

A meeting of Holt Parish Council was held on Thursday, 23rd June 2016 at the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. Becky Stevens, Cllr. Andrew Pearce, Cllr. Marsha Nicholson, Cllr. Steve Siddall, Cllr. Halma Hughes, Cllr. Bob Mizen, Cllr. Richard Goodman, Cllr. Philip Game, Cllr. Robin Paice.

Apologies: Cllr. David Cullop.

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

Open Meeting: PCSO Andrew MacLachlan presented the following report:

LOCAL CRIMES *Crime statistics 22nd May – 22nd June 2016*

There have been 30 reported incidents for the Bradford Rural beat of which 1 occurred in Holt. This compares with 38 reported incidents for the Bradford Rural beat of which 1 were 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)	2 (0)	0 (0)	
Anti Social Behaviour (Nuisance)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Burglary	1 (0)	0 (0)	
Fraud	0 (1)	0 (0)	
Drug Offences	0 (1)	0 (0)	
Criminal Damage	3 (3)	0 (0)	
Public Order Offences	2 (0)	0 (0)	
Theft and Handling	3 (13)	0 (0)	
Violence against the person	4 (6)	0 (0)	
Other	0 (1)	0 (0)	
Concern for Safety	3 (1)	0 (0)	
Domestic related	4 (5)	0 (0)	
Suspicious circumstances	2 (2)	0 (0)	
Transport related	6 (5)	1 (1)	24/05 – Ham Green. Parked car damaged by passing car

			109/16 that did not stop to report it.
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Other incidents of interest We are still seeing sporadic incidents of theft from motor vehicles, although it has greatly reduced from last month. Please keep car doors locked and take valuables out of the car.

Success Stories Burglaries remain very low with only one non dwelling burglary reported in Avoncliff in the last month.

In closing Please feel free to give out my mobile number to anyone who would like to contact me:

PCSO Andrew MacLachlan 0752 897 2236

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Andrew MacLachlan asked the Council to consider whether they would prefer a PSCO to attend meetings as often as possible, or to only receive visits from Andrew.

Cllr. Trevor Carbin reported as follows:

- Community Governance Review – due to go to the Council meeting on 12th July.
- Fly tipping – the final quarter of 2015/16 saw an increase in the number of fly tipping incidents reported – 800 between the beginning of January and the end of March, which is 10% higher than the corresponding period last year. There has been an increase in fly tipping of garden waste, however, the data suggests that this is mainly commercial waste and not directly from households. There has also been a small increase in fly tipping of black sacks containing household waste and of white goods.
- The cabinet member has also announced a decision to charge charities for using HRCs.

Cllrs Andrew Pearce and Halma Hughes to attend the CGR meeting on 12th July and to meet with Cllr. Carbin prior to the meeting.

Declarations of Interest and Dispensation: Cllr. Bob Mizen declared an interest in Planning Application 16/03908/FUL, The Coach House, 386A Ham Green and did not take in any discussion regarding the application.

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 26th May 2016: The minutes of this meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

- Parking outside the Ham Tree - the Clerk has spoken to the landlady regarding cars being parked on the pavement outside the Ham Tree. The Chairman to follow up.
- Pavilion – notices asking users to ensure that the water is turned off when leaving the premises are in place.
- The Brook – Garry Aland has almost completed work to clear the Brook.
- Mr. Philip Whitehead, Cabinet Minister for Highways and Transport, has advised that double yellow lines will be installed in The Midlands in July.
- WALC – Cllr. Halma Hughes attend the WALC Executive Committee meeting on 20th June and has circulated his report. He will reserve judgement on the effectiveness of WALC until he has attended further meetings. The method of calculating Town and Parish Council's annual subscription is to be reviewed.

Planning Committee Report: Tannery Development - Cllr. Steve Siddall reported that very little is happening with this application; Wiltshire Council Highway's department has expressed concern because of the limited provision for parking.

Village Facilities Committee Report:

- Repairs to roundabout – Cllr. Steve Siddall to contact Hiscock Engineering.
- Scrambling net – Playforce has inspected the net and repaired the broken connector.
- Grass cutting of the small greens – dissatisfaction with the standard of work done by Wiltshire Council's contractors was expressed. WC has confirmed that within the terms of the new contract grass cutting will take place every 4 – 6 weeks. Consideration to be given to asking Garry Aland to resume cutting the small greens if the standard of work does not improve..
- Cllr. Steve Siddall reported that WC had carried out weed killing on Ham Green immediately prior to a heavy storm.

Highways & Streetscene Committee Report:

- Cllr. Andrew Pearce has drafted and circulated an article for the Magazine re car parking in the Village. Councillors to confirm their approval prior to 4th July, the Magazine deadline for copy.
- Recent Traffic Count – this has confirmed that the number of HGVs travelling through Holt has dropped dramatically. In the light of this reduction, it was queried whether an 8.5 tonne weight limit should be requested.
- Footpath 31 – ongoing. Once reinstatement is confirmed, consideration to be given to installing a kissing gate at the field end of the path.
- Cllr. Marsha Nicholson has a supply of waymarkers, should Councillors wish to use them when carrying out the Footpath Survey.

