

**Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Holt Parish Council held on Thursday 19th January 2023
held in the Village Hall starting at 7:30pm**

Present: Cllrs Game (Chair), Fletcher, Latimer, Mizen, Offiler, Siddal, and Warran

Absent: Cllr Learoyd

In attendance: Georgina Berry - Parish Clerk, Cllr Trevor Carbin – Wiltshire Councillor, and 8 members of the public

437. Preliminaries:

- a. **Apologies:** Apologies from Cllrs Hendon and Goodman were accepted.
- b. **Declarations of interest:** None declared
- c. **Acceptance of office:** Council received the signed declaration of interest from James Latimer

In accordance with the code of conduct when a councillor declares a non-pecuniary interest, they take no part in the discussion or vote. When a councillor declares a pecuniary interest, they are required to leave the room during discussion and voting. Dispensations can be requested to allow that councillor to participate.

The meeting was adjourned.

438. Public Participation:

- Council was addressed by the Holt Football Club
- Council was addressed by a member of the public in regard to the new proposed solar farm at Little Chalfield
- Council was addressed by two members of the public concerned about the new highways suggestions re: double yellow lines near The Midlands
- Cllr Carbin had no news to update council on.

The meeting was resumed.

439. Finance:

- a. **Payments:** The following accounts were checked and approved for payment:

Payee	Description	Authority	Net	VAT	Gross
Bob Prior	Caretaking	LGA 1972 s.111	93.73	-	93.73
John Fletcher	Key Cutting	LGA 1894 s.8(1)(i)	4.00	-	4.00
Holt Village Hall	Warm Hub room hire	LGA 1972 s.134(4)	240.00	-	240.00
Parish Online	Digital mapping	LGA 1972 s.111	50.00	10.00	60.00
Grist	Waste removal	LGA 1972 s.111	32.94	6.59	39.53
Scottish Power	Pavillion electric	LGA 1894 s.8(1)(i)	41.80	2.20	44.00

- b. **School Street signs:** Council agreed to pay half of the remaining balance with Holt Primary School to fund the remainder.

440. Planning: The following applications were considered:

- a. **Application Ref:** PL/2022/09735
Address: Phase 2a Star Ground, Land off station road
Proposal: Proposed 2 no. affordable homes with landscaping
Deadline: 25/01/2023
Decision: Support
- b. **Application Ref:** PL/2022/09701
Address: 365 The Street, BA14 6RS
Proposal: To replace existing sunroom at the rear of the house

Deadline: 03/02/2023

Decision: No comment

- c. **Application Ref:** PL/2022/09706
Address: 365 The Street, BA14 6RS
Proposal: Replacement rear conservatory/sunroom
Deadline: 01/02/2023
Decision: No comment
- d. **Application Ref:** PL/2023/00048
Address: 117 The Midlands, BA14 6RX
Proposal: Remove conifer
Deadline: 27/01/2023
Decision: No objection

441. Planning decisions:

Council noted the below decision made by Wiltshire Council

- a. **Application Ref:** PL/2022/07896
Address: The Courts, The Walk, Holt, Trowbridge, BA14 6RR
Proposal: Trees 1 - 6. Tilia europa Trees are an avenue along the National Trust Courts Garden NNE boundary with Withy Walk, Holt. The trees were significantly reduced in 2009 / 2010 with the view to pollarding new growth after 10 years. These trees now need re pollarding due to significant regrowth of new branches. We request that this be done during November and December.
Decision: Approve with Conditions
- b. **Application Ref:** PL/2022/04462
Address: Manor Lodge, Leigh Road, BA14 6PR
Proposal: Extensions and alterations to dwelling
Decision: Approve with conditions
Comment: Council resolved to investigate why the original report, objecting to this application, from the conservation officer was ignored.
- c. **Application Ref:** PL/2022/08178
Address: 216 Gipsy Lane, BA14 6QN
Proposal: Oak Tree – Prune back overhanging branches
Decision: Approve with conditions

442. Previous Council Meeting:

- a. **Minutes** of the December 16th 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting. **Resolved:** *The minutes of these meetings were formally approved by the council and were signed by the chairman as a correct record, with a note that Cllr Fletcher challenged minute number 426, suggesting that the council did not take on responsibility for the project.*
- b. **Matters arising:**
 - i. Council noted that the Neighbourhood Watch start up had been withdrawn and replaced with an IT support group for the elderly residents of Holt.
 - ii. Council noted that a substantive item would be forthcoming at the next meeting for the table tennis table

443. Election Costs: Council resolved to look into the legalities of Wiltshire Council requiring parishes to pay towards election costs.

- 444. Affordable Homes Policy:** Council discussed the policy. The clerk will invite a representative from Wiltshire council and Stonewater to attend a meeting to discuss the policy and its implementation.
- 445. Village Events noticeboard:** Council clarified that the project was still for the village hall to take on but that council would commit to £150 funding, half of what was donated from the 'scarecrow' funds.
- 446. Midlands Junction:** Council heard that the works are still scheduled for this year.
- 447. Parking refuge:** HPC was unsuccessful in its bid to LHFIFG for substantive funding.
- 448. Parish Council Committee Groups:** Committee and Working party groups will stay as they are.
- 449. Annual Return 2022:** Council noted the annual return had been submitted.
- 450. Best Kept Villafe Competition:** The council will enter.
- 451. Parish Steward:** Council noted the stewards attendance dates. Council requested that the clerk circulate the village inspection rota.
- 452. Clerks contract:** Cllr Game signed off the clerks contract.
- 453. Email addresses:** These will all be in use by the next meeting
- 454. Fundraising:** Council noted that 2 residents had raised £49 towards the table tennis table.
- 455. Correspondence:** Council noted the correspondence list.

12/12/2022	New £1m fund to warm up local communities	Crowdfunder
09/01/2023	Police and Crime Commissioner asks for public support to increase precept	Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner
09/01/2023	Temporary Closure of:C21 (part) Broughton Gifford (13.02.2023)	Wiltshire Council
09/01/2023	Meeting notes – T&PC/WC 09.12.22	Wiltshire Council
09/01/2023	Bradford on Avon Police report	Wiltshire police
09/01/2023	Town, City, and Parish Council (four-yearly-cycle) Election costs	Wiltshire Council
13/01/2023	Business grants for young people in Wiltshire and Swindon	Wiltshire Community Foundation
13/01/2023	How to submit LHFIFG highways requests	Wiltshire Council
14/01/2023	Latest news and events from Bradford on Avon Our Community matters	Wiltshire Council
14/01/2023	Special meeting 18 th January 2023	WALC

- 456. Date of next meetings:**
- a. Thursday 16th February 2023 – Ordinary Council Meeting– *to be held in the village hall.*

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9:235pm