

A meeting of Holt Parish Council was held on Thursday 4th December 2014 at the URC Hall.

Present: Cllr. Becky Stevens, Cllr. Andrew Pearce, Cllr. Jane Grant, Cllr. Marsha Nicholson, Cllr. Rebekah Harrison, Cllr. Bo Mizen, Cllr. Steve Siddall, Cllr. Richard Goodman, Cllr. Dave Cullop, Cllr. Robin Paice.

In Attendance: Cllr. Trevor Carbin,

Apologies: None.

Co-option of Councillor: Mr. Mervyn Osman expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor and spoke about his background. It was unanimously agreed that he should be co-opted to the Council.

Cllr. Mervyn Osman joined the meeting.

Open Meeting: Mr. Martin Moyes spoke about an offer of funding made some time ago by a Holt resident for a footpath to be made in the Playing Fields adjacent to the main road. A consultation by Wiltshire Council in 2006 showed a need for a footpath by the Playing Fields. He urged the Council to take up this kind offer and said he would be happy to take part in the project.

Cllr. Steve Siddall recalled that a BT duct on the pathway was a potential issue.

Miss Rita Clayton said the following points had been raised at a meeting of Lions Orchard residents:

- NT overflow car parking – More signs are needed as people seem confused as to the location of the parking.
- Pedestrian crossing – there is concern that traffic is not stopping for pedestrians. The Clerk to ask PC Lee Pelling to follow up.
- Development of the Tannery site – potential parking problems anticipated.

Cllr. Steve Siddall confirmed that new NT signs will be erected soon.

Flooding – work is ongoing and reports have been received from both Mr. Steve Scothern, Wiltshire Council, and Wessex Water.

Mrs. Renate Maldon, Flood Working Group - those present were disappointed that Mrs. Maldon did not attend the meeting as anticipated. The Clerk to follow up.

A resident queried whether all the drains in the affected area had been cleaned as the drain by the telephone box in The Street was bubbling over after a short rain storm in early November. The Clerk to follow up with WC.

Miss Rita Clayton confirmed that all properties at Lions Orchard have proper mains drainage which is linked to the highway. There are soakaways in all the gardens, both front and back.

The following report was submitted by PCSO Andrew MacLachlan.

Holt PC Report 4th December 2014 Wiltshire Police NPT Bradford Rural

Crime statistics 4th November – 4th December 2014. There have been 39 reported incidents for the Bradford Rural beat of which 7 occurred in Holt. This compares with 21 reported incidents for the Bradford Rural beat of which 2 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)	3 (2)	1 (0)	28/11 – Broughton Rd – ongoing issues.
Anti Social Behaviour (Nuisance)	1 (0)	0 (0)	
Burglary	5 (0)	0 (0)	
Drug Offences	1 (0)	1 (1)	5/11 – See below
Robbery	1 (0)	0 (0)	
Criminal Damage	2 (1)	0 (1)	
Theft and Handling	7 (5)	3 (0)	18/11 – Superstore - Theft of adult magazine. Suspect identified and enquiries ongoing. 19/11 – Superstore – Theft of steel cage bin from outside the shop. No witnesses – close undetected 24/11 – The Common – aerial stolen from car and soft top damaged. No witnesses.
Violence against the person	2 (3)	0 (0)	
Other	4 (1)	1 (0)	6/11 – Ham Green. Nottingham knocker reported for peddling without a pedlars license.

Concern for Safety	3 (0)	0 (0)	
Domestic related	1 (3)	0 (0)	
Suspicious circumstances	0 (2)	0 (0)	
Transport related	9 (4)	1 (0)	10/11 – Leigh Rd. Fail to Stop RTC. Suspect driver later identified and enquiries ongoing.

Priorities 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.

Other incidents of interest Burglaries have increased slightly over this period, including our first dwelling burglary in months.

Success Stories A drugs warrant was arranged and executed by the Bradford Rural NPT at an address in Holt, which resulted in the occupant being reported for cultivation and possession of Cannabis.

