



The Holton Post

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YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE HOLTON POST

I have finally given up production of the Holton Post as I felt it was time to retire gracefully and let someone else have a go after 15 years! You will be pleased to know that Maggie and Chris Whymark, who recently arrived in the village, have joined the committee and agreed to take over production. However, I am not yet retiring completely as I will remain Treasurer and Secretary for another year.

At the first committee meeting of 2017 the finances were discussed and it was agreed that more advertising or donations from companies were needed as costs are rising and our band of loyal advertisers gradually decreasing. The Chairman has approached several local companies and we are very grateful to have received a donation of £100 from Spectra so far, with smaller amounts being given to support us from Jane Parker (Footcare), DRF Transport, the Hot Meal Service, Cundy's Dairy and Patricks who all advertise local services on the back page.

We are now hoping to apply for a grant from The Villages Community Fund, which is funded by Temporis Wind because of the wind farm on Bernard Matthews site, and which is aimed at small community led organisations in neighbouring parishes. So our finances are looking reasonably healthy at the moment and the future of the Holton Post is assured for another year at least.

Meanwhile I would like to thank all those on the committee past and present, for the help they have given me over the years – and without whom we would not have had a village newsletter.

Anne Holland

HOLTON & BLYFORD VILLAGE HALL a work in progress.....

The “events sub-committee” Alison and I, continue to put together a programme of events at the Hall to bring the residents of the Holton area into the building and, most of all, enjoy being there – and raise the income that will keep the hall functioning for others to use.

We have got into a pattern of Bingo on 1st and 3rd Thursday nights and Holton Big Breakfast the first Sunday of the month (with the exception of March when we are away – pre booked before our commitment!) and then the Pop Up Pub towards the end of the month.

Thanks to our faithful followers it is bringing around £500 income into the coffers each month and making the balance sheet tip in the right direction.

We probably could do better – but it takes helpers – and we have some truly wonderful ones but would always need more. Especially as Helen F and I are about to have surgery and will be a little less available for a while.

Jim, the Chairman, will be “doing” the Bingo in March whilst we are gone and has been training up a team to help – so we are in safe hands.

We have our 2nd Craft Fair booked for April 8th and would really welcome local stall holders. A table costs £12 and the doors are open from 10.a.m. – 4p.m.. Refreshments will be available all day – and a Grand Raffle could see many winners!

Wendy Mendham

HOLTON ANNUAL VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Saturday 18th March 9.30am - 12.30pm

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HOLTON VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

BINGO AT 7.30PM

THURSDAY 11TH MARCH

POP-UP PUB FROM 7.30PM

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

HOLTON BIG BREAKFAST FROM 9AM

THURSDAY 16TH MARCH

BINGO AT 7.30PM

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

HOLTON BIG BREAKFAST FROM 9AM

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

BINGO AT 7.30PM

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL

SPRING CRAFT FAIR 10AM-4PM

THURSDAY 20TH APRIL

BINGO AT 7.30PM

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL

POPUP PUB FROM 7.30PM

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The one good thing about this time of year is planning activities for the spring and summer. As we shiver in near Baltic conditions it is a comforting thought that hopefully the sun will be shining and a feeling of warmth will prevail when our planned events are taking place. First of all a **Classic Car Day is being held on 18th June** on the Village Hall field with refreshments and music inside with other attractions still in the pipeline. Our thanks are due to Patrick Antill for his help with this. The following weekend, the **24th and 25th**, will see the **return of Holton Open Gardens** after a year's break. Once again this promises to be a lovely couple of days. If anyone would like to open their garden this year who hasn't done so in the past please contact Helen on the number below. We would also be grateful for any plants and cuttings for the plant stall which will be at the Village Hall, along with the refreshments and raffle. Again, more details in the next issue. Looking a little later into the year we are once again planning another **Fashion Show in September**. Let's hope we can equal the magnificent sum we raised last year of £1100. Wendy and her team are also planning more community events. See what Wendy has to say on another page in this issue.

As far as the Village Hall itself is concerned we are pleased to report that the new lighting system has been installed which is a great improvement. We are awaiting the result of a grant application before we can go ahead with the replacement doors but hopefully this should be achieved in the next couple of months. Another new facility we are considering is the installation of an electrically operated shutter for the serving area of the kitchen, the current set-up being rather antiquated. More news of this next time. Since our last update we have welcomed John Mendham onto the committee. Some of you may think he was already there as he has been helping at events for some time and is our resident bingo caller. Thank you John for your continued help and we look forward to having you with us officially!

Once again, we thank you all for your support and look forward to seeing you again this year at the forthcoming events. If you have any suggestions for an event please let us know. We are always grateful for any help on a one-off basis, so if you could help run a raffle, wash-up, shift furniture or bake some cakes please give us a call. The summer looks as if it might be quite busy and a few extra helping hands would be much appreciated.

Hope to see you soon.

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FOODBANK

East Suffolk Foodbank currently has sixteen foodbank centres, covering the area between Lowestoft and Framlingham. The Office is based at Gunton Baptist Church, Lowestoft.

