

A meeting of Holt Parish Council was held on Thursday, 23rd April 2015 at the URC Hall.

Present: Cllr. Becky Stevens, Cllr. Andrew Pearce, Cllr. Marsha Nicholson, Cllr. Bob Mizen, Cllr. Steve Siddall, Cllr. Richard Goodman, Cllr. David Cullop.

Apologies: Cllr. Mervyn Osman, Cllr. Robin Paice.

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

Cllr. Carbin had nothing to report; Wiltshire Council is busy with elections.

Open Meeting: Naomi Metcalf, Holt Tannery Ltd., introduced Mr. David Tate, Planning Consultant, who spoke about the proposed development of the Tannery site. It was anticipated that he would talk about the planning application and councillors were surprised to learn that he had attended the meeting to inform them of proposed changes to the existing boundary of the Area of Opportunity in The Midlands. It is proposed that the boundary should extend to the hedge line encompassing all of the land forming the site. He asked that this proposed boundary change should be incorporated in the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Tate said that although the planning application has not yet been submitted, he does not consider the development is viable without the boundary extension.

Cllr. Steve Siddall said that it is Parish Council policy that it will only support development outside the Village boundary where there is a clear benefit to the Village. The Parish Council therefore needs a clear statement of what is proposed and what benefit would result. There has been no consultation within the Village for a long time; without clear information of the proposal the Parish Council cannot chose to support or object to the development.

The Chairman expressed disappointment at the way in which the matter has been handled, especially as the Parish Council put money forward several years ago to ensure that they were fully engaged in the planning process in order to avoid any surprises when the planning application was submitted. Holt Tannery Ltd. Liaison Committee was formed for that reason. Mr. Tate seemed unaware of the Committee and agreed to arrange a meeting with them.

Emma Coombes Youth Worker, introduced herself and said please contact her with any questions regarding youth in the Village.

PCSO Andrew MacLachlan presented the following report:

Holt PC Report 23rd April 2015 Wiltshire Police NPT Bradford Rural

Crime statistics 23rd March – 23rd April 2015. There have been 29 reported incidents for the Bradford Rural beat of which 2 occurred in Holt. This compares with 20 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
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Anti Social Behaviour (personal)	0 (1)	0 (0)	
Anti Social Behaviour (Nuisance)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Burglary	6 (0)	1 (0)	29/03 – The Common. Dwelling burglary believed via insecure back door. Nothing stolen. Forensics negative and no witnesses. Closed undetected.
Drug Offences	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Criminal Damage	3 (3)	0 (1)	
Theft and Handling	3 (7)	2 (1)	24/03 – Bradley Lane. Theft of items from within a property. Suspect arrested and bailed pending further enquiries. 30/03 – Ham Green. Step ladders stolen from a back garden. No witnesses or forensics – closed undetected.
Violence against the person	3 (2)	1 (0)	
Other	2 (2)	0 (0)	
Concern for Safety	2 (0)	0 (0)	
Domestic related	4 (1)	0 (0)	
Suspicious circumstances	0 (1)	0 (0)	
Transport related	6 (3)	1 (0)	16/04 – Car failed to stop at zebra crossing. Driver to be spoken to by NPT.

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 in the past 4 weeks and are broken down as follows: Dwelling burglaries in Holt (as above), Staverton marina (canal boat) and a bedroom entered at the Limpley Stoke Hotel. Non dwelling burglaries at Staverton, Winsley and Westwood. Once again, our advise to residents to ensure their properties are secured when they go out and at night, particularly with the summer approaching.

Lee and Andrew continue to patrol the zebra crossing when we can, but it is clear from the above report that drivers on occasions are still failing to stop at the crossing.

Success Stories: We have no specific good news story to report in the past month.

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, PCSO Andrew MacLachlan 0752 897 2236. “Like” our Facebook page – Bradford on Avon NPT. Sign up to Community Messaging at www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

The Police continue to monitor the pedestrian crossing. They have recently received a complaint from a person who witnessed a driver failing to stop at the crossing. They have the driver details and the matter is being followed up. PCSO MacLachlan reiterated that the Police consider there to be a problem with the siting of the crossing; it is not unusual for motorists to fail to stop for pedestrians. He emphasised that drivers are not required to stop unless pedestrians have their foot on the crossing. Cllr. Andrew Pearce has put a requests to the next CATG meeting for school signs to be erected near the crossing.

Co-option of Councillors: Two new councillors being sought.

Declaration of Interests and Dispensation: Cllr. David Cullop declared an interest in flooding issues.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 26th March, 2015: The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed with the following amendments: page 27/15 Cllr. Marsh to read Cllr. Marsha, page 23/15 to read Cllr. Marsha Nicholson declared a **possible** interest.

Matters Arising: Ditch adjacent to the Village Hall Car Park – Mr. Andy Cadwallader, Wiltshire Council, has confirmed that the ditch belongs to the adjoining land, the Village Hall car park. Mr. Roy Quilliam, chairman of the Village Hall Committee, has been informed.

Holt Adult Football Club has deducted £100 from charges for hire of the pitch of the 2014/15 season because the showers were not in working order. They do not wish to use the pitch next season. Dursley Arms FC team wishes to use the pitch and details will be confirmed once Wiltshire Council has set their hire charges for 2015/16.

