

# Holme-next-the-Sea Parish Council

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Kevin Felgate (Chair) Lynn Devereux (Vice Chair), Robbie Burton, Martin Crown, Margaret Easton, Gill Morley, Geoff Needham

**Attending:** Three members of the public

### 1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence but Councillor Felgate reported that he had received the Clerk's resignation and she would not be attending the meeting.

### 2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Felgate declared an interest in a confidential agenda item

### 3 Reports

#### 3.1 *To receive reports from the Police*

No report was available but Cllr Felgate flagged the increase in burglaries along the coast and advised extra vigilance.

#### 3.2 *To receive reports from the County Councillor and the District Councillor*

None available

#### 3.3 *To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan*

Cllr Devereux provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan noting that the current focus was on writing policy proposals with a view to having a draft set available for comment at the next public consultation. Following consultation, Christina Jones had consulted individual Members regarding timing of the event and the content of advertisements and a date of 04 January from 2pm-7pm had been AGREED. It was hoped that all Councillors would attend. Full progress report available on the NDP website <http://www.holme-next-the-sea-plan.co.uk>

### 4 Public Questions, comments and representations

Mr Joliffe spoke on the subject of the proposed Hun Project which was being led by the Norfolk Coast Partnership (NCP). He reported that as a volunteer member of the HUN Project Community Group he had expected to be called to meetings to discuss the proposals for funding the project. This had not happened however and there was concern that the aims and the scope of the project were unclear.

Mr Joliffe's concerns were acknowledged and it was noted that the Parish Council's support for the project had been conditional on an understanding that the project would not damage the Protected Sites. **Cllr Devereux said that she would follow up with the NCP** at an NDP

meeting expected to take place in the next couple of weeks. It was also noted that County

Councillor Jamieson was a member of the project steering group and had indicated that he would provide an update on the proposals once he had more information to hand.

There was a further question from the floor regarding progress on the Parish Council's agreement to the siting of a new dog bin just inside the entrance to the NNR. **Cllr Felgate agreed to follow this up.**

## **5 To consider approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

It was noted that the Clerk had not issued an official summons to Cllr Needham to attend the previous meeting which had been cancelled at short notice and re-arranged.

Item 2 of the draft public minutes was corrected to read "**on the advice of the Parish Clerk** a dispensation was granted to allow Cllr Felgate to stay and participate ....".

The remaining minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The confidential minutes were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

## **6 Matters arising from those minutes**

There were no matters arising.

## **7 Planning**

*7.1 VARIATION OF CONDITION 10 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 16/00323/F: Replacement dwelling at Sandy Ridge, Broadwater Road, Holme next The Sea, Norfolk PE36 6LQ* (subject of a presentation at the September meeting). It was noted that the initial variation drawings had been revised to place the heights on a comparable basis to the original application effectively bringing the ridge height down by 11 feet. In addition, the Applicants had indicated that they would not be involved in proposals for planting on the adjoining Common Land. There were however discrepancies in the different parts of the submission, notably with respect to windows and lighting proposals which gave cause for concern. Following due consideration it was agreed to submit comments noting key points.

*7.2 Hope Cottage, Busseys Lane, Holme next The Sea, Norfolk PE36 6NU Ref. No: 17/01981/F*  
Application reviewed and comments agreed and submitted prior to the meeting in order to meet the consultation deadline/

### *7.2 Decisions Received*

Advertisement Application, Eric's Fish and Chips, Drove Orchards Ref No: 17/01613/A  
Application refused.

## **8 Highways & Transportation**

Nothing to report.

## **9 Finance & Regulatory Matters**

*9.1 To consider list of payments for approval*

Cllr Morley queried the net amount of the invoice for gravel for the car parking area outside the Village Hall. Cllr Burton confirmed that the amount included VAT. The list of payments was further considered and approved.

*9.3 To consider payment of invoices received after the date of this Agenda*

None

*9.4 To consider the budget proposals for 2018 -2019*

In the absence of the Clerk to answer queries on the draft figures the detailed consideration of this matter was postponed to the January meeting.

**10 Update on the Electoral Review of the Warding Arrangements**

Cllr Devereux reported that the Parish Council's proposals to the Boundary Commission for a change in the Electoral Ward Boundaries had been accepted and a draft recommendation issued for a much enlarged Brancaster Ward stretching from Brancaster to Old Hunstanton . The draft recommendations are now out for comment with a closing date of 15 January 2018. A final decision is expected on 03 April 2018. It was AGREED that a letter of thanks should be sent to the Boundary Commission and a VIN notice issued to advise parishioners of the consultation.

**11 Environment Agency's Proposals for De-Maining of the River Hun**

It was noted that this project involved a different set of proposals to those promoted by the NCP's Hun project. A number of Parish Councillors had attended the Drop-In session in Hunstanton which had confirmed that the management of The Hun was proposed to be handed over to the IDB. Concerns were expressed about the implications for resourcing future maintenance and expectations for "Community Support". Information given to Cllr Crown suggested that the community contribution would probably involve budget funding by the parishes affected, possibly via a precept. A further consultation was expected before the end of the year.

**12 Correspondence: To consider correspondence previously circulated or received since the publication of this agenda**

None

**13 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting**

Tuesday 09 January, reverting to the established time of 7pm

**14 To consider a resolution to close the meeting to discuss matters involving legal and data protection issues.**

It was AGREED to close the meeting to the press and public in order to discuss confidential business.