

HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

JULY 2015 MEETING

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Geoff Needham on his return following his illness and there were three members of the public in attendance who were also welcomed.

In the Public Participation part of the meeting, a parishioner raised concerns regarding the request for an evacuation plan as part of the planning requirements for a proposed property in Kirkgate, as this request may impact on other living in Kirkgate when seeking insurance cover. No Borough Councillor was present but those linked to the Hunstanton Ward are Councillor Carol Bower (on the Planning Committee and Environment and Community Panel), Councillor Paul Beal (Portfolio Holder for Coastal and Tourism) and Councillor Richard Bird (Hunstanton Regeneration Project Team). Councillor Felgate reported that the community needs to be aware that there have been a number of house burglaries recently, with at least three in Hunstanton.

Under Planning an application regarding the siting of a free standing retail unit with removable deck at Drove Orchard was considered and whilst no objections were raised, it was agreed a number of comments should be made. It was felt that a dangerous precedent was being set by the work commencing before permission had been granted, the entrance needed proper definition, access onto the A149 was a cause for concern (there had been a three car collision there recently) and the creation of a retail park outside the current residential parameters may lead to development within the AONB in the future. A further planning application relating to a property in Kirkgate raised no objections as there had been a number of discussions and adjustments prior to the application regarding suitability.

The Examination by the Inspector of the Borough Council's Site Allocations and Development Management Policies had commenced on Tuesday 7th July and a Councillor had attended. The Examination had been adjourned following concerns that in its current form, it could not be found sound. The Inspector's concerns related to the potential implications of proposed developments on protected sites and species with no detailed consideration of the mitigation measures required, as well there being concerns regarding flood risk on a number of the proposed sites and the lack of a fall-back position being established. It had not yet been decided when the Examination will re-commence. Concerns were also raised regarding flood risk and the Hunstanton and Heacham Caravan Parks. The possibility of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the village was again raised as a system to influence local planning, and is being investigated.

The Parish Council continue to pursue the issues of monitoring breaches of conditions attached to Planning Permissions and a meeting will be arranged with a representative of the Borough Council to discuss a number of concerns within the village.

It was agreed the refurbishment of the toilets and storage area in the Village Hall will be postponed until January 2016 so that annual events scheduled for the period leading up to Christmas will not be affected. It was agreed that new cutlery and crockery for the Village Hall would be funded.

Councillors agreed that with effect from and including the October Parish Council meeting, meetings will start at 7 pm. The September meeting which will follow the 'Meet your

Councillors' Cheese and Wine Social will commence at 7.30 pm as previously. It was also agreed an email address for Parishioners to contact Councillors would be established.

It was reported that a new dog bin is to be located in the car park of The Firs at the Norfolk Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre. In view of this, the requirement for an additional dog bin made at the Parish Meeting was postponed for the time being.

The additional seating for Park Piece is being organised with one bench due to be installed shortly and the other awaiting delivery. It was agreed that the possibility of using Park Piece for parking during village events in the future would be considered on an individual basis, and would be subject to weather conditions and management arrangements.

Under finance the accounts and budget monitoring for the first quarter of the financial year 2015-16 were approved with no queries being raised. Approved payments included the June and July Clerk's salary and PAYE, the quarterly account for the emergency telephone, grass cutting costs and the annual insurance premium for the Village Hall and other property.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 1st September 2015** at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall Meeting Room, following the 'Meet your Parish Councillors' Cheese and Wine Social at 6 pm, also in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and put their comments and questions to Councillors during 'Public Participation' and it is hoped those already at the Social will stay for the meeting.

Christina Jones

Clerk to Holme-next-the-Sea Parish Council