

Minutes of the Extraordinary Holt Town Council Meeting

**Held at 7pm on Thursday 30th January 2025 at Nelson House, 2
White Lion Street, Holt, NR25 6BA**

Attending: Cllr Phil Wright (Chairman), Cllr Ray Moore, Cllr Sandy Roper, Cllr Chris Bishop, Cllr Bryan Payne, Cllr Martin Batey, Cllr Anita Jones and Town Clerk Gemma Harrison.

0 members of the public were present.

1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence.

1.1 Cllr Wright welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1.2 Cllr Sarah Tribe, Cllr Sue Barham, Cllr Tony Pointer, Cllr Maggie Prior, Cllr Simon Williams and Cllr Rodney Smith gave their apologies. Apologies were accepted.

2. To receive declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations by councillors in any of the agenda items listed.

2.1 None.

Public Participation

An opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and request to speak on agenda items

None.

3. To consider NNDC's e-mail dated 23rd January 2025 regarding the proposed amended base rate for Holt, to discuss what impact this will have on the Holt Budget and discuss and AGREE a new Budget and Precept for 2025/26.

3.1 The Clerk stated that NNDC have adopted a second homes premium which in turn has affected the base rate (i.e the amount of people paying Council Tax) as such the extraordinary meeting was being held to assess the impact this would have on the HTC budget.

3.2 The Clerk stated that when the original budget was set in 2024 it was scaled back due to Cllrs being mindful of keeping any increase to a minimum. Cllrs looked at the budget and suggested some amendments, including some additional funding

to repair the pond at Spout Hills, streetlight maintenance, more funding for the maintenance team and for the reserve fund.

3.3 Cllr Batey PROPOSED the new precept of £199,026 which is an annual cost of £94.16 per Band D property, this is an increase of £4.85 per year from last year which equates to an increase of 40p a month and 9p a week (based on a Band D property), this was SECONDED by Cllr Wright and AGREED (by a show of hands) by all. The clerk will inform NNDC and place a copy of the budget on the Town Council website. GH

4. Time and Date of Next Meeting; Monday 10th February, Holt Playing Fields, Kelling Road.

Meeting ended 19.47