Mr. Garry Aland has carried out various work as requested.

Wessex Water report re flooding in July and September 2014 – the Clerk to follow up.

Planning: Planning minutes are attached to these minutes.

Planning Application 15/02624/FUL – Cumberwell Park Golf Club to construct a nine hole par 3 course. This application includes details of the route lorries must take to travel to and from the site avoiding Holt. There was no objection to this application and a note of thanks to JA James & Sons, the applicants, re transport arrangements to be included in the PC's response to the Planning Department.

Boundary Review - Cllr. Andrew Pearce said that land shown on SHLAA sites for Holt as possible land for development had, at some time, been identified as land that could be built on, but this did not mean that planning permission had been sought or given. Cllr. Andrew Pearce confirmed that he has formally responded to the Village Settlement Boundary consultation stating that this Council is in agreement that the boundary should remain unchanged where the proposal had meant cutting across gardens. The following proposal from Wiltshire Council would stand; settlement boundaries, where development was proposed, would not change until planning permission was obtained. A map showing the boundary is attached to these minutes.

Village Facilities Committee Report:

- Flood First Aid Kit – Holt Superstore has generously offered to house the kit and a bin is needed to store it. It was proposed, seconded and agreed, all in favour, except Cllr. David Cullop who declared an interest and abstained from voting, that £90 should be used from the contingency fund to purchase a bin.
- Dawes' Pond – Cllr. Steve Siddall to follow up filling of the Pond with the Glove Factory Studios; unless appropriate action is taken soon then the Council will remove a section of their two large pipes in order to reinstate their own methods for filling the Pond.
- Works to trees – the work to the value of £550 to go ahead. This is against an agreed budget of £695.
- Redecoration of pavilion – A quote of £906 has been received, to include removal of the old showers and make good. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- Skateboard park – insurance for a site would cost £45 p.a. per £10,000 worth of equipment and a maximum of £212 p.a. for public liability insurance. Cllr. Bob Mizen to talk to the skateboard group regarding funding and future maintenance of a skateboard park.
- Replacement bin – to be done very soon.
- Kerbs, Ham Green – ongoing.
- Caretaker's Job Specification – ongoing.

Highways & Streetscene Committee: A meeting has not been held. Cllr. Andrew Pearce to meet with Mr. Andy Cadwallader, Wiltshire Council, on 28th April re work which needs to be done on the next Community Day on 6th May. Requests for work to AP.

Mr. Dave Thomas, Wiltshire Council, has looked at the proposed footpath in the Playing Fields and will come back to the Council with suggestions and costings.

Website Committee Report: Cllr. Marsha Nicholson reported that the site is up and running. Details of the Website to be advertised in the Magazine.

Bradford-on-Avon Community Area Board: A meeting has not been held.

Holt Tannery Limited Liaison Committee Report: No meeting.

Cockhill Solar Farm Development – Funding for Lease: the directors of Trowbridge PB have agreed to pay the legal fees to set up an agreement and this is currently with the solicitors.

Skateboard Park: Previously discussed.

Neighbourhood Plan: It is hoped that the full version with maps and pictures will be ready for circulation to councillors prior to the next Parish Council meeting, so that it can be formally approved. Wiltshire Council has confirmed that a strategic environmental assessment is not necessary. The Chairman asked that councillors read the plan prior to the meeting, so that they are fully au fait with what they will be voting on.

Bowls Club Rent: Legal advice awaited. Carried over to the next meeting.

Correspondence:

- Community First 50th Anniversary – Phillippa Read, CE of Community First, will be walking fifty miles around Wiltshire over five days to commemorate the anniversary. She will end her walk on Monday 11th May at Holt Village Hall and councillors are invited to greet her on her arrival at the Hall.
- A letter of thanks for the ex gratia payment for setting up the website has been received from Mr. David Huggins.
- Liam Brereton has requested permission to plant some shrubs and tidy up the area around the seat to the left of the Playing Fields gates; it is a memoriam to his Mother. Opinion on this was divided. Cllr. Steve Siddall to meet with Liam to discuss his proposals. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- The Clerk has received an email on Webmail asking about advertising in the Magazine. The Clerk has responded saying that the Magazine does not carry advertising. Cllr. Marsha Nicholson requested that this should be minuted.

Village Inspection Report: Cllr. Robin Paice carried out the inspection and circulated the report. Garry Aland to be asked to carry out necessary work and to clear rubbish from the Brook.

Cllr. Richard Goodman left the meeting.

Defibrillator – Funding for Replacement Pads and Battery: It was proposed, seconded and agreed, all in favour that up to £200 should be spent on replacement pads and battery.

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

Wiltshire Waste		£ 19.68 (VAT £.3.28)
G. Aland/Ground Maintenance		£402.00
G.Aland/Caretaking		£223.72
JM Beale		£432.11 (VAT £5.74)
Remuneration	£348.06	
Fixed Expenses		£ 34.62
Stationery		£ 34.43
Telephone		£15.00

Any Other Business: Double yellow lines, The Midlands - Cllr. Steve Siddall asked why it is taking so long for DYL to be installed in The Midlands. Cllr. Andrew Pearce confirmed that all double yellow lines in Wiltshire are the subject of a single traffic order, which is why the process is so slow. Highways and Streetscene Committee to follow up and report to the next meeting.