

A meeting of Holt Parish Council was held on 28th August 2014 at the URC Hall.

Present: Cllr. Becky Stevens, Cllr. Andrew Pearce, Cllr. Jane Grant, Cllr. Marsha Nicholson, Cllr. Rebekah Harrison.

Apologies: Cllr. David Cullop, Cllr. Robin Paice, Cllr. Steve Siddall, Cllr. Bob Mizen, Cllr. Richard Goodman.

In Attendance: Cllr. Trevor Carbin, PCSO Andrew MacLachlan.

Resignation of Cllr. Tom Stimpson: Cllr. Stimpson has offered his resignation.

Open Meeting: PCSO Andrew MacLachlan presented the following report:

Crime statistics 27th July – 27th August 2014 There have been 27 reported incidents for the Bradford Rural beat of which 2 occurred in Holt. This compares with 31 reported incidents for the Bradford Rural beat of which 5 relevant to Holt in the last report. These are broken down as follows (previous period in brackets):

Crime	Rural beat	Holt	Comments
Anti Social Behaviour (personal)	4 (4)	0 (1)	
Anti Social Behaviour (Nuisance)	3 (2)	2 (0)	07/08 – ASB caused by a resident in Avonfield. Enquiries ongoing 17/08 – Female being verbally abusive to another female at the Equestrian Centre. Enquiries ongoing
Burglary	2 (0)	0 (0)	
Criminal Damage	1 (3)	0 (0)	
Drug related	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Theft and Handling	1 (3)	0 (0)	
Violence against the person	4 (7)	0 (3)	
Other	3 (2)	0 (0)	
Concern for Safety	2 (2)	0 (0)	
Domestic related	1 (3)	0 (1)	
Suspicious circumstances	0 (2)	0 (0)	
Transport related	6 (5)	0 (0)	

The priority for the Rural Beat is tackling Burglaries and Non Dwelling Burglaries (such as sheds and garages) throughout Bradford Town Centre and the villages. Operation Magpie is currently being run involving regular high visibility and plain clothed patrols being carried out throughout the area to deter or catch criminals.

Other incidents of interest. There have been a few reports to us of door to door salesmen knocking on doors pretending to be working on a government rehabilitation scheme. They have a bag of usually poor quality household items to sell the householder. They are known as Nottingham Knockers as this scam originated from Nottingham. A gang of “salesmen” are driven from anywhere in the country to another area and dropped off for a few hours where they attempt to sell their wares. They usually pay around £35 for their bag of wares from the driver and any profit over £35 is kept by them. These salesmen are illegal as they usually do not possess a Pedlars License, which is required by the local police force for anyone to be a mobile tradesmen. Whilst at the doorstep, they may well have a look in to the house assessing any vulnerable occupants, general security etc. Those considered vulnerable may have their address sold on to other trades such as tarmac layers, builders, tree fellers and the travelling community. Our advice is to not engage in any conversation or trade with these illegal sellers and send them on their way. We would be happy to receive any information on their whereabouts so please contact Lee or I directly or 101.

Success Stories. We are pleased to report that burglaries remain low – the two reported in this report were non dwelling with very little stolen. The Town Centre beat can also report only 1 non dwelling burglary in the past month. This is encouraging as the summer can be a prime time for burglaries with many people away on holiday.

In closing. Please feel free to give out our mobile numbers to anyone who would like to contact us:

PC Lee Pelling 0752 897 2004 or PCSO Andrew MacLachlan 0752 897 2236

Please remember to “like” our Facebook page called “Bradford on Avon NPT” for regular updates on what is happening on our beat.

Robbie Blundell, on behalf of several young people, presented ideas for a skate board park in the Village. The project would cost approximately £25,000 and to date £5000 has been raised. A suggested site was land at the Playing Fields between the orchard and children’s play area. Mrs. Heather Morris confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan shows need for a skate board park. PCSO Andrew MacLachlan said the police fully support the proposal and Miss Rita Clayton also offered her support.

The Chairman offered the Parish Council’s support for the scheme. The Clerk to contact Robbie Blundell to arrange a meeting between the young people and councillors.

Wiltshire Scullers – Mr. Donal Casey spoke of proposals to acquire about three acres of land at Staverton for the Wiltshire Scullers. A bid for funding has been accepted by Wiltshire Council as a credible bid. Cllr. Steve Siddall, Chair of Planning, to be asked to contact Mr. Casey for further discussion re the proposal.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs. Heather Morris reported that the response to the initial consultation is now on the website. A revised draft plan to be produced – hopefully by October.

Miss Rita Clayton asked when double yellow lines will be installed in The Midlands. This is ongoing. She also expressed concern about dangerous driving at the entrance to Lions Orchard; it is used as a turning point. The Chairman suggested that she take the number of offending vehicles and ring the police on 101. A speed bump at the junction may be beneficial.

