

HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Holbrook Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 16th November 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr S Page (Chair), Cllr D Ashlee, Cllr A Clement, Cllr S Hehir, Cllr L Holmes, Cllr S Ingleton, Cllr D Meekings, Cllr S Peck

In attendance: Mrs F Rolfe (Clerk), County Councillor D Wood, 0 members of the public

<p>HPC1511/01 Apologies: Cllr C Graham, Cllr D Martin, District Councillor D Rose.</p>	
<p>HPC1511/02 Declarations of interest: None</p>	
<p>HPC1511/03 Public Recess: Suffolk County Council: Cllr Wood informed the meeting that the public consultation on the proposed cuts to Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service started today. In his experience these were the most severe cuts that had ever been proposed; in total 7 fire engines would be lost with a big impact in Ipswich. This would affect Holbrook in two ways: the crew when available would be called in to Ipswich more often leaving Holbrook uncovered, and if not available (usually during the day) the response from Ipswich to Holbrook would be worsened. Although the number of fires was reducing, when one occurred the response needs to be available and the amount of housing development in the District areas means that risk would be increasing so the Ipswich situation should be considered in the light of District development. Cllr Wood implored the Council to respond to the consultation as both a Council and as individuals. This issue to be put on the next agenda and a link to the consultation is to be sent to Councillors. Cllr Wood noted the Ofsted judgement of 'Good' which the Academy has recently achieved. He praised the hard work of the Head teacher, staff and students in achieving this improvement. The Chairman echoed these sentiments on behalf of the Council. Cllr Wood has an amount of Locality funding still available, if anyone is aware of potential projects please let them know that they need to apply before Christmas. The devolution project has yet to be decided, the Government favour a Norfolk and Suffolk approach but it is unlikely that there will be additional funding for this, the outcome of CSR in the near future may provide clarity. Babergh and Mid Suffolk are still looking for joint accommodation. There is some council house building in the District and loans are being provided to start-up businesses.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>HPC1511/04 To approve Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th October 2015 It was proposed by Cllr Ingleton and seconded by Cllr Peck, that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th October 2015 be approved. Those who had attended that meeting were in favour.</p>	
<p>HPC1511/05 Matters arising from the minutes: 05.01 Cllr Ingleton had sprayed weed killer on the nettles along the Cut which has resulted in them dying back. 05.02 Cllr Peck has contacted the MP Mr Cartlidge regarding the poor mobile</p>	

<p>signal in the village. He has acknowledged the issue and will look into it. Cllr Clement was aware that the Church had been contacted by Vodafone shortly after the last meeting with a view to using the tower. This is being investigated.</p>	
<p>HPC1511/06 Update on actions and correspondence received:</p> <p>06.01 AP&L have carried out some remedial works on the play equipment which address the concerns raised previously. The communication with the company and the initial standard of their product has not been positive.</p> <p>06.02 The issue of dog fouling on the Reade Field, particularly around the playground area was raised again. A number of councillors are aware of people not letting their children use the facility because of this. It was again proposed that the playground be fenced off. Following discussion it was decided to ask Babergh District Council whether this would be a suitable project for s106 monies, and if so to proceed with quotes. Councillors to inform the Clerk if they are aware of any specific fencing that they consider suitable at other playgrounds.</p> <p>06.03 Cllr Holmes reported that The Cut, between the Cabin Club and the Academy gates, was overgrown. Clerk to identify the responsible person and ask for this to be cut back.</p> <p>06.04 Progress is being made on the Community Caretaker project, with supporting documentation now in place. An advert will be placed shortly.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>HPC1511/07 Finance:</p> <p>07.01 Financial report from Responsible Financial Officer. (attached) The financial report was presented, there were no questions from those present.</p> <p>07.02 Payments to be authorised: Cheques for the following amounts were approved, proposed by Cllr Ingleton and seconded by Cllr Ashlee, all in favour. Mrs F Rolfe (salary) £533.57, Playforce Ltd (balance of playground repairs) £125, ESPS (refund advertising in Parish Papers) £36, SALC (Law book) £67, SALC (Training) £30, The Dominic Barker Trust (donation) £50, The Royal British Legion (donation) £200, Holbrook Academy (Award) £30, Holbrook PCC (donation) £350, Suffolk Preservation Society (Membership) £25</p> <p>PC agreed to sponsor the award for 'Work in the Community' at the Academy Presentation Evening. Cllr Page will attend to represent the Parish Council and to present the award.</p> <p>The budget subcommittee will meet on 24th November 2015 at 1930 to calculate next year's budget and the precept. This will consist of Cllr Page, Cllr Meekings, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Peck and the Clerk.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>HPC1511/08 Planning Matters:</p> <p>Decisions as notified by Babergh District Council: Application B/15/01064 Vine House had been withdrawn. Application B/15/00138 2 Woodlands Corner has been appealed to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Considerations: B/15/01373 Cedar House, The Street Holbrook IP9 2PZ: Construction of</p>	

<p>swimming pool and erection of canopy on North elevation. No objections.</p> <p>B/15/01438 Vine Cottage, Alton Green, Lower Holbrook IP9 2RN: Erection of two storey rear extension, internal and external alterations. No objections.</p> <p>B/15/01440 Entre Deux Mers, Church Hill, Holbrook IP9 2QW: Erection of 1x 2 storey dwelling (amended scheme to B/13/01195) No objections.</p> <p>B/15/01450 49 Clench Road, Holbrook IP9 2PP: Installation of oil tank in front garden No objections.</p> <p>B/15/01518 Vine House, The Street, Holbrook, IP9 2PX: Change of use from agricultural land to domestic use and erection of single storey rear extension and extension to garage. No objections.</p> <p>B/15/01540 The Orchard, Alton Green, Lower Holbrook IP9 2RN: Erection of front balcony and replacement of window with door. No objections.</p> <p>Application received after the agenda was published for tree work at 1 Holm Oak. This has been referred to the Tree Warden for advice and an update will be provided at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>HPC1511/09 Reports from Councillors on matters to be included in the next agenda:</p> <p>Cllr Page: Fire and Rescue Service consultation is to be added to the next agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Ingleton asked whether it was possible to put notices up saying that the Post Box on Ipswich Road was still in use at the moment.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>Date of the next meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be on 14th December 2015 at 1930 in the Village Hall.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 2030.</p> <p>Chairman Date</p>	