

HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

MARCH 2014 MEETING

Borough Councillor Liz Watson, who is also Mayor of King's Lynn, attended the meeting and reported that both the Borough Council and the County Council were freezing their budgets for Council Tax to remain the same, although the Police were increasing their element. Funding from Government will reduce again for the coming year and the Borough Council are seeking ways to save funds through the disposal of black bin rubbish although this will not affect collections. She confirmed that there were funds available for those suffering as a result of the tidal surge. She reported there may be changes to car parking arrangements in and near the High Street in Hunstanton and that the funds raised from car parking help to pay for the maintenance of the Princess Theatre and the alterations at The Spinney. There is an annual car parking ticket scheme available in Hunstanton which can provide a saving.

There were no members of the public present, nor a report from the Police Liaison Officer. The system on monthly reporting is changing and it has not been possible to confirm that the Police Liaison Officer will attend the Parish Meeting in May.

Planning applications affecting properties in Kirkgate and the siting of a tea room and extension to the existing farm shop at Drove Orchards were considered and it was agreed no objections should be raised.

A Councillor reported on a meeting at Wells for the European Marine Sites update when it became clear that the issue of Marine Reference Areas is still on-going and has not been abandoned. The Norfolk Coast AONB Management Plan Review response date is the 17th April but concerns were raised over the difficulty in accessing this online.

Unfortunately it was reported that saturated ground had still delayed the installation of the monolith at Park Piece but it was hoped this work could progress before too long. The seating had been made but was being held by the manufacturer until work could commence.

There was discussion of the situation regarding Holley's Trust and it was agreed a notice should be inserted in LINK seeking a response from anyone interested in becoming a Trustee.

The Village Hall Committee are seeking old photographs and information regarding the Village Hall to possibly use in the centenary celebrations

Under Finance, payments included the Clerk's salary and tax, repair work to the leaded windows at the Village Hall and replacement of lantern brackets for street lighting. The Clerk reported that it was proving increasingly difficult to obtain a satisfactory return on short term deposits.

Various correspondence had been circulated with information for Councillors regarding Norfolk Village Games and information from the Norfolk Association of Local Councils.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 8th April 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'.

Christina Jones

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Parish Council