Cllr. Trevor Carbin – Solar farm development, Cockhill Farm – there have been no public objections, Trowbridge Town Council has removed their objection and as a result Cllr Carbin has

withdrawn the request for full committee meeting. It is expected that permission will be granted.

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There have been many objections to the solar farm development at Great Chalfield and this application will go to committee next week.

Green bins consultation– the Clerk to follow up as notification of this consultation has not been received.

Bus Pass consultation – the Clerk to follow up as notification has not been received.

Declaration of Interests and Dispensation: Cllr. Jane Grant declared an interest in flood attenuation.

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27th June 2014: The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed with the following amendment – page 41/14 Dawes' Pond – to read 'contingencies and final landscaping', delete 'inspection report'

Matters Arising: Youth Club – a manager is being sought for Broughton Gifford and Holt Youth Club and an application for funding will be submitted to Bradford-on-Area Community Area Board.

Hedge at Holt Manor – ongoing.

Post Box – the replacement post box has now be resited at the junction of The Common with Little Parks

Core Training – the Clerk to follow up.

Jane Scott – the Clerk has chased this on several occasions and has not received a response. Cllr. Trevor Carbin to follow up.

BT Infinity – an article has been placed in the Magazine.

Holt Manor – posts on verge. Mr. Jimmy Gooding has written to Wiltshire Council urging them to take this further and remove the posts.

URC – overgrowth has been cut back.

Holt Guide – a letter of thanks has been sent to Mrs. Tina Davies thanking her for the work she and her team did in producing this excellent guide to the Village.

Planning Committee Report: In the absence of Cllr. Steve Siddall, Cllr. Jane Grant presented the following report:

Central Government is changing policy on subsidies for large solar farms. This Council has, in effect, developed its own policy by supporting sustainable developments that do not have a large visual impact, are on low quality land and there is a preference for panels to be installed on existing/new buildings.

Planning Application W13/01/1395/FUL Forewoods Common – the site to be inspected by the Planning Inspector in mid September.

Cumberwell – the Chairman and Cllr. Siddall met with the owners, planning consultants, highways consultants, course designer, WC Highways Officer, WC Planning Officer and Cllr. Trevor Carbin on 26th August. It was agreed that a Construction Traffic Management Plan was appropriate as part of the planning application and this to be forwarded to WC Highways prior to coming to Holt PC for approval. It is hoped that traffic will be directed to Cumberwell via routes other than the B3107.

Parish Council Boundary Review – it is expected that the consultation phase will start soon.

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Settlement (Village) Boundary – an informal consultation has been received from WC proposing minor changes to the settlement boundary. A small working party from the PC and the NHP Group to make a response before the deadline of 22nd September. Cllr. Jane Grant to lead.

Planning Application W/07689/OUT – Land north of Holt Road and Cemetery Lane, Bradford-on-Avon. Erection of up to 60 dwellings (to include affordable housing), up to 3,000 sq m of B1 employment floor space, informal and formal public open space, allotments, drainage, landscaping, engineering (ground levelling) and other associated works. This outline application has been made to determine access arrangements for the site. However, the application is mature and there has been public consultation. The site is opposite the Kingston Farm approved site and mirrors it by having 3000 sq m commercial space and 60 house, rather than 180. This will produce more traffic on the B3107 without any strategic plan to deal with the consequences. It was proposed, seconded and agreed, all in favour, that this Council should object to the application because of the increase in traffic on the B3107. The Clerk to write to WC.

A planning application has been received for a menage at Phillis Cottage. Cllr. Jane Grant to follow up.

Village Facilities Committee Report: Football Charges – it was proposed, seconded and agreed, all in favour, that charges should be increased to £350.00 for the youth team and £500.00 for the adult team.

A cleaner to be found for the pavilion. Cllr. Marsha Nicholson to follow up.

Refurbishment of the pavilion is almost complete. Sanitary goods cost £90 more than anticipated. Once all the work is done £500 will remain in the pavilion fund.

Posts and Chains, Ham Green. The Village Facilities Committee are not happy with the standard of work and the job took considerably less time than the time quoted. It was agreed that half the amount of the invoice should be paid. Cllr. Bob Mizen to follow up with the contractors.

Small swing – repairs done.

Double swings – the crossbar needs to be replaced and Playforce has quoted £443.68 to carry out the work. VFC to obtain further quotes and it was proposed, seconded and agreed, all in favour, that up to £444.00 can be spent on the work.

The Play Inspectors – an inspector has inspected the rotten crossbar on the swings and has sent a written report. This report to be considered by VFC before further action is taken.

Four benches to be painted at a cost of £90 each. It is hoped that the work will be done by the end of the year.

Netball hoop – one is defective. VFC to follow up.

Dawes Pond – ongoing.

Signage policy – VFC consider such a policy to be unworkable and the matter was referred back to the Highways and Streetscene Committee.

