



Holt Town Council

Minutes of the Virtual Holt Town Council Meeting held on Monday 10th August at 7pm via the platform Zoom.

Attending: Cllr Rodney Smith (Mayor), Cllr Phil Wright, Cllr Martin Batey, Cllr Ray Moore, Cllr Bryan Payne, Cllr Philo, Cllr Traynier, Cllr Williams, Finance Officer Glynis Williamson and Town Clerk Gemma Harrison.

County Cllr Sarah Butikofer and District Cllrs Georgie Perry-Warnes and Duncan Baker were also present.

1 member of the public was present.

1. Welcome

1.1 Cllr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies for absence

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Prior (unwell), Cllr Tribe (emergency appointment) and Cllr Wilson (pre-arranged work commitment).

3. To consider requests for dispensations from the restriction of operating in the discussion or voting on a matter in which a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

3.1 Cllr Traynier declared an interest in item 9.2 as she is a member of the Holt Caring Society.

4. Police Matters

4.1 PC Graham Gower-Smith is on annual leave and as such no report was received.

5. Announcements by Mayor

5.1 The Mayor announced that he represented the Town Council in the opening of the Holt Book Shop. The shop is in the Baker and Larners building at the back of the Apollo Coffee Shop. The new owners are pleased to welcome everyone to browse their wide selection of books that they have available.

5.2 The demolition of Budgens of Holt is continuing and is on track, it is painstaking because there is a requirement to salvage any items that can be salvaged. The walkway past the Feathers opened a day or so ago giving easier access to the Town. With regards to the temporary solution – nothing further to add at this stage as soon as Budgens are able to give an update they will. The Post Office

and Home Delivery service are still working well and Budgens are still delivering about to about 130 customers each week directly from their Aylsham store. C.T. Baker have opened the small car park on Kerridge Way. Kerridge Way is now open to traffic.

5.3 The Holt Caring Society along with other groups in the town have stepped forward to offer help and support. Our thanks go out to them for their help in supporting the community in these difficult times.

5.4 The Makers Market continues to be a big success. Last Sunday the number of people in the town on a Sunday was like that on a normal Saturday. The Mayor would encourage those traders that are able to open on Sundays to do so through August and to take advantage of this successful event.

6. Agree minutes of Town Council Meeting

6.1 The minutes of town council meeting held on Monday 13th July 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

6.2 On a PROPOSAL by Cllr Wright the minutes were accepted as accurate and correct, this was SECONDED by Cllr Payne and AGREED by ALL.

7. Matters Arising if any (for information and not included on the main council agenda).

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8. Reports

8.1 County Cllr Sarah Butikofer stated that Covid cases have started to rise in Great Yarmouth, the situation is being closely monitored. The Norfolk Parking Partnership are asking people to be mindful of how they are parking, there have been a number of instances throughout the County where dust carts and buses are unable to get through due to inconsiderate parking. NCC have agreed to support a car free day on 20th September whereby everyone will be encouraged to walk, cycle or use public transport to get their destination. Greater Anglia have reported low usage on their trains, they are using fogging equipment to ensure safe travel. Heath Drive is due to be opened in September and the lighting on the roundabout has been fixed. The Gladman site is at public appeal, Cllr Butikofer stated that she is still opposed to the school in this location. NCC are looking into the finances of Holt Hall and there is work happening in the background which looks to keep the building under NCC ownership although it may be used in a slightly different format. Cllr Richard Kershaw is working hard on the Industrial

Land in Holt and has identified another piece of land for potential use, work is currently being undertaken to ensure it is a viable option. If proved viable information will then shared with the Town Council.

