

HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 13th MARCH 2017 at 7.30pm. in the Holford & District Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cty. Cllr. H. Davies ; Dist. Cllr. C. Morgan
Cllrs. T. Ayre, S. Coleman, P. Grandfield, C Hayes, D. Salvidge
Also present P. Brimson (Clerk) + 2 members of the public.
Cllr. Salvidge took the Chair and welcomed those present.

APOLOGIES Dist. Cllr. S. Goss, Cllrs. E. Prince, G. Weed

Minute 016/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS
No declarations or requests were made.

Minute 017/17 MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM SCC Cty. Cllr. Davies reported:
1. The Cty. Council has pledged support for research and initiatives into the use of tidal power.
2. Work on the Williton 'Park & Ride' is due to start in the summer and will provide 100 spaces.
3. The Knights Templar 1st School achieved a favourable report in a recent 'Ofsted' inspection.
4. Cllr. Davies will not be attending meetings before the forthcoming elections but can be contacted by email.

Minute 018/17 MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM WSC Dist. Cllr. Morgan reported:
1. He is concerned about the state of the nuclear power industry which is severely underfunded with no apparent prospect of receiving more money. Sellafield is scheduled to become a storage area only, yet it regularly appears in the top 5 risk sites in the country – Pond No.30 for example, is listed as having 'contents unknown'.

Public comments on agenda items only

1. The forthcoming open meeting to discuss fracking – this would appear under 'Matters Arising'.

Minute 019/17 MINUTES

1. The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th January 2017 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 after a correction to Minute 013/17.1

Minute 020/17 MATTERS ARISING and not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Open Meeting on fracking. Cllr. Grandfield reported that Dr. T. Harper School of Engineering, University of Exeter and an experienced expert of fracking, has agreed to come. Cuadrilla has withdrawn from contributing and EDF say their policy is only to respond to actual planning applications. Publicity notices will be put out tomorrow and parishioners of Holford, Kilve, Stringston and Dodington are invited to attend on Friday evening at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Mr. Ogilvie-White will be invited to put the case against fracking.

Minute 021/17 CHAIRPERSON TO REPORT Cllr. Salvidge reported:

1. A new Clerk is expected to be appointed from 1st. April
2. A 'walkabout' the parish to identify 'things that need doing' is suggested.
3. Cllr. Grandfield deserves thanks for his efforts in arranging the meeting on fracking.

Minute 022/17 PLANNING Report on applications received:

1. Old Silk Mill. A copy of ideas for development of this area can be viewed at 'The Plough Inn'.

Minute 023/17 FINANCE

1. the following payments were authorised:

Clerk	salary	Jan/Feb	£262-50	proposed by Cllr. Ayre seconded by Cllr. Grandfield
	expenses	Jan/Feb	£7-84	proposed by Cllr. Hayes seconded by Cllr. Coleman
Holford & District Village Hall: hire £84-00				proposed by Cllr. Ayre seconded by Cllr. Grandfield

Minute 024/17 HIGHWAY and RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS Cllrs. reporting:

1. The area near the woodpile at the gate to Shervage Wood is used as a latrine – a cause for concern.
2. Broken masonry has appeared around the base of the tree near the gate from the strawberry field.
3. New signage in the village is being made and will be in place by the end of March.
4. Gorse on A39 verge near Kilton Cross. Cllr. Grandfield has spoken to the police who have said they will arrange for its removal/cutting since it reduces visibility to drivers approaching the corner.
5. A tree branch at the Bowling Green is a potential hazard and needs removal.
6. The new broadband box on the A39 is now wired but is not yet active.
7. Slippage of bank and trees in Back lane was cleared by our Lengthsman.
8. Collapse of part of a footpath in the parish will be reported to the RoW Group (Glenn Martin).

Minute 025/17 MAINTENANCE MATTERS Cllr. Grandfield reporting:

1. Lengthsman project. Cllr. Grandfield has identified equipment which will cost £1720-00 + £50-00 will be needed for a chain saw course. Insurance cover will be needed for the equipment.
2. Dog Pound. A space has been discovered under what appears to be the floor of the building; it will be investigated before other work is undertaken.
3. Walkabout. The Chairperson will email Cllrs. with suggested dates.

Minute 026/17 SOMERSET COAST ADVICE PARTNERSHIP

Cllr. Grandfield undertook to make enquiries about the request by this group for endorsement.

Minute 027/17 REPORTS

1. AONB – Cllr. Grandfield. The budget has diminished but is managed well. Fly tipping and burnt-out cars continue to be a problem. Illegal motoring activity will continue to be monitored. Resubmission of the previously unsuccessful Big Lottery bid is being planned.
2. EDF Community Support Group – Cllr. Ayre reported that 986 workers will be accommodated in specially built new housing in Bridgwater.
3. Stakeholders Group – Cllr. Ayre. Provision of underground storage will go out to consultation nationally. The ‘A’ Station turbine hall is soon to be removed.

Minute 028/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - and not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda

No such correspondence has been received.

Minute 015/17 ITEMS TO REPORT

1. Appointment of replacement Clerk. Cllr. Grandfield reported he has produced a contract and offer letter which he hopes will be signed shortly.
2. Parish Council archives. The Clerk said he will prepare material for storage in the Heritage Centre.
3. The new Neighbourhood Beat Manager is PC 4376 Jamie Munro, Mobile No. 07889659436
4. Alfoxton House. This may be included in a Channel 5 documentary on ‘Abandoned Britain’

Open Discussion at the discretion of the Chairperson

No matters were raised.

The meeting was closed at 9.35pm. Next meeting = APM & AM of PC on **MONDAY 8th MAY**