

# HOLT TOWN COUNCIL

## MEETING OF THE SPOUT HILLS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Spout Hills Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2010 at Holt Community Centre

1. **PRESENT:** Cllrs Allison (Chairman), Philip High, Lynne Jackson, Fiona Joliffe, George Rudd, Sarah Price (NCC Countryside Officer).

Town Clerk Di Dann

#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On a **PROPOSAL** by L Jackson seconded by Cllr P High, Cllr John Allison was elected Chairman for the ensuring year

#### 2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On a **PROPOSAL** by F Joliffe seconded by Cllr P High, Tony Leech was elected Chairman for the ensuring year

#### 3. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllr B Payne, Cllr C Hipperson, John Jarvis, Tony Leech (Vice Chairman),

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Fiona Joliffe declared an interest as a member of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and CPRE.

#### 5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2010

On a **PROPOSAL** by Cllr High seconded by g Rudd the minutes were **AGREED** and signed.

#### 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public.

#### 7. Holt Old Rectory Boundary and the Common land

**7.1 Barbed wire fence.** A reply was read from the owner of the Old Rectory advising that barbed wire fencing was on the line of the original fence and that a second 2 metre high fence within the Rectory boundary had also been installed. Members considered that the barbed wire fencing was not along the original common land boundary. The Town Clerk was asked to write to Mr Neech to ask him to move the fence to his side of the boundary. No fencing can be placed on the boundary of Common land. The Town Clerk would enquire as to the title registered for the property.

**7.2 Soakaway.** The Brick soakaway built by Holt Old Rectory was considered to be on the Common land area. DEFRA permission might be required if on Common land, but the soakaway should be on the Old Holt Rectory land and not draining onto the Common land.

#### 8. WORKING PLAN FOR SPOUT HILLS

Tony had prepared a management plan which was circulated and this included a review of work undertaken in the Summer and proposed for the Winter of 2010/11(Appendix 1).

**8.1 Approach from car park to pond.**

The eastern side of the pond would be left a little longer before it is mowed (A March decision).

**8.2 Pond.**

On a **PROPOSAL** by G Rudd seconded by Cllr P High it was **AGREED** that the pond should be drained and investigation work undertaken as to the cause of the leak, and repair work to the outlet so that water goes over the top of the pond. This would be undertaken in October.

**8.3 Small Pond.**

Reedmace was being managed by pulling

**8.4 Stream.**

Stream would be kept clear with overhanging branches removed.

**8.5 Wet Valley.**

There was discussion on the removal of the compost material from the site. TL had said he would enquire of Kelling Estate. SP advised that an ATV Digger had been hired to move debris around the site following the work of the contractors and the Greshams field day. Lyn offered her tractor and trailer at £20 ph with disposal cost of £26 ton at Edgefield

**8.6 Railway Meadow.**

Docks would be spot sprayed. Inlets on the western boundary would be cleared. Little work had been done here in the Winter of 09/10. There would be site discussion about the trees in the bank. Kevin would be asked to undertake mowing along with the Open Area beyond the Broom.

**9. Other matters**

**9.1 Tractor**

It was noted that the intention to buy a tractor and trailer had been frustrated by the DVLA It would be reconsidered for next year's budget

**9.2 Church Street Soil debris**

This would be spread out

**10.NEXT MEETING**

This was **AGREED** as Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 at 7.00p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

.....Chairman..... Date