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 (phone not currently working), PCSO Andrew MacLachlan 0752 897 2236

Declaration of Interests and Dispensation: Cllr. Dave Cullop declared an interest in flooding issues and did not take part in any discussion.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 23rd October 2014 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 13th November 2014. The minutes of these meetings were approved and signed with the following amendment: page 60/14 to read 'a pile of clay is blocking the gateway 'near' the junction'.

Matters Arising: Cllr. Becky Stevens attended a meeting of the Flood Working Group. Representatives from Wessex Water, Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency were in attendance. A full report of the meeting is awaited. Cllr. Becky Stevens to attend the next meeting.

Cockhill Solar Farm development. The Finance Committee to consider the way in which possible funds from this development should be paid.

Cllr. Jane Grant reported on a recent meeting of the Youth Network. Four members of the Area Board were in attendance. A grant of £3000 plus has been recommended by them to the Area Board for the Holt Youth Club. This grant, together with funds from this Parish Council, will ensure that the Club can run for a further six months.

Core Training – the Clerk to follow up.

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Hedge cutting – Garry Aland has been asked not to cut the hedge at the moment.

Emergency Planning Meeting – Cllr. Andrew Pearce attended and will report to the next meeting.

National Flood Forum – this is a charity which offers advice to businesses and individuals adversely affected by flooding. The Clerk to advertise this through the Magazine.

Footpaths, online map – Cllr. Steve Siddall to consider whether this is feasible.

Wiltshire Waste – the Clerk confirmed that the previous invoice was correct.

Footpath, Playing Fields – the Clerk has contacted the person who has kindly offered funding for this project.

Co-option of councillor – the Clerk has contacted the School to ask if a governor or member of the PTA would be interested in becoming a councillor in the future.

Planning Committee Report: Planning Application W13/01/1395/FUL, Forewoods Common – an appeal or leave to appeal to the High Court is ongoing.

Copse Farm Solar Array – this application was called in by Cllr. Trevor Carbin but has now been approved.

Village Facilities Committee Report:

- Children's Play Area Safety Inspection to be carried out by Playforce.
- Defibrillator – Cllr. Andrew Pearce to be trained to use this piece of equipment; the best way in which this equipment can be made available to people other than footballers will then be discussed.
- Football – Cllr, Bob Mizen has met with members of the Holt Youth Team who are adamant that it is not them who are leaving the pavilion in a mess. A meeting to be held with members of the adult team, after which a management plan for footballers will be drawn up.
- Pavilion signage – signage for fire exits, etc. to be purchased together with a first aid kit. The total cost will be £56.81.
- The cupboard at the pavilion is nearly finished. Footballers to be asked to remove any rubbish from the pavilion by the end of this week. Anything remaining will be discarded.
- Pavilion showers – the Youth Team does not use the showers. If the adult team do not want them either, then they will be decommissioned as it is considered they represent a health hazard in their present state and the cost of refurbishment is prohibitive.

- Kerbs, Ham Green. Kerbstones on the south and north side of Ham Green need to be replaced. The boundaries to be agreed with Wiltshire Council. The proposed work

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will cost approximately £3600. It was proposed, seconded and agreed, all in favour, that remaining money from the War Memorial Fund (£800) and the Village Development Fund (£750) should be earmarked for this project to enable the Council to ask the Area Board for funding.

- Playing Fields Footpath – it was agreed that this project should be led by the Highways and Streetscene Committee. Access at Ground Corner is a problem and, in the past, some residents have suggested that there may be a legal challenge. Mr. Martin Moyes to be asked to ascertain whether Ground Corner is a private or unadopted road.
- Works to trees – January agenda.
- Playing Fields Hedge – to be cut next week. The initial work will not require input from Garry Aland.
- Dawes' Pond – Cllr. Steve Siddall following up ongoing work to the Pond.

Highways & Streetscene Committee Report:

- Traffic Count – the figures gathered by the Council have been disputed by Wiltshire Council. To be followed up by Cllrs. Stevens and Siddall together with Cllr. Trevor Carbin. Cllr. Andrew Pearce to raise the matter at the next CATG meeting.
- Footpaths – a plan of footpath issues to be drawn up and, hopefully, a site meeting with Mr. Paul Millard, Wiltshire Council Footpaths Officer, arranged.

