

HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2015 MEETING

The September Parish Council meeting started at 7.30pm following the successful Cheese and Wine Social held in the Village Hall to enable Parishioners to meet Councillors following the election in May. About 30 Parishioners joined Councillors to exchange ideas and a vote of thanks was given to Derek and Daphne Young for the most enjoyable catering that had been provided.

At the Parish Council meeting, the Chairman welcomed Borough Councillor Carol Bower and seven members of the public who stayed to attend the meeting.

Information was provided regarding a review of the Borough Council's Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 and principles under the Gambling Act 2005, the consultation of the development of the Coastal Access path from Natural England, and a Sport in Villages initiative from Alive Leisure.

In the Public Participation part of the meeting, Borough Councillor Carol Bower provided answers to a number of Planning questions that had been submitted in advance relating to the proposed changes to the Site allocations and Development Management Policies (SADMP) following the suspension of the Examination hearing, consultations regarding those proposals, the five year housing shortage, the resumption of the examination process and parishes preparing Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP). There was also discussion of the need for a NDP in the village, the cumulative effect of individual planning applications and the need to 'call in' applications for review by the Borough Council Planning Committee following objections. Councillor Young thanked her for her time and efforts on the Council's behalf.

By agreement, the Public Participation part of the meeting was then extended and Parishioners raised issues relating to missing road signage, the drainage problem near 29 Kirkgate and the destruction of road verges by traffic. Councillor Young thanked all the Parishioners for attending.

Under Planning an application regarding the construction of a dwelling and self contained annexe following the demolition of an existing dwelling at Sandy Ridge in Broadwater Road was considered. Councillors had raised issues relating to this application and objections had already been submitted. A prior notification for a dry goods store at Whitehall Farm had been refused consent and a full Planning Application requested by the Borough Council. Finally, an application had been received for a first floor extension to an existing house, demolition of an existing garage and addition of a new garage at a property in Peddars Way. There were no objections from neighbours or other parishioners and no objections were raised by the Parish Council.

Other planning matters discussed included the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan of 1998, the Conservation Area, the impact of the adjournment of the SADMP Examination, the Five Year Land Supply, the SADMP proposals for caravan parks in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the benefits of the Parish developing an NDP and the correspondence with the Borough Council concerning possible breaches of condition relating to a property in Broadwater Road. It was hoped that Stuart Ashworth, the Planning Control Manager from the Borough Council would be attending either the October or November Parish Council meetings.

An Application regarding tree works in Westgate and the approval of plans relating to a property in Kirkgate were reported.

It was agreed the Village Hall Committee Chairman would speak to anyone concerned regarding the refurbishment of the Village Hall toilets in January 2016 and there was discussion of possible funding towards the proposal for an additional bus shelter in Main Road (opposite the existing one).

Under finance it was agreed that a working party consisting of Councillors Gill Morley and Derek Young and the Parish Clerk should review the new Financial Regulations, Internal Controls and Risk Assessment. A donation request for Tapping House was agreed at £150. and more information requested regarding East Anglian Childrens Hospices (EACH) following a donation request before a decision was made. Approved payments included the August Clerk's salary and PAYE, grass cutting costs, a new Minute Book and a bench for Park Piece.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 13th October 2015** at the new time of 7 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'.

Christina Jones

Clerk to Holme-next-the-Sea Parish Council