Our local centre is open on Wednesday mornings at St Mary's Church, Halesworth.

Our referrals come from doctors, social workers and other professionals who know a person's need. If people are referred with a voucher on another day, we have a delivery team who willingly answer the phone and offer help. You can also text this number: 07928719934. We have found that mobile phones do not have "good signal" in this area. so please keep calling or text if it is easier.

A big Thank You for all your donations that keep coming. We apologise that Holton Church has not been open for dropping off donations. The church will be open again soon after security cameras have been installed due to vandalism last autumn. Meanwhile, other nearby donation points are St Mary's Halesworth, Rosedale Funeral Directors and Hideout café.

Your donation is collected and taken to the warehouse in Lowestoft where it is sorted into nutritionally balanced boxes of food. The warehouse is an amazing place where one man works hard to meet the demand. On average, fifty boxes a week are given to those in need in East Suffolk.

We hope all our referrals are nourished and signposted to their particular needs and know that someone is always there to help.

Food most needed at the moment: Tinned tomatoes, long life Milk, Fruit Juice, Sponge Puddings, chocolate bars.

Jackie Watts (Volunteer)

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SPRING FAIR
22nd April 10.30-1pm
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Light lunches, Raffle, Good as New, Tombola,
Books, Bric-a-brac, Plants

HOLTON SCHOOL NEWS

This term Osprey pupils have been learning all about dinosaurs and have made a magnificent display in the corridor showing all the different dinosaurs they know. In Eagles Years 1 and 2 have been learning about the Rainforest and so far the highlight has been a visit by The Mini Monsters Creepy Crawly Roadshow. who brought in a corn snake, a giant millipede, giant land snails, a tarantula and a bearded dragon. The children had the opportunity to touch and even hold many of these and learned many facts about them all. Miss Chittock and her class would like to thank The Friends for helping to pay for this visit which has greatly enhanced their learning. Photos show the children with some of their visitors.



Years 3 and 4 are studying the Egyptians and for the first day of term Miss Jackson had created a magnificent entrance to their classroom which, on entering, the pupils found Queen Cleopatra in residence to teach them for the morning as Miss Jackson was absent. Fortunately Miss Jackson returned after lunch and normal service was resumed! On the next page you can read some of the poetry the children have written which was inspired by their learning. Red Kites also have a topic on a historic theme and are studying ancient civilisations.

On 12th January there was special assembly to celebrate Attendance and also more than expected progress. Guests included parents, grand-parents, siblings and governors. 32 pupils received certificates for completing 100% attendance in the Autumn term – this is a third of our pupils which is excellent. Attendance for the school as a whole was 96.22% for the term which is one of our highest and only just short of our target of 97%.

Throughout the school 29 pupils received certificates for making more than expected progress in Reading, 44 for more than expected progress in Writing and 26 for more than expected progress in maths. This progress is due to excellent teaching along with the children working hard and taking risks as well as positive parental support. Congratulations to all concerned.

At this assembly it was announced that this year the staff felt that 2 of our Year 6 pupils deserved the honour of being head of school so congratulations to James who has become head boy and also to Lily who has become our first head girl. These pupils were chosen by all staff for being fantastic ambassadors for the school as well as being excellent role models.

On 30th January all parents were invited to school for a most useful information session regarding the Government's expectations for pupils in reading, writing and maths. These expectations have changed substantially over the last 2 years and staff felt it was important that parents understand what is expected of their children and how they can support them in their learning. Unfortunately not all parents were able to attend but the information has been put on the school website for all to see.

The Reading Challenge held over the Christmas holiday was a success and as promised Mr Goldson visited the school in January to present the pupils with a cheque for £250 which will go towards new books for the library.

Before school one morning our road safety officers measured all pupils against a cardboard cut out to ensure that all those who should be using a car seat are doing so. While parents were aware of the legislation, and generally comply with it, it was an interesting exercise which showed that all KS1 pupils needed to be using a seat and also some KS2 pupils are in the same category.

Friends very generously offered to pay for every pupil to attend the Southwold Pantomime and at the end of January over 70 pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the matinee performance of Aladdin. Many thanks to Friends for organising and paying for this and also to all the staff who gave up their Saturday afternoon to supervise the pupils. The overall behaviour of the pupils was excellent and was commented on by many members of the audience.

For more information and photos about the school please visit the school website.

Alison Hyden



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SOME POEMS ABOUT EGYPTIAN TOMBS By HOLTON SCHOOLCHILDREN

Jesse's poem

A pungent unlit tunnel,
With crumbling walls,
Bones scattered all around,
Dreadful curses written in an ancient language,
An eerie skull hung from the ceiling,
A bandage led into the unknown
Something splatted across my face
A toxic smell drifted under my nose
A bloody skull fell from a hatch
Headless bodies were slumped against walls
A small leaf lay on the floor which was the only sign of life
My hand grasped it and drew it back over a skull
The leaf was green but crusty
Then everything went black.

