



## **HOLT TOWN COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of the Annual Towns Meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 at Holt Community Centre.**

**PRESENT** Chairman Cllr Payne, Councillors Allison, Baker, Batey, Blyth, Cunliffe, Hipperson, Prior, Roberts and Turner. Di Dann, Town Clerk. NCC Cllr J Perry Warnes. PCSO's Guy Slade and Rachel Howard to item 6. members of the public.

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Moore and Cllr Traynier. The NDC Cllrs Mike Baker and Philip High had also sent apologies

#### **2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

#### **3 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Allison **SECONDED** by Cllr Turner the minutes were **AGREED** and signed

#### **5 CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2010/11**

This had been circulated, and was noted. (see attached)

#### **6 POLICE REPORT**

The meeting was advised of 4 recent arrests concerning Class B drugs; 1 assault; 1 robbery which was now being investigated by the CID

It was noted that there had been graffiti attacks in town over the last two weeks, most recently on Saturday. Patrols were also taking place in Spouts Common, and the police were asked to be vigilant with fires, drinking and littering..

#### **7 HASTOE HOUSING**

The Chairman welcomed Melanie the Area Development Manager for Hastoe Housing. The Housing Association had started in the 1980's and had been communities identified – HCA (Homes and Communities Association). 1000 homes had so far been built with 300 homes per year in the area now being developed. They had design features which provided ongoing benefits to residents. With less

bungalows being built they also tried to accommodate the needs of all ages of the population. They were generally smaller clusters of homes abutting the development boundary and incorporated S106 agreements which had a local lettings policy. For North Norfolk this meant that people would need to have a local connection. They also provided housing impepetuity for local people at about 80% of the market or council rent currently being charged. The whole process takes 3 / 4 year. Sites were managed by a Hastoe Housing Management Team who would interview and verify local criteria. Our area was likely to be a designated rural protected area therefore there would be no right to buy. If there was shared ownership then it would only be up to 80% with 20% staying with Hastoe.

The process involved verifying the need (type and number); work to try and find a piece of land (say £5000 - £8000 per plot); design a scheme; obtain funding (Hastoe would apply through HAC max 20% government grant). Hastoe cover the cost of local consultation and planning permission. Design schemes had generous back gardens and two parking places allocated. A question was asked about affordable housing on non exception sites. Noted that they might now be "pepper potted"

## **8 THIRD YEAR HOLT HONOURS AWARD (2010)**

The Chairman presented the Award certificate and a cheque for £35 to the Holt & Communities First Response represented by Mike and David. David advised of the current Community Heart Beat project.

Holt & Communities First Response are a group of trained local volunteers, who offer support in their area to the Ambulance services. First responders are frequently the first on the scene and often provide emergency life support pending the arrival of a paramedic. They can help to save and have saved lives.

As well as donating their own time to attend emergency calls, responders also give their time freely to train as many people in the community as possible with life-saving CPR techniques.

The organisation receives no government money, and is funded purely by donations made by the local community, businesses and other organisations. These donations are used to help with the running of the First Response Vehicle, new equipment and general day to day expenses. Without the support of these special people, lives within our community could be lost.

## **8. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLORS**

There were none raised. The Town Clerk presented the Chairman with a bound copy of "The Great Fire of Holt". This was a collection of papers and photographs from the Great Fire of Holt Week end held in May 2008. It marked the end of the 4 year term of this Council.

There being no further questions the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.