

**HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held on 14TH MAY 2013**

The Chairman of the Parish Council reported on the previous year's activities including the resignation of Peter Cheadle and co-option of Derek Young as a Councillor, the retirement of Roy Langley after many years service to the Village Hall and his replacement by Mrs. Mary Burton, and the appointment of a new internal auditor.

There had been a public meeting last June with Natural England to give an up-dated explanation of the proposals for a 'Reference Area' in connection with plans under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The latest information, although not official, seems to be that the proposal for a Reference Area may not be pursued, but the Council is seeking clarification. A meeting was also held in October with the NWT at the reserve and the Warden had given a presentation to the Council in January to give further information about NWT activities. It has also been clarified that although Natural England renewed (against the Parish Council's arguments), the NWT's right to charge for entry onto some areas of the dunes, those charges will not apply to parishioners of Holme. The restrictions, of course, do not apply to Common Rights holders in the Village anyway.

The dedication of Park Piece as a Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Field in Trust was completed and ideas are still being sought for the display of the dedication plaque. A successful celebration for the Diamond Jubilee had been held in the Village Hall and internal improvements there are currently being planned.

Reports were given on the Parish Council finances where income from the caravan site and other property results in there being no requirement for a precept. Expenditure had included street lighting and maintenance, emergency telephone, dog waste removal, grass cutting, a contribution to Holme PCC towards churchyard maintenance, charity donations, clerk's salary and administration expenses, auditing fees, insurance and a loan repayment in relation to the Village Hall extension.

The Village Hall Committee reported there had been a successful fund raising tea in August but that lettings were down which resulted in reduced income. There are plans for planting wild flowers around the walls and new curtains had been purchased for the meeting room. Costs remained much the same and there had been a successful visit by the Health and Hygiene Inspector. The Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme serves the area well and continues to have office accommodation upstairs.

Representatives from the Village Trust and Holley's Trust gave short reports and there were no questions raised in the Open Forum.

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