

**HOLME NEXT THE SEA PARISH COUNCIL
MEETINGS HELD IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2010
AND JANUARY 2011**

The village hall has continued to receive attention over the last three months. The crack in the end wall required additional pointing work but is now completely finished. The hall is due to receive a thorough cleaning including the rafters following the completion of the repairs. Finishing touches to the new extension are nearly at completion with the addition of a fire exit door being established. A new path from the front of the hall around to the side exit, for disabled access, received the go-ahead at the January meeting and the work is expected to be carried out very soon.

The Parish Council had received the ecological survey on the Park Piece Land and consideration is being given to the possible different options for the site. The history of the site was explored and confirmation received that during the two world wars there had been a bowling green and pavilion at the Westgate end. The choices for this site will be explored at the next Council meeting.

Another site under consideration for its future is that of 27 Beach Road and again possible options are being looked into and will be reported to the next meeting for discussion.

A report was received from the recent Wash and North Norfolk European Marine Site meeting. The main points reported were that there is concern over Samphire picking and bait digging as commercial ventures and that investigations are continuing into the number of dead seals found at Blakeney. The meeting confirmed its support for maintaining the coast as in the past.

A visitor to the Council meeting was Mr. Peter Morris of the W.N.V.C.A. who gave a presentation about the 'No Cold Calling Zone' project. This involves small areas of the village becoming a zone which has a Consumer Champion as a lead person and the main aim is to inform Trading Standards of problems of cold calling and thereby to cut down on this practice. The Councillors will be discussing this project at the next meeting.

There had not been any new planning applications for consideration but permission had been granted for the car park at the village hall and also for the Certificate of Lawfulness for the caravan to be sited at Salty End on a schedule stipulated by the Borough Council.

Financial matters included the adoption of Financial Regulations and payments for village garden maintenance, internal auditor and the Clerks wages. The accounts had been audited for the half year to end of September 2010 and accounts to the end of December 2010 were agreed as correct by the Council at the January meeting.

The next meeting of Holme next the Sea Parish Council will be held on 8th February 2011 at 7.30pm in the village hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and put their questions and comments to the Councillors during 'public participation'.

Glynis Allen, Clerk to Holme-next-the-Sea Parish Council