

**HOLT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL  
AT 7.30 p.m. ON THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2025 IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present :- S. Williams (Chairman), M. Taylor, J. Hill, B. Curral, C. Lightfoot (Clerk).**

**In Attendance:- District Councillor Mr D. Clarke, Brian and Valerie Higgins, Pauline Goodyear (Parishioners).**

**Absent:- J. Harper, C. Adams, S. Richardson-Brown.**

<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>Public Question Time.</u></b></p> <p><u>Planning Application M/25/00400/ FUL Land at OS 8144 6324) Holt Heath – Land adjacent to Millennium Green.</u> Parish Councillor Mr S. Williams gave a summary of the planning application and the views of Parish Council. Mr B. Higgins gave their personal view on the application as a neighbouring property consultee. The main concerns expressed were impact of the traffic pollution and the increase in the volume of traffic. Previous development in the village has all been on infill sites but the proposed development is outside the main settlement. There is also a flooding concern in the location due to poor drainage. Parish Councillor Mr S. Williams summarised the main issues from the viewpoint of Parish Council. Flooding, drainage and surface water are all issues of major concern. Parish Council will be recommending refusal of the proposed design of the development. There are several material inaccuracies in the planning application. The application is based on the assumption that the village will be moved to a category 2 status although there is no evidence to support this. Highways have objected but there are caveats in their response to extend the 30mph limit and improve pedestrian access. There has been no consultation between the developer with the Millennium Green Trust. The developer is requesting a meeting with Parish Council but previously did not wish to make this a public meeting. Parish Councillor Mr S. Williams encouraged all parishioners to put in their viewpoints.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>To consider apologies and approve reasons for absence.</u></b> Apologies were received from County Councillor Mr S. Richardson-Brown. Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Mr J. Harper and Mrs C. Adams. These were accepted and the reason for absence approved.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest.</u></b></p> <p><b>a) Register of Interests.</b> There were no changes to the Register of Interests.</p> <p><b>b) Registration of Personal Interests.</b></p> <p><b>c) Registration of Prejudicial Interests.</b> Parish Councillor Mrs J. Hill and Mrs M. Taylor declared an interest in Planning Application M/25/00400/FUL Land at (OS 8144 6324) Holt Heath, land adjacent to the Millennium Green.</p> <p><b>d) Written requests for the Council to grant a dispensation.</b> There were no issues on the agenda that required any declarations of interest.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>Discussion re Planning Application M/25/00400/FUL Land at (OS 8144 6324) Holt Heath – Land adjacent to the Millennium Green.</u></b> This was discussed under Agenda item 1 Public Question Time.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>Minutes.</u></b> The minutes of the meeting of the 20 March 2025 were approved as a true record of the meeting. These were proposed by Parish Councillor Mr B. Curral and seconded by Parish Councillor Mrs M. Taylor and approved as a true record of the meeting.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b><u>County and District Councillor reports for information.</u></b></p> <p><b>Report from District Councillor Mr Dean Clarke:</b> District Councillor Mr Dean Clarke provided a short update. There were no significant matters of note.</p>



			access of B4196, new landscaping and associated works.			
	<p><b>b) Approvals/Refusals.</b></p> <p><b>c) Other Planning Issues.</b></p>					
<b>10.</b>	<p><b><u>Correspondence for information.</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that all correspondence of note had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p>					
<b>11.</b>	<p><b><u>Clerk's report on urgent decisions since the last meeting.</u></b></p> <p>a) Parish Lengthsman. The Clerk reported that Mr Rob Harrision had agreed to stay on as the Parish Lengthsman for 20025/26 and the current budget is £2728.59. The Clerk reported that she was currently in the process of sorting out the paperwork.</p> <p>b) Insurance. The Clerk reported that the insurance renewal had come through at the same price as the previous year. Parish Council agreed the renewal should take place.</p> <p>c) Hedging. The Clerk reported that the hedging and trees in the Parish which required trimming back had been reported to Top Cut. However, the work would not be carried out until bird nesting season had finished.</p>				CL	CL
<b>12.</b>	<p><b><u>Councillor's reports and items for future agendas.</u></b></p> <p>a) Village Hall. An update was given on the current position in relation to the Village Hall. There has been some success in sourcing grant funding.</p>					
<b>13.</b>	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting.</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15 May 2025. This will be the Annual and Open Meetings.</p>					