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HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
Annual Parish Meeting held in Holme-next-the-Sea Village Hall
On Tuesday, 14th May 2019 at 6pm.

There were five members of the Parish Council present, eight parishioners, Bob Lawton, newly elected Borough Councillor for Brancaster Ward and Mike Longley, Locum Clerk to the Parish Council, taking minutes. Mrs. Lynn Devereux Chair of the Parish Council acted as Chairperson for the meeting.

The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their interest and attendance.

1. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 22nd May 2018:** These were displayed on the screen. As these minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and no one had any amendments to make it was agreed by all present that the minutes be agreed.
2. **Matters arising from the minutes:** There were no matters arising.
3. **Chairman's Report:** Report by Parish Council Chairperson, Lynn Devereux (See Appendix 1).
4. **Responsible Financial Officer's Report:** Report by Responsible Financial Officer, Mike Longley (See Appendix 2).
5. **Village Hall Report:** Report by Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Robert Burton (See Appendix 3). The Chairperson thanked Mr Burton and the volunteers who continue to periodically clean the village hall.
6. **Village Trust Report:** Report by Trustee, Robert Burton: -
There were no requests for funding during the year and the balance in the bank account at 31st March 2019 was £34,088. The purposes of the trust are to apply the income and all such parts of the capital for, or towards the benefit of Parishioners and Local Institutions of the Parish of Holme-next-the-Sea. The original funds came from the time when the Parish Council operated the Beach Car Park which is owned by Hunstanton Golf Club.
The trustees are Robert Burton, Martin Crown, Geoff Renaut and Geoff Needham.
The issue of the unanimous (as opposed to majority) vote requirement for approval of applications was raised and discussed. This concluded with an agreement to look into having the wording of the Trust Deed amended to a majority decision being sufficient.
7. **Holleys Charity Report:** Report by Chairman, Tony Foster (Appendix 4). Additionally, Mr Foster explained the Trust had applied for funding from the Village Trust to cover the cost of legal fees to obtain a copy of the signed rental agreement with the tenant of the farmland owned by the trust. Unfortunately, this had been turned down by the Village Trust as unanimity was not reached in the vote. The trustees normally meet once a year, a few weeks before Christmas to consider those thought to be in need. Cards are then sent out with cheques enclosed. Mr Foster was thanked for the very successful charity provided for those in need in the Parish.

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8. **Village Information Network Report:** Report by Tony Foster (Appendix 5). A copy of the Village Website address and email address for applying to subscribe to VIN was passed to Bob Lawton, the new Borough Cllr.

9. **Open Forum**

9.1 **Village Pond**

The unkempt state of the Village Pond was discussed. It was noted that a Parishioner had volunteered, together with the NWT Warden, to tidy it up. However, another Parishioner felt that a concerted effort was required as it was in a poor state and trees needed to be cut back etc.

9.2 **Verges**

It was noted that NCC Highways sweep the verges twice a year, as there are no pavements, but it requires doing more often than that. It was pointed out that Sally Bettinson of Highways had explained there were no funds available to do more. A suggestion has been made that Supervised Community Workers could carry out this work.

9.3 **Bins**

A Parishioner raised the issue of bins remaining outside properties once they had been emptied, creating an eyesore. The BC have a policy regarding this and if reported they will visit offending properties and give them notice of a threat of removal if it continues. It was agreed the Parish Clerk issues a VIN notice highlighting the issue and also writes to the BC.

9.4 **Signs to the Beach**

A Parishioner requested a sign be erected at the northern end of Peddars Way and another where Westgate meets Beach Road to show the way to the Beach. This is because motorists, whilst attempting to find the way to the Beach, are getting confused at the junction of Peddars Way/Kirkgate and attempt dangerous manoeuvres in trying to turn around and return back along Peddars Way. It was agreed the Parish Clerk should raise this with Highways and National Trails.

9.5 **Parish Council**

A Parishioner thanked the PC for doing a very good job, especially with regards to the NDP.

9.6 **New Borough Councillor**

Bob Lawton briefly introduced himself before leaving to visit another Parish Council Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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