

**HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
JANUARY 2015 MEETING**

Two representatives of Hunstanton Golf Course attended the meeting to give information concerning the changes to the Golf Course in the area of the 8th hole near the end of Beach Road. These changes had been undertaken on the advice of a golf architect in order to improve the Course and deal with Health and Safety issues. The changes should have achieved both these aims and have not compromised the sea defences for the village. Issues regarding the village sandpit, the status of the roadway from the end of Beach Road to the shore and the gate at the end of Beach Road were clarified. It was stated that the work undertaken to improve the flood defences in that area had been both dictated and funded by the Environment Agency.

There were three members of the public present who had no issues to raise although one member thanked the Golf Course for the speed with which sand had been put back on the Golf Course following the tidal surge a year ago. Borough Councillor Watson was present and was pleased to confirm that the Borough was not increasing its element of the Council Tax for 2015/16 although both the Police and the County Council were doing so. She also confirmed parking charges would not be increasing although it was not known whether the Annual Parking Permit cost for Hunstanton would increase. Part of the car park by the Princess Theatre will be used by McCarthy and Stone for about 12 months when undertaking the retirement apartment development in order to avoid congestion and a payment will be made to the Borough.

One Planning Application was discussed to which no objections were raised. An Application for the change of use of the land for siting of a tea room at Drove Orchards had been permitted. The Parish Council had raised no objection to this Application.

The Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Pre-submission Document was available in hard copy and also on line. The consultation period ends on 23rd February but it was resolved no response would be made by the Parish Council as Holme-next-the-Sea was not affected as it was categorised as a hamlet or small village.

It had not proved possible to fill the current Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council by co-option and in view of the elections for Parish Councillors to be held in May, it was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance until a new Parish Council was formed.

In view of Parishioners concerns regarding speeding traffic, it was agreed a bid should be made for 50% funding for a Speed Awareness Messaging Unit to be used on the A149. This would be a mobile unit requiring relocation every four weeks with batteries to be changed every week and it was agreed volunteers should be sought to manage the Unit.

There was considerable discussion regarding historic issues surrounding common rights at Holme Dunes with reference to old Parish Council Minutes and files over a long period of years. The matters were unresolved and will receive further consideration in the future.

Norfolk Constabulary had circulated information regarding a 50/50 funding scheme for a Police Community Support Officer. It was agreed it would not be appropriate to pursue this proposal for a variety of reasons including the fact that it would necessitate raising a precept for the village in order to raise sufficient funds.

Under Finance, the Third Quarter Accounts, Budget Monitoring and Cheque List were approved. A donation to Holme Parochial Church Council was agreed for Churchyard maintenance costs and payments approved for the Clerk's salary, tax and training, Village Hall grass cutting and a donation to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 10th February 2015** 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'.

Christina Jones

Clerk to Holme-next-the-Sea Parish Council