A meeting of the Tree sub Committee to be arranged. Cllr. Becky Stevens to contact Mr. John Fletcher.

Bins – one bin to be resited and the dog litter bin by the Children's playarea to be removed.

89 The Street – the residents at this address to arrange installation of new post as agreed.

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Footpaths 71/72 – these became operational on 14th August, 2014. Obstructions caused by Footpath 16 to be removed.

Footpath 16 – it was proposed, seconded and agreed, all in favour, that this footpath should be reinstated to its original line. The Clerk to advise WC accordingly.

Footpath 31 – a modification order has been drawn up to extinguish the part of FP31 which runs through private gardens in Leigh Road. Objections to this order to be received by WC by 16th October. The Council would like the alternative route for Footpath 31, which has been used for some years, to remain open. Cllr. Mizen to follow up.

Playarea clean up to be held on Saturday 6th September from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Cllr. Nicholson to arrange and display notices at the playarea inviting members of the public to partake.

Highways & Streetscene Committee:

- Double yellow lines, – ongoing.
- Community Day, 6th August – WC were asked to clear grips, place posts on the Narrow Green, weed the path near the post box on Ham Green and clear weeds along The Walk. Cllr. Steve Siddall to update the spreadsheet for work required.
- Glove Factory Studios – signage has been approved by the PC.
- White lines to deter parking – suggested sites for these line to be sent to Cllr. Rebekah Harrison and a request to be made at the CATG meeting in November.
- Flood plan – progressing. A meeting between Mr. Steve Scothern, WC, and the riparian owners to be arranged.
- Trailer, Little Parks – removed.
- Metro count – Cllr. Andrew Pearce to follow up.
- Way markers – Cllr. Marsha Nicholson to obtain a supply from WC.
- Highways & Streetscene Committee terms of reference to be sent to the Clerk.
- Hilperton Gap relief road – work has commenced and it is anticipated that it will take 42 weeks to complete.

Website Committee Report: There are only three members of this committee. Cllr. Marsha Nicholson to arrange a meeting to move things forward. All councillors and the Clerk to be invited to the meeting.

Bradford-on-Avon Community Area Board – Cllr. Andrew Pearce attended the meeting on 6th July. The meeting focused on positive activities for young people and the speaker received a strong reaction from Wiltshire Councillors and youth attending the meeting in the light of the closure of the youth club in Bradford-on-Avon.

Holt Tannery Limited Liaison Committee Report: In the absence of Cllr. Steve Siddall there was nothing to report.

Pavilion Committee Report: Previously reported by VFC. This item to be removed from the agenda.

Neighbourhood Plan: Previously reported by Mrs. Heather Morris.

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- Community First AGM – 24th September. Cllr. Jane Grant to attend.
- Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service Consultation – briefings will be held in October. Details to be emailed to Councillors.
- Broughton Gifford & Holt Youth Club – a letter of thanks has been received for this Council's donation to the Group.
- Best Kept Village Competition – Holt came 3rd in the County Round.

Village Inspection Report : Cllr. Marsha Nicholson carried out the inspection and her report has been circulated. The Clerk to contact WC re the grass verge at Beckerley Lane and the 'leaning' 50mph sign near the Tollgate.

The inspection report to be co-ordinated with community days.

Accounts for Payment:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Accounts for Payment – July-August 2014

J Quinlan/Orchard Fund	£	32.00	
R. Mizen/War Memorial Fund –			
Banner	£	43.20	
A.Pearce/NHPlan	£	27.60	(VAT £4.60)
Total Bathrooms	£	750.72	(VAT £125.12)
R. Mizen/War Memorial Fund –			
Trumpeter	£	25.00	
Playforce/Repairs	£	285.71	(VAT £57.14)
Mannings Harlequin Ltd/Posts&Chains	£	1865.00	(VAT £373.00)
Ralph Arlett/Pavilion	£	776.62	
Grant Thornton/Audit	£	225.00	
G. Aland/Ground Maintenance	£	683.16	
G.Aland/Caretaking	£	562.59	
Wiltshire Waste	£	18.48	(VAT £3.08)
JM Beale	£	818.44	
Remuneration	£	696.12	
Fixed Expenses	£	69.24	
Telephone	£	30.00	
Postage	£	9.99	
High Vis Jackets/	£	13.09	(VAT £2.18)
War Memorial Fund			

Audit of Accounts - accounts for 2013/2014 have been approved by the auditors.

Any Other Business: Cllr. Andrew Pearce asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Cllr. Mizen for his work on restoration of war memorial and commemorations for WWI.

WALC Executive meeting to be held on 22nd September. Cllr. Jane Grant to attend.

Cllr. Marsha Nicholson noted that several councillors do not attend many full council meetings and the same councillors are often absent from committee meetings.

It was suggested that in future the PC should meet in July rather than August.

Footpath Survey – many reports still outstanding.