- 8.2 Cllr Payne asked Cllr Butikofer why Holt missed out on NCC money which was meant for areas of deprivation. Cllr Butikofer was unfortunately experiencing technical difficulties with her internet connection which meant her answer was fragmented. Cllr Butikofer was able to give the answer that money was allocated to large areas of deprivation which meant the smaller towns fell off the list.
- 8.3 Cllr Moore asked Cllr Butikofer where NCC intended building the new Primary School and Cllr Butikofer responded that the Gladman site was still their favoured location.
- 8.4 Cllr Williams asked whether a car free day was achievable when many areas are suffering from poor public transport provision. Cllr Butikofer acknowledged the question but was unable to give a full response to the question due to ongoing technical difficulties.
- 8.5 NNDC Report. – Cllr Baker and Cllr Perry-Warnes gave a joint report. Cllr Baker stated that he was disappointed by lack of progress by NNDC planning enforcement on the Holt Carpet site. Planners have given the landowner until 18th August to provide a sufficient update. The Appeal for the care home site was turned down. Cllr Baker has been having robust conversations with NCC regarding funding for the new school on the Glandman site which he felt fell short of what was needed. Cllr Baker stated that he would prefer to see Holt Hall continue to provide an education provision.
- 8.6 Love Holt. Although Cllr Tribe was not present a report was submitted in advance of the meeting. The report stated that the new Love Holt film had been made “Holt is Open” and has been shared widely on social media. Love Holt was featured in the EDP and in *Just Holt*. Love Holt have welcomed the opening of Holt Station. The Eat out to help out scheme is now live across the town. The Makers Market curated in Apple Yard with other areas of the town now joining in will run until the end of August. The Holt Walkathon will be taking place on 27th September. The next Zoom meeting will be taking place on 19th August at 5pm. Cllr Tribe’s replacement at Love Holt has been confirmed as Town Centre and Holt Walkathon Lead Nigel Hadlow.

Public Question Time – 1 member of the public present

- A local resident was present but was unable to speak due to technical difficulties. The Mayor asked that the resident send the Clerk any questions they may which can be answered outside the meeting.

9. Finance

9.1 Payments and receipts were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Payne asked for clarification on two payments. The Finance Manager stated that one was to NNDC for the emptying of the bins at the cemetery (£642.20 incl VAT) and the other was for the purchase of a new strimmer for the maintenance team (£402.29 incl VAT) Cllr Batey PROPOSED acceptance of the payments and receipts, this was SECONDED by Cllr Payne and AGREED by all.

9.2 Cllr Batey PROPOSED that a payment of £250 was made to the Holt Caring Society and issued an apology that the payment was missed from the last meeting, the payment was SECONDED by Cllr Wright and AGREED by all.

10. Planning

10.1 The following planning applications were circulated prior to the meeting;

- PF/20/1181 5 Peacocks Lane
- PF/20/1212 Pereers Lodge, Cley Road
- PF/20/1110 29 Cromer Road, Holt
- PF/20/0963 Nirvana, Church Street
- PF/20/1048 2 Cley Road, Holr
- PF/20/1131 Heath Farm Bungalow, Hempstead Road, Holt

Cllrs had no comments to make on the above planning applications, this was PROPOSED by Cllr Batey and SECONDED by Cllr Traynier and AGREED by all.

10.2 No further planning applications or decision notices have been received.

11. Industrial Land

11.1 Cllr Butikofer has already provided an update on the progress which has been made by NNDC on the Industrial Land in Holt (see point 8.1 above). Cllr Moore stated

he was pleased that progress was being made. Cllrs are keen for Holt to be at the forefront for any future funding opportunities given by NNDC or NCC.

12. NCC Parish Partnership Grant Funding

12.1 The Finance Manager provided an update on the NCC Grant Scheme. Three potential projects have been identified. An off-road pedestrian link along Norwich Road to the Country Park, new town signs and a new bus shelter which was going to be funded through the recent MTI Park and Ride bid which was unsuccessful. The closing date for applications is 4th December. Cllr Payne requested costings for all three projects and suggested deferring a decision to September's meeting. The Finance Manager to clarify the amount of grant funding available. Town Clerk to add item to Septembers Agenda.

13.Speeding along the High Street

13.1 Cllrs discussed a 20-mph restriction through the town centre and the possibility of banning HGV access through the town during working hours. Cllr Butikofer stated she would send through some information regarding HGV access.

14. Date and time of next meeting - 14th September 2020.

The meeting ended at 19.55

Signed:

Cllr Rodney Smith (Mayor)