

HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

JANUARY 2016 MEETING

Three members of the public were present as well as Ms Susan Hall from Drove Orchards.

Minutes from the December meeting were approved together with notes from the presentation given by Mr. Tim Venes, the manager of the North Coast Partnership, prior to that meeting.

Information was provided regarding the following items:

- Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk (BCKLWN) December Minutes which confirmed the Docking Recycling Centre would close in January and the Heacham Recycling Centre would move to reduced hours at the same time.
- The Norfolk County Council (NCC) Budget Consultation which closed on 14th January and the Precept Referendum Principles 2016/17 which would not apply to Parish Councils. Also, public consultation meetings were being held regarding the precept for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk.
- A meeting being held in Dersingham on 13th January to discuss problems relating to the current bus timetabling.

In the Public Participation session Ms Susan Hall from Drove Orchards came to give information after concerns had been raised regarding a recent Planning Application.

- Some historical background to put the site in context - it had originally been a mushroom farm but was largely being managed to prevent development and support wildlife.
- Proposals for planting new trees with a view to producing local cider in the future.
- The changed location and construction of the Gurney Fish Box and support for local industry.

Concerns were raised by a Parishioner regarding incorrect information on the Planning website as the whole of the Drove Orchard site is within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the necessity for the number of advertising boards along the road was questioned. Another Parishioner raised objections as to the appropriateness of the neon sign in one unit. Concerns were raised by Councillors regarding outstanding Planning Applications on the BCKLWN website.

Ms Hall had not been aware she could attend Parish Council meetings and she was encouraged to do so in the future when issues arose. She was thanked for coming to discuss matters.

The issue of flooding down Peddars Way was raised and will be taken up with the Highways Authority again. This has been an on-going problem for some time.

There was no Borough Councillor report and Councillor Felgate gave a report on the Oil Syndicate over the previous 12 months.

When the Parish Council meeting resumed, it was confirmed objections had been submitted with regard to the Planning Applications at Drove Orchard and the Mobile Homes in Eastgate. There had been a number of objections submitted regarding the Mobile Homes. No objection had been submitted to a proposed porch at a property in Alsack Way. An application had been received to prune back trees and hedges on the corner of Westgate and Beach Road to which no objections were raised. The Clerk reported that three tree applications had been approved, as had the dry goods store at Whiehall Farm. No objections had been raised to any of these Applications. Concerns had been raised by Parishioners regarding the occupation of a property in Broadwater Road over Christmas, as the property in question only has permission for limited use.

Councillors agreed to support Parishioners and raise the issue with BDKLWN Planning Department.

The meeting to be held on 2nd February to discuss a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was confirmed. Ms Jemma March from BCKLWN will attend to give information and advice, as will Mr. Richard Seppings who had motivated the NDP which had recently been approved in Brancaster.

It was confirmed the refurbishment work was progressing in the Village Hall and it was agreed Councillor Burton would act as liaison with the builders.

A proposal had been made for a Village Information Network for the Council to send out information to villagers via email and it was agreed the Clerk would post notices advertising the launch and publish in LINK.

It was agreed to formally submit a request to the North Coast Partnership for wheelchair access to part of the coastal path at Holme Dunes and pollarding work to the willow trees at the bottom of Beach Road was authorised. Discussion regarding the pathway at the end of Eastgate was postponed until a decision has been made regarding the Mobile Home Planning Application.

Under Finance the Third Quarter Accounts and Budget Monitoring were approved and the Budget for 2016/17 was agreed. Two charity donations were confirmed to Norfolk Age UK and the British Red Cross. Payments agreed included the Clerk's December PAYE, salary and reimbursements, emergency telephone, street lighting, sanitary ware for the Village Hall, a donation to the Parochial Church Council towards the cost of grass cutting in the churchyard, and padlocks for the Speed Awareness Monitoring Units to be delivered shortly.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 9th February 2016** at 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'. There will be an additional general meeting on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 7 pm in the Village Hall, to which all Parishioners are invited, to consider whether a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Village would be appropriate.

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Clerk to Holme-next-the-Sea Parish Council