

Holt Town Council

The minutes of the Holt Town Council Meeting on Monday 10th July 2023 at the Meeting Room at the Playing Fields Association, Woodfield Road, Holt.

Attendees: Cllr Sarah Tribe (Mayor), Cllr Phil Wright (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Martin Batey, Cllr Sue Barham, Cllr Chris Bishop, Cllr Bryan Payne, Cllr Rodney Smith, Cllr Simon Williams, Cllr Anita Jones and Town Clerk Gemma Harrison.

3 members of the public present

1. Welcome

1.1 Cllr Tribe welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Tribe held a minute's silence for David Owen who passed away on 9th July. David used to work in the HTC Maintenance Team, his colleagues enjoyed his sense of humour and passion for football. He will be missed; thoughts are with his family and friends.

2. Apologies for absence.

2.1 Apologies have been received from Cllr Roper, Cllr Moore, Cllr Doran and Cllr Prior. All apologies were accepted.

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 Batey stated that he had an interest in Item Number (Planning).

4. Police Matters.

4.1 PC Graham Gower-Smith attended the meeting and reported that there was an incident at George V Play Area where 4 arrests were made, 2 of the young people arrested have had bail conditions placed on them banning them from Holt. It was confirmed that the rumours relating to a stabbing were untrue. Problems in the Church have been reported and as such Police have advised the Church is locked when no-one is there. It was noted the next SNAP meeting is on 24th August at The Holt Youth Project.

5. Announcements by Mayor.

5.1 Cllr Tribe gave her report. Cllr Tribe stated it was nice to see Shop Local flags around town, this was an initiative of Holly Tucker, (Not on The High Street), Holt has been one of 7 UK towns chosen to 'fly the flag'. Cllr Tribe attended The Venue AGM and met Daisy, chair of the Youth Council, and community connector Claire Chapman. Cllr Tribe has also met a pair of policemen patrolling New Street who have been welcomed by many residents in the town. Cllr Tribe extended her congratulations to all involved in the Neighbourhood Plan which was voted in last month after a successful referendum.

5.2 Cllr Tribe will be attending the Holt Medical Practice meeting for Blakeney Surgery if any Cllrs would also like to attend then please let Cllr Tribe know so she can RSVP on their behalf. **ALL**

6. GUEST SPEAKER – Claire Chapman Community Connector NNDC

6.1 Claire gave a short presentation about her role at NNDC. There are eight Community Connector's at NNDC, Claire covers Holt and Wells. It is a signposting role, whereby she works alongside social prescribers, benefits team, adult learning, social inclusion and the integrated care co-ordinators at the surgery.

7. Agree the Minutes of: Town Council Meeting dated Monday 12th June 2023

7.1 The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. They were PROPOSED as accurate and correct by Cllr Batey and SECONDED by Cllr Wright and AGREED by all.

8. Matters Arising (for information and not included on the main Agenda).

- Industrial Land – no update. GH to contact Rob Young for an update. **GH**
- Cemetery Extension – Clerk to arrange a meeting with developer. **GH**
- Bank Hub – Clerk to ask for an update from Steffan Aquarone. **GH**

- Neighbourhood Plan – The plan went through with over 80% support from those that voted, the plan will be going to the NNDC Cabinet for full adoption in September.
- Church street Toilets - The refurb will start end of September; Mark Welch has been appointed as the builder.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Limited to 15 Mins (3 Minutes per person)

- A member of the public asked about the declaration of interests and what this meant, this was explained by Cllr Tribe.
- A member of the public asked about the speed watch initiative and volunteered to take part. Clerk to put an article in the Chronicle for further volunteers. GH

9. Reports

9.1 Norfolk County Council – Cllr Vardy circulated his report prior to the meeting. There were no questions from Cllrs. Cllr Vardy asked all Cllrs to have a think for projects which could offer an environmental or road safety benefit as funding was available. Tree planting on the Lovells site was discussed, the Clerk will arrange a meeting with Cllr Tribe to discuss the planting of trees on both Lovell developments.

GH

9.2 Speeding was discussed, a feasibility study (approximate cost £7000) would be needed to assess any change of speed limit in the town. It was noted that there was a national criteria for setting speed limits.

9.2 North Norfolk District Council - the report was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Batey stated that it was Pride month at NNDC. There is a new Inclusivity and diversity project being launched. Clerk asked for timescale on the redevelopment of the Albert Street Toilets. MB/EV

9.3 Love Holt – Report circulated prior to the meeting.

9.4 Greening Holt – Report circulated prior to the meeting.

10. Underpass

10.1 Members of the public have commented on the condition of the underpass at Hempstead Road. A discussion took place on whether a working party of volunteers could be organised to paint the underpass. It was noted that the underpass is NCC responsibility. Clerk to contact NCC to see if they would be willing to undertake the work themselves. Item to be added to September's agenda.

GH

11. Heath Farm Allotments

11.1 Clerk to arrange a meeting with Lovells to discuss the allotments, water for the allotments and tree planting on site. It was noted the allotment site needs cutting and is in a poor condition.

12. Planning (Report circulated prior to the meeting)

12.1 The June planning Report (for applications received since the last meeting) was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Batey left the meeting at 8pm. Cllr Wright PROPOSED the report which was SECONDED by Cllr Smith and AGREED by all. Cllr Batey returned to the meeting at 8.03pm. Clerk to respond to the applications on the NNDC website. GH

13. Finance (circulated prior to the meeting)

13.1 It was noted that no further payments have been received from the Holt Society towards the Jubilee Slates, Clerk to contact the Holt Society to better understand their plans for repaying the debt.

13.2 The payments of £33,455.90 were PROPOSED by Cllr Wright and SECONDED by Cllr Jones and AGREED by all. The receipts of £1,066.84 were noted. Clerk to make payments. GH

13.3 A quote for the removal of topsoil from the cemetery was discussed. It was AGREED to defer item to September's meeting to allow for Clerk to explore other options. GH

14. Correspondence

14.1 Aeroplane Noise – General plane noise has been reported to HTC as causing a nuisance. The comments have been noted.

14.2 Parking on Kerridge Way – Clerk to explore what can be done to help resolve the ongoing problem of cars parking on Kerridge Way. GH

14.3 Complaints have been received regarding the new car parking rates in the Budgens Car Park. HTC to write to B&L to discuss what can be done to improve the situation. Residents are keen to see free 30-minute parking in all bays. Concerns were raised regards parking for the Cash Point. Clerk to make contact and report back at the next meeting. GH

14.4 It was noted that No.13 streetlight has now been fixed.

14.5 The hedge along Station Road has been reported as being overgrown, Clerk to contact Gresham's and ask that it is trimmed back in September after the bird nesting season has come to an end. GH

15. Items for next agenda

15.1 A new post box location in the town centre.

15.2 Opening Hours TIC and HTC need to be displayed outside. GH

16. The next meeting will take place on Monday 11th September, at 7pm, location to be confirmed.

Meeting ended 20.26