

Holme-next-the-Sea Parish Council

Meetings Held on 1st March and 8th March 2011

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held to discuss the future of the Park Piece Lane. A document containing proposals had been distributed to Councillors at the February meeting and in the meantime consultations had taken place with the Ecologist from Norfolk County Council. Following discussions it was agreed that a pond, shown on the environmental survey, would be developed near the Southern boundary. There would be a wheelchair friendly path laid from Peddars Way to the pond and around it with two seats being positioned along the path. The pond in the Northern area of the site would be left to develop naturally and the area around it would be mown on an annual basis. It was also agreed to plant a variety of fruit trees along the western side of the site and to have some non-fruit trees at the entrance. A footpath access from the Westgate end will be developed but the proposal for catering facilities was to be considered at a later date. The Parish Council will be applying for match funding for the tree planting and pond/path development. The ordinary Parish Council meeting welcomed Mr. Kevin Kent from the Borough Council who addressed the meeting concerning the development of a Community Emergency Plan which explores the possible useful assets of the village and local communication details in the case of an emergency in the village. The Councillors will consider a draft document for further discussion at the next meeting. Planning Applications for 23 Beach Road and 9 Peddars Way were both recommended for rejection by the Parish Council, the first one due to possible overcrowding and the second one because it had been rejected three years ago when first applied for.

A report on the village hall confirmed that cleaning of the rafters and upper parts of the hall had been completed and that the new disabled access path to the rear entrance had been laid and would be finished very soon.

Park Piece Land was discussed and it was agreed to install two information boards advising that the site is being made into a public amenity and requesting that dog owners respect the site when dog walking thereon. It was also decided that the Parish Council would apply for the site to be considered for the Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields of Trust project.

The Councillors considered the fact that 2012 is the year of the Diamond Jubilee and Holme-next-the-Sea will have an event. What that event would be was not chosen but a Committee is needed to organise the celebrations and anyone interested in joining should contact the Clerk.

Finances included payment for the cleaning of the rafters and the first £5000 re-payment of the loan from The Holme Village Trust for the village hall extension. The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on 12th April at 8.00pm following the Holme Annual Parish Meeting which commences at 7.00pm.

Glynis Allen, Clerk to Holme next the Sea Parish Council.