



HOLT TOWN COUNCIL

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(Office hours: 9.00 – 12.00 Monday / Wednesday/ Friday)

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 12th December 2011 at Holt Community Centre.

PRESENT: Cllr B Payne (Chairman), Cllrs Allison, D Baker, M Batey, Blyth, Hipperson, Moore, Prior, Read, Roberts, Traynier, Turner and Cllr Wright
Di Dann, Town Clerk
PC Mike Blowers was in attendance (to Item 4)
4 members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE SAFERNEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM MEMBER

There had been 62 calls to police in the last month of which 8 had resulted in crimes. This compared with 47 calls resulting in 4 crimes for the same period last year. There had been 1 burglary other than dwelling, 1 burglary dwelling; 6 thefts. The next SNAP meeting would take place on Wednesday 14th December at 7.00 p.m. at Holt Youth Project and priorities until that meeting remained Theft – preventative measures and public awareness; ASB Briston and Melton Constable.

Sgt Howes would be leaving the Holt SNT on 9th January following the Local Policing Review. Her position would be taken by Sgt Simon Little who will be based at Fakenham. The Holt SNT would be made up of PC Blowers and 3 PCSO's – PCSO Slade, Howard and Ford. The area would have 10 dedicated officers based at Fakenham.

Members were concerned that the Holt Police Station might close. PC Blowers advised that this was not the case, but that the station would be run by a Sgt. based at Fakenham. The area for the SNT remained the same in that there were still 26 parishes to look after. A letter could be written to the area Inspector based at Fakenham, but what was happening in Holt, was happening to all SNT's

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman advised that he had attended the Pride in Norfolk award ceremony at County Hall on 23rd November. Holt had been the runners up in the under 5000

population category. He had also attended the event at Dereham Town Council which was the grand opening of their refurbished War Memorial Hall costing £2.6 million.

5 MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th NOVEMBER 2011

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Turner the minutes were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6 MATTERS ARISING (for information and not included on the agenda).

Page 306 Item 6.11 Parish Precept A letter from The Revenues and Benefits Services Manager was read in which it was advised that the tax base for council tax setting purposes was calculated between 1st December and 31st January. Figures for the following year are projected in this calculation, and expressed in terms of full band D equivalent homes. Various other calculations with this have to be estimated – such as the movements on and off the list and discount and exemption charges. The Band D Tax base is then applied to the Town Council precept. Over the last 3 years the Band D level for Holt has only changed marginally therefore having little effect on individual charges.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Norfolk County Council. County Councillor Perry Warnes had sent his apologies. The Chairman was pleased to introduce County Cllr R Wright who was standing in for John. Cllr Russell advised that he had met with Cllr C Jordan and also head of NPS Peter Weavers.

7.2 North Norfolk District Council. NNDC Cllr Philip High had sent his apologies. It was noted from a written report that the illegal flags flying in Bull Street had now been removed – following an NNDC enforcement intervention. Two traffic signs have been erected to warn drivers of the children using the Sure Start Centre. There would be no additional grit bin in Albert Street car park. Cllr High was happy to support Cllr M Baker's proposal for the H01 site which was for improved S106 benefits for the King George V field. He was anxious that other benefits should not be sacrificed for an improved offer for the King George V Field.

NNDC Cllr Mike Baker advised that NNDC were now reducing their management levels thus making savings.

7.3 Chamber of Trade. Cllr Baker advised that much of the recent Chamber meeting had been spent discussing the Car Park and the campaign being undertaken to write letters on the matter to NCC. Cllr Jordan would be invited to the next Chamber meeting in January to put the case for the County council. The Chamber had considered that the Christmas Switch On event and the lighting of the town for the festive season was very good and members of the Lights Committee were congratulated. The Town Council **AGREED** that a letter of congratulations should be sent to the Committee Chairman. The pigeons in town had also been discussed and currently the Chamber was working with the Town Clerk in a two pronged attack on the problem of pigeon guano and property protection and maintenance. The Chamber had some funds which they could put into the campaign

to reduce pigeon numbers.

7.4 Holt Youth Project. Cllr Read advised that HYP work had escalated with the cut backs currently being experienced by NCC =- specifically with young carers. There was now a new North Norfolk Carers Group which North Norfolk Rotary Club had agreed to support. Crayford & Abbs were also supporting the project with a mini bus. There would be an Open Day on 16 – 18th December for all the courses being run in tandem with Adult Education.

7.5 Patients Participation Group. Sue the Practise Manager had offered to come and talk to the next Council Meeting and this was agreed.

7.6 “Glad About the Glaven.” This was a project spearheaded by the Holt Area Partnership and Holt Hall and a sub-committee would take place in January. People with ideas were invited to attend.

7.7 Holt Community Centre. Cllr Roberts advised that the recent meetings held to bring forth priorities would be analysed at the Committee January meeting.

