

HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Holbrook Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 19th October 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr A Clement, Cllr C Graham, Cllr L Holmes, Cllr S Ingleton, Cllr D Martin, Cllr D Meekings (Chair), Cllr S Peck

In attendance: Mrs F Rolfe (Clerk), District Councillor D Rose, County Councillor D Wood, 2 members of the public (left after public recess).

HPC1510/01 Apologies: Cllr S Page, Cllr S Hehir, Cllr Ashlee	
HPC1510/02 Declarations of interest: None	
HPC1510/03 Public Recess: Babergh District Council: Cllr Rose had provided information on bonfires as requested and this has been placed on the village website. He reported on the recent fire in Samford Close, the householder had been immediately rehomed and will hopefully be back in Holbrook very soon. Suffolk County Council: Cllr Wood reported that all of Holbrook should have access to high speed broadband by the middle of next year, a new cabinet has been installed in Heathfield Road. Community transport (including Buzabout) was referred to the Scrutiny Committee and has since been back to Cabinet with the original recommendations unchanged. This means that the service will go out to tender early next year and the Peninsula Buzabout will be part of the Babergh area contract. There has been a large reduction in the budget (£500k over 4 years). Cllr Wood will keep the Council updated. There are ongoing talks about devolution for Suffolk and/or Norfolk but no clear direction has emerged to date. The proposed extension to the AONB, which may include more of the peninsula will be out for public consultation in the near future. Holbrook Hornets: Mr Geoff Cribb and Mr Ben Powell addressed the meeting to seek the Parish Council's views on the potential for Holbrook Hornets teams to use the Reade Field as an alternative training venue. They provided a detailed account of possible usage and equipment requirements, and had liaised with the Holbrook Swan team management about shared use. It was agreed that further use of the Reade Field should be encouraged and that in principle, this was something that was of interest to the Parish Council. Mr Cribb and Mr Powell were asked to provide their information in writing to the Clerk so that further consideration could be made regarding the budget position, requirements for charging and how this might fit into existing plans for improvement of the Reade Field facilities.	
HPC1510/04 To approve Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st September 2015 It was proposed by Cllr Ingleton and seconded by Cllr Graham, that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 st September 2015 be approved. Those who had attended that meeting were in favour.	
HPC1510/05 Matters Arising: Reade Field: Cllr Ingleton confirmed that the repair has been made to the top bar as per the RoSPA report. She has not heard back from the company	

<p>who inspected the new equipment. Clerk to chase for a report.</p> <p>A number of teenagers are congregating in the Hazel copse and are displaying anti-social behaviours. PCSO Adams has recommended that the copse be trimmed back. It was agreed that this has not been done for some years and would be of benefit to the planting in this area to cut back.</p> <p>Cllr Peck reported that a number of parishioners had commented on the amount of dog mess on the Reade Field and that many dogs were off their leads. This was echoed by Cllr Clement who reported that parents were not letting their children use the playground because of the dog mess. This was also the case in Reade Road. Clerk to raise awareness through In Touch, website and notices.</p> <p>Roads and Footpaths: The Clerk provided an update on the relocation of the Post Box on Ipswich Road. A meeting had been held with a representative of the Royal Mail following intervention by the local MP, Mr James Cartlidge. No decision has yet been made about an alternative location and the Royal Mail representative was sympathetic to the views of the Parish. Clerk to continue to pursue this issue.</p> <p>Cllr Clement commented on the nettles in Petticoat Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Peck commented on the worsening condition of Ipswich Road near to the junction with Denmark Gardens.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>HPC1510/06 Correspondence:</p> <p>06.01 Community Caretaker Scheme: This scheme had been previously discussed and it was agreed that the Parish should take part in the trial.</p> <p>06.02 Babergh SNT meetings with Parish Councils: All councillors are encouraged to support the new format of meetings with the Police whilst they are offering this opportunity. The next one is 25th November at the Pinewood Community Centre. [Cllr Wood informed the meeting that he had spoken to Mr Passmore, the PCC, about rural policing but had not had a tangible response. He also encouraged councillors to attend the meetings.]</p> <p>06.03 Community Achievement Awards: The Parish Council has supported the awards in the past and will do so again this year. A nomination was suggested, this was proposed by Cllr Graham and seconded by Cllr Peck.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>HPC1510/07 Finance:</p> <p>07.01 Current bank balance: The current Lloyds account balance at 30th September 2015 was £26,769.23. This includes the balance of the precept (£11,000) and S106 grant for works on Reade Field (£7,000).</p> <p>07.02 Payments to be authorised: Cheques for the following amounts were approved, proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Peck, all in favour. Mrs F Rolfe (salary) £533.57, Business Services at CAS (insurance) £695.13, SALC (training) £90, Anglian Water (Pavilion Water bill) £42.34, All Seasons Landscaping (Reade Field maintenance) £145, Holbrook Village Hall (hire 2015) £195, Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal) £50.</p> <p>Payments of £27.32 to Eon (Pavilion electricity bill), £53.32 and £265.96 to Vertas (Reade Field grass cutting) have been made prior to the meeting as approved in the budget-setting process to meet payment deadlines.</p> <p>A sub committee will be convened during November to calculate next year's budget and the precept. This will consist of Cllr Page, Cllr Meekings and the</p>	

