

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Holt Parish Council held on Thursday 16th July 2026 held in The Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs Siddall, Bloomfield, Upton, Wickes, Fox, Learoyd and Bertholle.

In attendance: Cllr Carbin – Wiltshire Councillor.

Public Participation: There was one member of public present who came to talk about the Whistle Mead Solar Farm appeal.

PRELIMINARIES

72/26 Apologies were received from Cllrs Goodman, Fletcher, Warran and Hendon.

73/26 There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interests.

74/26 No dispensations had been received.

75/26 The Clerk advised that the **press and public** should be excluded from agenda item 100/26 due to the confidential nature of matters to be discussed.

76/26 **Wiltshire Councillor** - Cllr Carbin reported that he had passed the Council's concerns regarding the Little Parks and Great Parks road closure to Wiltshire Council and that these would be considered when the signage is prepared.

Cllr Carbin also advised that a road closure is planned for September to enable resurfacing works on the B3107 through Holt, between Gypsy Lane and Still Man Close.

Cllr Carbin reported on proposed Government restrictions affecting the types of planning applications that can be called in. Council requested further information on the proposed restrictions.

PREVIOUS MEETING

77/26 **Previous meeting minutes:** The minutes for the Ordinary meeting held on 18th June were approved by the Council.

PLANNING

78/26 Council is asked to consider the below **planning applications** and any applications that may be received after the publication of the agenda.

Application Reference	Address	Proposed Works	Deadline for Comments
PL/2026/04158	4 CHESTNUT CORNER, HOLT, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6TB	Consent under Tree Preservation Orders - Copper Beech tree - height reduction and crown reduction by 35%	Object
PL/2026/02943	Land off Trowbridge Road, Bradford on Avon	Outline application (with all matters reserved except for access) for the erection of up to 224 residential dwellings (Class C3), 72-bed care home (Class C2), with sports pitch provision, country park, allotments, landscaping and open space.	Object

PL/2026/04170	Ash House, 124a The Midlands, Holt, BA14 6RG	Proposed single storey rear extension, conversion and extension of garage to create additional living accommodation, proposed front entrance porch.	No Comment
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Regarding PL/2026/02943, Council agreed that the Clerk would contact Wiltshire Council officers regarding active travel provision associated with the development.

79/26 **Decisions:** Council noted the below decisions:

Application Reference	Address	Proposed Works	HPC Comments	Wiltshire Council Decision
PL/2026/01873	Bradleys farm, Bradley Lane, Holt, Trowbridge, BA14 6QE	Alterations to approved conversion (granted under 16/07636/FUL) to increase the floor area for one holiday let (unit one) (the previously consented holiday let units 2 & 3 will now not to be provided) instead, the remaining former stabling will be altered and used for garaging and storage.	No comment	Approve with Conditions
PL/2026/00457	243B Melksham Road, Holt, Trowbridge, BA14 6QW	Proposed Roof Alterations and Extensions	Comment - Holt Parish Council would like Wiltshire Highways to review the Construction Management Plan and undertake a site visit before this is determined.	Approve with Conditions
PL/2026/03185	4 CHESTNUT CORNER, HOLT, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 6TB	Lime tree - remove small limb Holly tree - fell	No objection	No objection

80/26 **Bewley Lawful Development Certificate** - Council noted the response submitted by the Planning Working Party in respect of PL/2026/03794 (Application for a Lawful Development Certificate).

81/26 **Whistle Mead Solar Farm Appeal (PL/2023/01914)** - Council considered and approved the draft representation to the Planning Inspectorate.

82/26 **Redcliffe development street names** – Council noted that the development has been confirmed as *Breach Field* and would propose that the street name is Breach Field for the whole site e.g 1 Breach Field, 2 Breach Field etc.

83/26 **Bewley site** – No further update was heard.

84/26 **Redcliffe site** - No further update was heard

FINANCE

85/26 Banking

1. **Invoices** – Council approved the below payment - **£18.21 inc VAT**.

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
C Chappel	ChatGPT subscription	18.21	-	18.21

2. Council noted the following reimbursements or invoices have been paid. These payments were approved at a previous meeting or authorised between meetings under delegated authority.

Payee	Description	Gross
C CHAPPEL	ChatGPT expenses	17.90
DAVID HIND	NHP - Land Reg expenses	84.00
SCOTTISHPOWER	Pavillion electric	40.02
MARK PARSONS	Caretaker	90.00
ST ENVIRONMENT	Waste removal	42.80
EE LIMITED	Mobile phone line rental	24.00
PLACE STUDIO	NHP support	2124.00
MIJAN LTD	Easy PC – subs. 26-27	108.00
C CHAPPEL	Wages + WFH allowance	645.63

3. Council noted that the bank balance as of 30th June was £93,830.76.

AREA BOARD

- 86/26 Cllr Bloomfield spoke through the grants awarded and mentioned that the area board funds were already very low for the remainder of the year.

HIGHWAYS

- 87/26 **White lines, The Midlands** – Council agreed to send the request for a short white line near 121 The Midlands to LHFIFG.
- 88/26 **Request for pedestrian guardrails** – Council noted the correspondence received from a resident requesting pedestrian guardrails between The Midlands and the zebra crossing. The Clerk is to refer the correspondence to the school governors as part of the School Travel Plan.
- 89/26 **TTROs** - Council noted the following TTRO's:
- Temporary Closure of B3108, Winsley for carriageway resurfacing works between 4th and 12th August 2026.
 - Temporary Closure of B3107, Holt (TTRO 11725) for resurfacing works on the B3107 between Gipsy Lane and Stillman Close from 7th to 16th September 2026.

VILLAGE MAINTAINENCE

- 90/26 **Village inspection report** - Council noted the July inspection from Cllr Fletcher.
- 91/26 **Village inspection rota** - Council noted the rota for monthly inspections and that in August the task falls to Cllr Fox.
- 92/26 **Parish Steward** - Council noted the Parish Steward's report from his July visit and that the next visit will be the 9th and 10th September.

FACILITIES

- 93/26 **Facilities working party** - Council noted this month's report.
- 94/26 **HSRC access for Court 2** - Council heard that HSRC plan to wheelbarrow the materials needed to resurface Court 2, through Court 3.
It was also mentioned that HSRC are continuing to rent out Court 3. The Clerk is to email them to ask them to stop doing this and take the signs down on the entrances to Court 3.
- 95/26 **Holt FC agreement** - Council approved the latest draft of the Holt FC agreement subject to a minor change being made re grass cutting responsibility.
- 96/26 **Recreation Ground use policy** – Council approved the draft policy for the use of the Recreation Ground, which is to be added to the Council website.
- 97/26 **Replacement bench at Holt Recreation Ground** - Council noted that a family member would prefer a wooden bench.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 98/26 **Hearing assistance equipment** - Council approved for quotations to be obtained for hearing assistance equipment. Costs and recommendations to be reported to the September meeting.
- 99/26 **Items for future meetings** – Cllr Bloomfield asked for the Flood Plan to be added to the September agenda.
- 100/26 **Confidential item** – Council discussed a confidential commercial matter and agreed for Cllr Siddall to conclude the matter, subject to there being no significant changes.
- 101/26 **Date of next meeting** - Thursday 17th September – 7:30pm at Holt Village Hall.

With no further business, the meeting ended at 21.30.