

HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

JANUARY 2014 MEETING

The effects of the storm surge in December were discussed. Information provided by the Environment Agency and Borough Council regarding recovery work along the coast had been forwarded to all Councillors. The Broads and Norfolk Rivers Authority had been seeking information regarding the extent of the flooding and had been put in touch with one of the Councillors. A parishioner had said there were volunteers willing to clear rubbish from the shore and the coastal path near the Lavender Marsh and the Clerk was in touch with the Borough Council to try to liaise regarding disposal. The offer had been accepted and the Management Team had promised to be in touch as soon as possible. It was reported that the bungalows off Beach Road had suffered serious damage and notices giving advice to Council Tax Payers affected by the flood were passed for distribution and will also be posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards. Work by the Golf Club was underway and Environmental Agency engineers had been assessing requirements. The high tides at the beginning of January had fortunately not caused a problem in Holme-next-the-Sea.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting but during the Public Participation period there were two reports from the Police Liaison Officer covering the period 10th December 2013 to 13th January 2014 when there had been 13 calls but no crimes reported. There was also a report from the Oil Syndicate which is continuing to provide savings to the participants.

The Clerk reported a new Borough Council initiative against dog fouling and it is hoped new signs can be obtained for public display. The Clerk also reported an Ultra Marathon along the Peddars Way starting at Knettishall had been organised for Saturday 1st February finishing at Holme-next-the-Sea car park.

Various Planning Permissions that had been granted were notified - variation to conditions affecting 33 Main Road, change of use from grassland to erection of three farm tents at Holmebush, and construction of a new access at 29 Kirkgate. An application for the demolition of the bungalow at 31 Kirkgate and the erection of two dwellings had been refused. Applications had been submitted for a replacement double garage at 71 Beach Road and a variation to the planning permission relating to 27 Beach Road. There were no objections raised to these applications. There was some discussion of an emerging policy on size limitation affecting replacement properties and the precedents set by previous permissions granted.

It was hoped that work on the installation of the monolith at Park Piece would start shortly but the ground is very wet and may delay the work. The monolith stone would, however, be moved from its delivery point within a few days.

Under Finance, payments included the Clerk's salary and tax and the three donations agreed at the last meeting. Payments were also made to Mr. Walden for grass cutting at the Village Hall and to Mrs. Charles for flowers provided to keep the Village Sign looking so attractive.

Various correspondence had been circulated with information for Councillors from the Norfolk Association of Local Councils, Norfolk County Council and Clerks & Councils Direct. A letter from Norfolk Green advising of the sale of the Stagecoach Holdings plc had also been circulated.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 11th February 2014** at 7.30 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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Parish Council