

## HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

### DECEMBER 2015 MEETING

The Parish Council meeting followed a presentation by Tim Venes, Manager of the Norfolk Coast Partnership (NCP), and Estelle Hook, the Policy and Partnership Officer of NCP, at which 15 members of the public were present. Eight members of the public remained for the Parish Council meeting.

Information was provided regarding the following items:

- Norfolk County Council (NCC) meetings in relation to the Strategic and Financial Planning 2016-17 Options.
- Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) September and November meeting notes which reported that there had been vehicle break-ins in Hunstanton, Heacham and Dersingham and allotment shed break-ins around the Gayton area. There had also been dwelling house break-ins in Heacham and Snettisham. Advice had also been given that should there be any knock-on effect from the proposed Recycling Centre closures eg fly tipping, BCKLWN Environmental Health team should be notified.
- Norfolk Fire and Rescue Services Integrated Risk Management Plan 2016-20 Consultation. It was reported that the Service is undergoing re-structuring but Hunstanton Fire Station will not be closed although there is a proposal for the closure of Heacham Fire Station.

In the Public Participation session the following issues were raised:

- Concerns regarding restrictions to visibility should the proposed new Bus Shelter be installed when it was confirmed it would be set back from the existing bus stop and would take account of any potential problems in this regard.
- Councillors were thanked for renewing the subscription to Parish Online as the Village Website webmaster found it extremely useful.
- Considerable concerns were raised regarding the Planning Application for six mobile homes on land to the North East of The Old Smithy on the corner of Eastgate including:
  - (i) The land the subject of the Application is only a small part of the area owned by Ocean Breaks (part of The Abbey Group Cambridgeshire Limited) and might be a precursor to a much larger Application, or series of incremental Applications.
  - (ii) Access presents real problems and the proposals made are insufficient to deal with the issue.
  - (iii) The additional input at the pumping station has not been quantified.
  - (iv) The area in question is marshland and the 1953 flood came up to The Old Smithy.
  - (v) There would be no economic benefit to the village except by use of the Public House and the anticipated employment levels are overstated.
  - (vi) Vehicle movement is understated and the land past the Sunnymead Park is already 'churned up'.

Parishioners were reminded that individual objections could always be submitted onto the Planning website to any Application submitted.

Finally, a Councillor from Old Hunstanton speaking as a member of the public, raised the issue of a wheelchair access onto the boardwalk opposite the sentry box at the entrance to the Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) Reserve at Holme Dunes. National trails have done a lot of work on the path already and NCP has a project called 'Easy Access'.

When the Parish Council meeting resumed, it was resolved that a robust objection would be submitted in respect of the mobile home application. Other Planning Applications included a

timber gazebo at a property on Thornham Road and amended plans for a property on Broadwater Road which was welcomed as more appropriate for the site. It was noted that an Application for development of another property on Broadwater Road, to which considerable objections had been raised, had been withdrawn.

The Speed Awareness Unit (SAM2) was reported as ready for delivery and an application for funding for a bus shelter under the Parish Partnership Scheme 2016/17 was agreed for submission. It was reported that the work on the toilet refurbishment at the Village Hall will start after Christmas.

A report was given of attendance at the Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC) Autumn Seminar including information of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP). It was agreed that a special meeting be arranged in early February to discuss this whole issue at which it was hoped there would be advice from a number of people. Parishioners should be invited to take part in the discussions.

Under Finance the Precept for 2016-17 was set at Nil. There are new External Audit arrangements from next year following the abolition of the Audit Commission and it was agreed that the Parish Council would participate in the Sector Led Body Audit Procurement as proposed by NALC. Payments agreed included the Clerk's November PAYE, salary and re-imburements, payment for the SAM2 (50% of the cost being refundable by NCC), the cost of repairs to a light on Main Road, Village Hall grass cutting, and a 50% deposit for the Village Hall refurbishment work.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 12th January 2016** at approximately 7 pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend and put their comments and questions to Councillors during 'Public Participation'.

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