask them for advice. Cllr Payne reported that many meetings were held with the owner of this land, NNDC and HTC and a deal was always promised and then at the next meeting it had fallen through and they came up with another deal at the next meeting and so on. It was felt that NNDC do not move quick enough. Cllr Prior reported that Holt is in a sifting process and sometimes suffers because the not in the right place right person at the right time an example was the hotels that HTC were keen to get, and we need NNDC to investigate why they didn't want to come and help us. Cllr Moore reported this is for the future of the town and the mix of housing must be looked at. There is a lot of retirement homes and second home owners and who else will live in them if there is no work. If no employment people who work in Fakenham or N Walsham won't live in Holt, so the town could get a funny mix of people. Cllr Prior felt this was less likely because of the number of houses in Fakenham and N Walsham and they are mixed. We must maintain a reasonable mix of people Cllr Moore asked if there was any movement on the H09 industrial land. If we still need to supply employ for Sheringham and Cromer how will that happen without the land. Cllr Neech felt the only way that Holt will survive is with a change in the law. The Govt says we must build houses, but this must be balanced with jobs. Cllr Payne reported that Fakenham ind site is owned by NNDC so they do get involved. The site was done and dusted in a year. Cllr Prior felt there was a lot more land in Fakenham but will put the name of Decora forward. It was felt that this could be an issue to answer Cllr Butikofer's letter (agenda item) Cllr Moore says it is sad that young people must move away. Cllr Batey reported that the hotel chains are unaware the Thursford effect. It was confirmed that the care home application on H09 is a preapplication. Cllr Payne felt it was a shame it is on the corner of a busy road	
14	TO FURTHER DISCUSS SUBMISSIONS FOR MTI FUNDING Cllr Prior reported that we need to discuss this because of the tight deadline.	

	It was reported we had a meeting with NNDC and since then have had a look at the bid we put in and how it could be improved. Various points were raised at the meeting with NNDC such as the paying of VAT, not a lot was said about our bid, but it was considered a good bid. Having talked to other people other meetings have been different. HTC are in a very difficult position and all information must be in the open. We have not been able to get any info from other groups putting in bids. It was reiterated that our scheme was not to lose any car parking spaces, but rather gain one and we had carried out a full public consultation. Cllr Hipperson asked if reasons were given why it was turned down It was mentioned we didn't allow enough money. Cllr Neech reported our bid overlapped with a forum project and stated we will work with anybody to get something done and had asked about using NNDC as facilitator to get something done. Cllr Neech felt all our projects hang together with each other and NNDC has put us in a clashing, poor position in competition with other Holt bids. It was reported that another bidder had said why would I show our project as we are in competition. Cllr Hipperson felt it was the right time for people to work together for something for this town. On a proposal by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Payne it was agreed unanimously to resubmit the original bid for Fish Hill/Star Plain. Cllr Neech felt if there were some aspects of the park and ride/walk we can add this on during this next year if any monies are left over.			
15	TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE MAINTENANCE VAN After discussion about the repair bills to get the van through the MOT it was proposed by Cllr Hipperson, seconded by Cllr Batey to scrap the vehicle and look in a year or two at purchasing a second vehicle. Unanimously agreed.			
16	NELSON HOUSE 16.1 It was reported that contracts had been exchanged on Nelson House and on a proposal by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Traynier was agreed to delegate the duty to Cllrs Neech and Prior to pull down the PWLB when needed. It is hoped that we will be running the TIC in Nelson House from 1st April 2019			
17	<table><tr><td> Correspondence Better Broadband for Norfolk Cllr Butikofer Police Leader NNDC NCC </td><td> New cabinet Priority for Norfolk Newsletter Children's Centre MTI Agreement Bollard </td></tr></table> In answer to a question Cllr Wright confirmed that full fibre broadband had been supplied to the new estate.	Correspondence Better Broadband for Norfolk Cllr Butikofer Police Leader NNDC NCC	New cabinet Priority for Norfolk Newsletter Children's Centre MTI Agreement Bollard	
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18	Financial Matters 18.1 Approve payments of invoices as attached After notification about the payment to Dry Design for the Owl Trial website, Holt Society and the Chamber of Trade have already paid a third, on a proposal by Cllr Batey, seconded by Cllr Hipperson the payment of attached invoices was approved.			
19	Planning matters Cllr Prior handed over the Chair to Cllr Neech. After much debate and discussion and on a proposal by Cllr Payne, seconded by Cllr Traynier it was unanimously agreed there was no objections to the following proposals. PO/18/2090 Erection of 1.5 storey detached dwelling Outline all matters reserved. Prospect House Norwich road. PO/18/2152 Erection of single-storey detached dwelling and alteration to access rear of 82 Cromer Road Overdevelopment Cllr Batey second Cllr Payne PF/18/2156 Erection of single storey front side and rear extensions raising the roof height to create habitable accommodation in roof space and attached triple garage to front/side Stone Lodge, Grove Lane Holt PF/18/2281 Installation of a 'GoGoHare' sculpture on plinth in sensory garden at Holt Country Park PF/18/2166 Erection of two storey detached dwelling and garage, Maybeech, 22 Station Road, Holt, NR25 6BS			

	LA/18/2291 Internal alterations to facilitate sub-division of shop into two units 8 Fish Hill, Holt, NR25 6BD After much discussion and on a proposal by Cllr Batey, seconded by Cllr Payne it was agreed to object to this application as overdevelopment and out of keeping. PO/18/2152 Erection of single-storey detached dwelling and alteration to access rear of 82 Cromer Road	
20	To consider a resolution (under the public bodies admission to Meetings Act 1960) to exclude members of the public On a proposal by Cllr Prior, seconded by Cllr Hipperson the public were excluded.	
21	Confidential Matters 21.1 The contract with Burkett's was discussed and payment approved for the extensive work undertaken over the purchase of Nelson House.	
	Date of next meeting 11 February 2019 Budget Meeting 28 January 2019	

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