

HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2013 MEETING

A parishioner attended the meeting and raised two issues during the 'Public Participation' adjournment.

Firstly, there appears to be no footpath from Holme to Thornham although there is a byway recorded on the OS map from Little Lower Lane coming out at the Lifeboat Inn. It is understood from the long term residents that this path had been relinquished in the 1940's but it was recommended that the definitive map with Norfolk County Council be consulted and that they would be the authority to pursue the matter.

Secondly, the question of allotments was discussed. The Parish Council own some allotment land but it has been designated an SSSI area and therefore cannot be used as allotments. The land is very marshy.

The Warden at the NWT Reserve at Holme Dunes had reported on activities in the summer. The Dartmoor ponies had now moved on, toilets had successfully been installed and work will commence on The Firs alterations through the winter although it is not known when it will be completed. Work on the Thornham seawall should be complete by November. It had unfortunately not been a good season for the natterjack toads or the breeding birds.

A report was given of a Byelaw being proposed by Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority relating to fishing along the coast to protect Eel Grass (an endangered species) by Thornham Harbour. It is understood it will affect Thornham, Blakeney and Brancaster although not Holme-next-the-Sea at the moment.

Various planning applications were considered including the variation of conditions relating to a planning consent for a new dwelling at 33 Main Road to which objections were raised relating to the highway and parking. There were no objections raised in relation to the conversion of The Chapel at 8 Westgate from a one bedroom to a three bedroom house, nor to the change of use of grassland for the use of three farm tents at land North West of Holmebush, Thornham Road. The proposed construction of a Cart Shed at The Spinney, Westgate had been approved and an application had been submitted for work to the oak tree at that property, over which concerns were raised.

The proposal for alterations to the toilet and storage area in the Village Hall was approved and an architectural consultant is now to be instructed to draw up detailed plans. Other maintenance issues were also discussed and it was agreed the Parish Notice Board in Kirkgate should be refurbished.

A decision was made regarding the choice of stone for the monolith at Park Piece and an order will now be placed. Proposals for seating around the stone are still to be finalised.

Under Finance, the Bank Mandate was amended to allow any two signatories of four nominated Councillors, and payments included September grass cutting, copies of Good Councillor Guides, street lighting maintenance for the six months from April to September and the Clerk's salary, PAYE and CiLCA Training costs

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 12th November 2013** 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'.

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Parish Council