

**HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held on 13TH MAY 2014**

The Chairman of the Parish Council reported on the previous year's activities including Derek Young joining as a co-opted Councillor at the beginning of the year, and the resignation of Roger Davey in April following 11 years serving as both Clerk to the Council and as a Councillor.

Maintenance has been carried out at the Village Hall and an application made for alterations to the toilets and storage area there. The final payment of the loan from Holme Village Hall had been made and the Parish Notice Board repaired and renovated. A tall slate monolith for displaying the plaque recording the dedication of the main area of Park Piece as a Queen Elizabeth II Field in Trust had been purchased and it was hoped installation would take place very shortly. Unfortunately this had been delayed by the wet weather.

The Council continues to monitor planning within the Parish although the Planning Authority does not always appear to give full weight to the comments and objections raised both by the Council and parishioners. With the help of a substantial grant from the County Council the street lamps in the Parish have been replaced with LED lighting.

Sympathy was expressed to all those parishioners who suffered damage, hardship and disruption as a result of the Tidal Surge and appreciation shown for the efforts of many who worked hard and very effectively to clear the dunes and foreshore of the massive amount of debris left behind.

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 the cleaning is now done voluntarily and charges for hiring the Hall reviewed. Events for parishioners, the church and charity are now free but so far this has not resulted in a big increase in usage and it would be good to see the Hall used more.

Representatives from the Village Trust and Holley's Trust gave short reports and the appointment of new Trustees for Holley's Trust was on the Agenda for the Parish Council Annual General Meeting to take place following the Parish Meeting. There were no questions raised in the Open Forum except a request for confirmation that the Park Piece monolith was Cumberland Slate.

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