7.8 The Town Clerk. A written report had been tabled (see Appendix 3).

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Limited to 15 minutes
(Three minutes per person)**

B Pilgrim - Vision document lacked identification of social issues such as elderly living on own.

M Hill - What contact had been made with the applicant re car park and also asked about public footpath

8 DISCUSS THE QUEEN’S DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT June 2012 and the Olympic Torch July 2012. (Appendix 4)

The minutes of the November Jubilee Committee meeting were noted and the committee would be asked if they could arrange the Olympic Torch event being held a month later. It was noted that these were separate celebrations.

9 UPDATE ON THE HOLT CAR PARK

Various letters and copy letters received concerning the matter were noted.

Cllr Wright advised that had discussed the long awaited Holt Car Park at depth with NPS and Cllr C Jordan. He considered that the latest offer made to the applicant was a fair percentage of net profit and was not the sum of 20 – 30 % written by some people. He suggested that a way forward might be for an independent valuation to be made. There was considerable discussion on the need for the car park and the delays in the project going forward and more recently the public footpath application and it would be discussed further at the end of the meeting when press and public could be excluded. The Town Clerk advised that she had telephoned Cllr Jordan concerning the suggested mid January meeting and had been advised that this would probably not take place. Cllr Wright would ask that a reply should be sent to the Town Council to this letter. The purpose of the January meeting had been to try and resolve the issues between the applicant and the land owner. If no reply was received the matter would be referred to government office by the Town Council. He had checked the comment made by NPS that negotiations could no longer continue with the recent public footpath application by Mr Chapman, and had been advised by the legal department of NCC that this was not correct. The Town Clerk had been advised that the progress of the public footpath application could take several years.

Cllr Wright further advised that he knew nothing of the Norfolk Orbital Railway Company intended purchase of an acre of land near the Holt Station site for £1000.

There was continued frustration from members that information on the progress of the project had been lacking and that there was no justification in trying to push blame for this lack of information to certain members of the council.

Cllr Wright believed that the matter could be resolved and he would push on in his efforts.

10 CAR PARK CHARGES IN NORTH NORFOLK

The rise in car park charges threatened for Holt by NNDC was considered totally unacceptable. A letter would be sent to NNDC on this matter.

11 UPDATE ON THE HOLT VISION

Members noted that the draft vision had been condensed into 8 display boards which had been presented at an informal meeting prior to the Town Council meeting. The exhibition would continue through the week, moving to the Library on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and then back to the Community Centre on Friday and Saturday, running alongside the centre's own Crib Festival. People were being encouraged to complete forms with their comments on the Vision ideas. A further Board meeting would take place on 9th January and a full public presentation would take place on 19th January 2012.

12 ANNUAL MEETING Date 26th March 2012

The date for the event was **AGREED** as 26th March

12.1 Members would consider a key note speaker.

12.2 Cllr Trainier and Cllr Hipperson would be on the Working party for the Holt Honours Awards 2011

13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Request to number new bungalow in Princess Court. This would be the following number.

13.2 NCC information re road closures and works. There was some concern on the A road being closed at half term and a letter would be written to NCC.

13.3 Car Park – e mail from Cllr M Baker; letter from the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade and to the Chamber from NPS; e mail concerning letter in Chronicle; letter from Mr M Hill; letter from the Holt Bookshop. Noted

13.4 Request re naming of a street after a retired councillor. Noted

13.5 Copy e mail from Norwood Homes to the Holt Museum Trust. Noted

13.6 There were no other correspondence items received since 2nd December 2011

14 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION - Refer Appendix 1

14.1 members noted the items received.

14.2 Others items received since 2nd December 2011

14.2.1 Activities of the Holt Area Partnership. It was **AGREED** that a letter of support for the Holt Area Partnership should be sent to NNDC.

14.2.2 NCC ETD Norfolk Gritting Routes for Winter weather

14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

14.1 Approve accounts payment – November (enclosed)

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Turner **SECONDED** by Cllr Hipperson the statements was **APPROVED**

14.2 Letter from Churchyard Team was considered and it was **AGREED** that £75 should be sent to the Churchyard Team for cutting the Church Street Toilet site grass.

15 PLANNING MATTERS

15.1 To consider Planning Applications

Refer Appendix 2

15.2 Matters relating to H01

The Chairman and the Town Clerk had attended the NNDC Planning Committee meeting which had discussed the H01 application. The Town Council had supported the application subject to improved S106 terms. It had been agreed at the meeting that their would be direct community consultation concerning the S106 monies for the King George V Field; a flashing sign would be provided on the Old Cromer Road (north side for traffic leaving the town); £30,000 to be paid to NNDC for car park would be earmarked for a specific project in Holt.

16 MEETING DATES - Next Town Council Meeting Monday 9th January 2012

17 EXCLUSION

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr Turner the meeting was closed and press and public were excluded owing to the financial sensitivity of the discussion

18 HOLT CAR PARK

The offer made by the land owner in September was discussed

The Footpath application would be the applicant’s project.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date