

HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 11th JULY 2016 at 7.30pm. in the Holford & District Village Hall.

PRESENT: Dist. Cllrs. S. Goss

Cllrs. T. Ayre, P. Grandfield, C. Hayes, D. Salvidge, G. Weed.

Also present P. Brimson (Clerk), + 4 members of the public.

Cllr. Salvidge took the Chair and welcomed those present.

APOLOGIES Dist. Cllr. C. Morgan.

Minute 051/16 CO-OPTION OF TWO NEW COUNCILLORS

The Clerk explained that the vacancies had been created by the resignations of Cllrs. David Talling and Nigel Venner. He then invited Cllrs. to declare any interests regarding the three electors who had expressed interest in joining the Council. Cllr. Hayes declared that all three applicants are customers of his at The Plough Inn. Cllr. Salvidge declared that the husband of Mrs. E. Prince worked with her elder son in his business.

The Chairperson then invited each of those who had expressed interest in becoming a councillor to state briefly their interests and what they might be able to offer the community as a councillor. Having done this they were warmly thanked for their comments by the Councillors.

The Clerk then outlined the procedure to be followed in the election (Councillors having been already sent details of the process). Responding to a call for nominations for the first vacancy, Cllr. Grandfield proposed Ms. Newland to be Councillor; Cllr. Hayes seconded the nomination. Cllr. Ayre then proposed Mrs. Prince as Councillor; Cllr. Weed seconded the nomination. On a show of hands, Ms. Newland received 2 votes and Mrs. Prince received 3 votes. Mrs. Prince was declared elected, she signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and immediately took her seat as a Councillor.

The call for nominations for the second vacancy brought a response from Cllr. Hayes who proposed Mrs. Coleman as Councillor; Cllr. Ayre seconded the nomination. Cllr. Grandfield then proposed Ms. Newland as Councillor; Cllr. Weed seconded the nomination. On a show of hands, Mrs. Coleman received 4 votes and Ms. Newland received 2 votes. Mrs. Coleman was declared elected, signed a Declaration of acceptance of Office and took her seat as a Councillor.

Minute 052/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No declarations or requests were made.

Minute 053/16 MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM SCC

No matters had been forwarded.

Minute 054/16 MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM WSC Dist. Cllr. Goss reported:

1. Future of WSC. Cllr. Goss outlined the possible options under consideration by WSC and Taunton Deane Councils. WSC is due to make its choice at a meeting on 26 July.

2. Hinkley point 'C'. With a six week consultation period with the French unions having been completed, EDF is expected to announce its decision on the project in August.

On a question about training for Parish Councillors in making assessments on planning applications, Cllr. Goss undertook to enquire when this might take place.

Public comments on agenda items only

No comments were offered.

Minute 055/16 MINUTES

1. The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11th May 2016 were taken as read having been circulated to Cllrs., and were accepted as a correct record upon a proposal by Cllr. Ayre and seconded by Cllr. Hayes,

2. The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th May 2016 specifically to consider a planning application were taken as read having been circulated to Cllrs. and were accepted as a correct record on a proposal by Cllr. Hayes and seconded by Cllr. Grandfield.

Minute 056/16 MATTERS ARISING and not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

1. Fire hydrants. The Clerk apologised for the delay with compiling a list of the locations of all hydrants in the parish, and said he hoped to be releasing this in the near future.
2. It was confirmed by agreement of Councillors that Cllr. Salvidge is Chair of the Planning Committee.
3. Celebratory tea party marking the 90th birthday of HM the Queen. Cllr. Grandfield reported that 54 residents had attended the event and the £53 surplus funds had been given to the H&DVH Committee.

Minute 057/16 CHAIRPERSON TO REPORT Cllr. Salvidge reported:

1. On the sadness at the passing of Lt. Cdr. Peter Baker, a former resident (Winsors Farm and Hare Knap Cottage), and Chairman of this Council 1985 – 1991.
1. She was sad to receive a letter from the Clerk giving the effective date of his resignation as 1st December 2016. This will be early in the 24th year of his Clerkship.
2. The ‘burger’ van attending at the Stowey Lane lay-by is well supported and litter is cleared by the licensee. However, litter from the bin is often spread at night by animals scavenging for food.
3. Anthony Salvidge has cut the verges alongside the A39 between Stowey Lane and the village.
4. Bowling Green. The grass is cut on 3 occasions each season by a contractor working for the PC. He has reported being challenged by two residents when carrying out this work. Cllrs. confirmed they are satisfied the contractor is carrying out his instructions and hope that, if residents have any questions to ask about these, they will address them to any councillor.

Minute 058/16 PLANNING Report on applications received:

- 3/16/16/001 Longstone, Holford. No objections raised.
3/16/16/004 The Old Rectory, Holford. Internal alterations to a listed building. No objections raised.

Minute 059/16 FINANCE

1. the following payments were authorised:

Clerk	salary	May/June	£262-50	proposed by Cllr. Ayre seconded by Cllr. Weed
	expenses	May/June	£43-40	proposed by Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Ayre
QH&G	ground maintenance		£296-00	proposed by Cllr. Grandfield seconded by Cllr. Ayre

2. the following payments were ratified:

Messrs. Purnells, printers.	Standing Orders	£43-70	proposed by Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Ayre
Contribution to Parish Tea Party		£100-00	proposed by Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Prince

3. The Clerk reported that the internal audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016 had been completed by Mr. T. Tenant, Internal Auditor to the Parish Council.

Minute 060/16 HIGHWAY and RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS Cllr. Grandfield reporting:

1. He had met with Somerset Highways traffic engineer, Jo Sharp and a proposal had emerged from their discussions. At Cllr. Grandfield’s suggestion a site meeting to discuss the details was arranged for Mon. 18th July 6.30pm at The Plough Inn,
2. Gorse re-growth on the verge of the A39 approaching Kilton Cross from the south. Cllr. Grandfield will take this up with Somerset Highways.,
3. Land Rover parking on cross-hatching outside the Plough Inn. Cllr. Grandfield will approach the owner of the vehicle.

Minute 061/16 MAINTENANCE MATTERS including BOWLING GREEN Cllr. Grandfield reporting:

1. Lengthsman project. The SCC grant has provided capital to enable the purchase of machinery, the precept has provided money which will pay for a certain number of hours of work, and Mrs. J. Swash has offered storage facilities for equipment. The work would be arranged on a contract basis.
2. Dog Pound. The building business which was going to do the work has gone into administration. Cllr. Grandfield has arranged a meeting with Wessex Water with a view to asking for another contractor to be found.

Minute 062/16 AONB REPORT Cllr. Grandfield reporting:

The recent celebrations of 60 years as an AONB were not well attended and ineffectual advertising was said to be the cause of this.

Cllr. Grandfield asked to leave the meeting at the completion of his report.

Minute 063/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - and not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda
There were no such items of correspondence.

Minute 064/16 ITEMS TO REPORT

1. Deer fence in Alfoxton Park. This has not been erected.
2. SSG Report. Cllr. Ayre reported that the SSG attendees were told of plans to have a building for storage and encapsulation of intermediate waste. A counter-terrorism exercise has been arranged for July 13th.

Open Discussion at the discretion of the Chairperson

1. State of Alfoxton Park Hotel. The Clerk referred to the reply to his letter from the PC by Planning Officer (Conservation), Mrs. E. Peeks, in which she said she has been in contact with the owner and his Agent with regard to the owner's proposed plans for the property, and these discussions are ongoing. Mrs. Peeks also said that, currently, the building is not at the stage when a Listed Building Repairs Notice can be served.

The meeting was closed at 9.08pm.

Next meeting on **MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2016**