Bradford-on-Avon Community Area Board: The next meeting of the Area Board will be held in July. Next CATG meeting is on 4th July.

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Andrew Pearce reported that the Planning Inspector's report has been received and the points raised have been reviewed and amended where agreed. However, there is particular concern about the Inspector's proposal to delete the whole policy H3.2 in the draft Plan, which states the Village's desire to ban development on greenfield sites. It is not clear from guidance whether this can be overridden by Wiltshire Council or the Parish Council. Cllr. Pearce and Mrs. Heather Morris to meet with Wiltshire Council to discuss procedure.

Footpath Adjacent to Second Sports Court: Cllr. Bob Mizen has met with Mr. Nick Kirkham, Glove Factory Studios, and Thornbury Surfacing. It is necessary to remove all gravel prior to the path being tarmacked and Mr. Kirkham has kindly offered to carry out this work, thus reducing the cost considerably. HSRC has agreed to pay £1200 in total towards this work - £700 which they originally offered, plus an extra £500. The total cost to the Parish Council will be £2908 - £2145 originally agreed plus £763.

It was agreed that Cllr. Bob Mizen should instruct the contractors to carry out the work.

Skateboard Park: Cllr. Bob Mizen has met with Mr. Colin Brown, Wiltshire Council and reported to councillors as follows

Wiltshire Council uses the relevant BS4142 when considering noise levels of skateboard facilities.

Wiltshire Council has advised that a '100m neighbour distance' is set by them to nationally accepted norms. Mr. Brown also advised that noise is the real issue, however, 100m is seen as a reasonable distance from a facility if the noise levels allow. It is on this basis, together with BS4142, that any complaint about a skateboard park will be decided upon.

Cllr. Mizen to ask skateboard ramp suppliers for advice re noise levels and to seek the opinion of a skateboard park contractor. Also to speak to the Sports Development Officer at Wiltshire Council.

Cllr. Becky Stevens to speak to Mr. Rob Curtis re other suitable sites.

Football Charges: Both football teams, Bradford-on-Avon Town FC and Holt Youth FC wish to use the pitch again this year and it was agreed that the charge for a youth team should be £350.

The Bradford-on-Avon Youth Team comprises U18 players but, as their standard is so high, they play adult football. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that they should be charged at the youth rate.

The Clerk to ask the teams to remove the old paint cans from the pavilion and ensure that the water is turned off when leaving the premises.

Correspondence: The Chairman has received a letter from a resident of Avonfield expressing concern about the following:

- Parking in Station Road – indiscriminate parking recently prevented the bus from gaining access to Avonfield.
- The Star – blocked drains.
- Footpath adjacent to 1 – 3 Avonfield – overgrowth needs to be cut back.
- Footpath behind Starfield Court – overgrown.

The Clerk to follow up all issues.

A letter has been received from Mr. John Palmer re planning application 16/030908/FUL, The Coach House, 386A Ham Green expressing the view that he considers the Council's decision not to object to the application to be inconsistent with their response to the previous planning application for the Coach House received in February of this year, when objections were raised on several counts.

After discussion, it was agreed that a response should be send stating that the decision was a democratic one based on the planning application as placed before the Council.

Village Inspection Report: The inspection was carried out by Cllr. Mizen and has been circulated. The following work needs to be done:

- Ham Green – Garry Aland to be asked to fill in a 'hole' in the grass as a matter of urgency.
- Small Green, Leigh Road – ivy and creeper to be cut back from trees.
- Youth Shelter – ground very eroded. Garry Aland to be asked to reinstate.
- The Brook from Glove Factory Studios to the bridge very overgrown on both sides and in need of urgent attention.
- Verge alongside Village Hall car park very overgrown.
- Pavement adjacent to Playing Fields in urgent need of repair.
- Path adjacent to Playing Fields – Hedge overgrown. Garry Aland to be asked to trim the hedge.
- Village signs at both ends of Holt overgrown.

The Clerk to follow up.

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

Revision 4/Web Hosting	£71.88
Wessex Water	£53.48
Grist Environmental/Waste Collection	£20.40 (VAT £3.40)
G. Aland/Caretaking	£260.04
G.Aland/Ground Maintenance (inc. under payment of £45 from January)	£366.00
JM Beale	£422.58 (VAT £1.67)
Remuneration	£355.71
Fixed Expenses	£34.62
Stationery	£10.00
Telephone	£21.50
Postage	£ 0.75

Any Other Business: It was considered preferable to have a Police representative at meetings as often as possible, with Andrew MacLachlan the first choice.

Website – it was considered that more articles should be posted. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Publication of draft minutes in the Magazine. Decision to be reconsidered. The Clerk to check when the decision was made.

The Police Report to be posted on the website and sent to the Magazine for publication at their discretion.