Cllr. Rebekah Harrison to ask through the Magazine if people have issues with any footpaths in the parish.

- Fencing of fields by Mr. Nick Kirkham. Mr. Kirkham has generously fenced his own land to create footpaths for walkers and proper procedure has been followed; this has been misconstrued by some people and the Clerk to suggest to Mr. Kirkham that it may be timely for him to place an article in the Magazine explaining the details of the work he has done. Cllr. Siddall to post information about the work on the PC website.
- Footpath 31 – Cllr. Bob Mizen to give an update at the next meeting.
- Footpath 16 – the route of this path on the definitive map runs through the field and around the tree. Wiltshire Council has been asked to supply signage for this FP. A response is awaited.
- Ditch adjacent to Village Hall Car Park – this is the responsibility of the Village Hall Trustees. WC to be asked to request that the ditch is cleared.
- Kerbstones at Bridge Terrace need replacing. The Clerk to report to WC.

- White Lines at Great Parks – a resident has requested that white lines are installed at the junction of Great Parks with the main road. This has been considered by the Committee and it is considered that these are not necessary at this time.

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Website Committee Report: The Committee has met with Mr. Dave Huggins, the webmaster, and concluded that a new website is preferable as it would be more user friendly. The design of Hilperton Parish Council website is ideal. It was proposed, seconded and agreed, all in favour, that a new website should be built using Hilperton Parish Council template. It is hoped that the website will be completed by the end of March 2015.

Bradford-on-Avon Community Area Board: Cllr. Andrew Pearce attended the recent meeting. Freedom of information request made re Holt Manor - Cllr. Pearce has written to the Legal Department at Wiltshire Council; the response to be circulated to councillors.

Holt Tannery Limited Liaison Committee Report: Minutes of the recent meeting have been circulated. It is proposed that a full planning application will be made at the end of January 2015.

The developers have suggested that an s106 benefit could be a small car park at the pavilion. This idea was not generally well received by councillors, but it will be added to the list of possible benefits from the development.

Neighbourhood Plan: A grant of just under £5000 has been awarded for the next phase. £2000 will be required to print the second draft for circulation and the remaining £3000 will be available for consultation re planning of the NHP.

The second draft will be circulated to councillors in the first instance.

Bowls Club Rent: The lease drawn up in September 2009 allows for a five yearly review of rent. VFC consider that there should be a significant increase in the rent. To be discussed at the next meeting. The Bowls Club to be informed of the impending increase.

Correspondence: Alison Ward-Baptiste has informed the Council that the roof of her soft top car was slashed at the end of November whilst parked outside her home. The Police have been informed.

Wiltshire Council has consulted town and parish councils on installation of speed indicator devices. Holt does not meet the criteria for SIDs.

Village Inspection: The inspection was carried out by Cllr. Becky Stevens and a report circulated. The Clerk to action.

It was agreed that the old roller in the orchard area should remain there for the time being.

Accounts for Payment: The following accounts were approved for payment:

BWBSL/Water	£133.97	
Protect Fire Equipment Ltd	£ 71.13	(VAT £11.86)
Wiltshire Waste	£ 4.80	(VAT .80)

Holt Village Hall/Hire Charge	£ 28.00	
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Cllr. R. Mizen/Padlock	£ 11.62	(VAT £1.94)
G. Aland/Ground Maintenance	£246.00	
G.Aland/Caretaking	£197.40	
Wiltshire Waste	£ 33.36	(VAT £5.56)
JM Beale	£456.98	

Remuneration	£348.06	
Fixed Expenses	£ 34.62	
Telephone	£ 15.00	
Stationery	£ 51.86	(VAT £10.38)
Postage	£ 7.44	

The water bill is almost double that for the corresponding period last year and footballers have been asked once again to ensure that the water is turned off when they leave the pavilion.

Any Other Business: Cllr. Andrew Pearce drew attention to a community messaging service which has been set up by the Police. For information on the service go to www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk.

It was agreed that Cllr. Mervyn Osman should join the Finance and Planning Committees.