Elliott's poem

An enchanted, pungent entrance with prehistoric writing,
Glaring light gleaming outside but sombre inside,
Spine chilling curses encrypted on the creepy walls,
Yelps of death in every corner,
Blood curdling screams were heard every second,
Slithering blood dripping of the walls,
Bandages led into the unknown
Toxic gas filled the air,
Fetid smells coming from bandaged mummies,
Walking through a mysterious tomb,
Beware for some never escape from this eerie tunnel,
Seeing the gleaming light meant exit,
Running out and never coming back.

Yasmin's poem

Walking into the ominous, dingy tomb,
A spine chilling, upswept floor,
With a fetid skull hanging from the ceiling,
Eerie rumours echoing around,
My torch flickering on, off, on,
Pungent smells coming from everywhere,
With only 30 seconds left I need to get out,
Before I get cursed, before I DIE!!



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HOLTON BUTCHER

Recently while going through the school archives to see what could be lent to Halesworth Museum for their forthcoming exhibition on schools in the area I came across the photo of Mr Smith the local butcher outside the school and thought it would be nice to reproduce it here along with the item about him which was included in the "Walk around Holton" booklet which was produced by the school in the 1990's.

"Mr Smith, the pork butcher, and his wife Martha lived in Holton in 1935. They lived in Honeysuckle Cottage which used to have a large porch with honeysuckle all over it. The pork butcher would slaughter about 15 pigs a week. Mr Smith was a red-nosed man who rode a bicycle to do his delivery rounds; he always used to wear a bowler hat perched on his head. He also wore a blue and white striped apron smeared with red. Mr Porky Smith was well known for his pork and sausages. Poorer people could buy bones for 1d and it was a fact that 3 penn'orth of scraps would feed a family for a week."

Alison Hyden



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BLYFORD & SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON Monday 9th January 2017

PRESENT: Councillors G Walker (Chair), B Martin, S McDonald, G Dunsire

IN ATTENDANCE: A Cackett (Clerk) (WDC) and one member of the public

APOLOGIES – Cllr R Parry, Cllr M Jackson. Cllr J Becket and Cllr T Goldson (SCC)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

The minutes of 14th November 2016 were **received** and **agreed** as a true and accurate record

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Pecuniary or Non-pecuniary interests declared.

REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS 2017/18

Members **reviewed** and **agreed** the Standing Orders 2017/18 and it was agreed that these documents should be adopted.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

The Parish Council received reports on the following:

3 VILLAGES COMMUNITY FUND – Cllr B Martin explained that there had been only one application for funding from Holton & Blyford Village Hall for a sound system and hearing loop.

This was granted.

BLYFORD VILLAGE MEETING – Cllr Dunsire explained that the meetings had been going ahead as usual with a good turnout. There had been a questionnaire circulated to the village and responses had been collated.

BLYFORD VILLAGE MEETING ROAD SAFETY REPORT – Cllr Dunsire gave an overview of the report.

There was a request for a cost of extra cutting of verges and hedging to assist with keeping the verges in a condition to be used for walking to the church and public house. There was also concern regarding large lorries using the village route to get to the new site at Hill Farm Road and there was a request for a possible temporary reduction in speed limit during the build process.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS

No Applications or Decisions were received.

FINANCE

The Annual Budget Review 2017/2018 was received and approved, which includes an increase in the Clerk's Salary to a total of £1209.00 per annum. The Annual Budget was received and agreed at £3129 with the Precept being set to £3129.

The Review of External Audit/Financial Risk Assessment 2017/2018 was received and agreed.

The Financial Regulations 2017/2018 were reviewed and agreed.

ACCOUNTS RECEIPT/PAYMENT

Members noted the income and Expenditure for the period and authorised the payment of Invoices

HMRC - £54.80

Hall Hire for Meetings - £60.00

Waveney/Suffolk Coastal Merger Briefing Consultation Document.

A discussion took place concerning the proposed merger, which would help Waveney/Suffolk Coastal achieve a better outcome for the area. It was suggested that any members make their own comments direct to the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Christmas Card from Cllr Mark Bee, Chairman WDC

First Magazine

Local Councillor Magazine

Palmer Training Academy

Consultation notification on Sizewell Development.

Cllr Walker gave an overview of the meetings he had attended regarding Sizewell. There is intended to be a Park & Ride at Darsham, and there has been some discussion concerning Yoxford/Peasenhall with a possible roundabout. There is a further meeting this month, Councillors are encouraged to attend.

REPORTS

Cllr A Cackett (WDC) - Councillor Cackett advised regarding Devolution, the proposed Merger and Budget in general.

Date of next meeting 20th March 2017.

The following dates were agreed for Parish Council Meetings in 2017/18:

Monday 20th March 2017

Monday 3rd July 2017

Monday 6th November 2017

Monday 15th May 2017 (AGM)

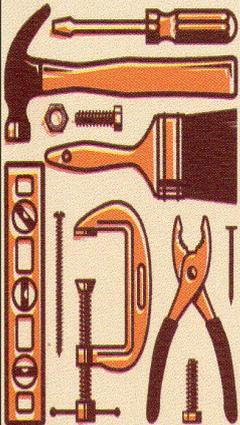
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HALESWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

Every edition of the Holton Post lists regular activities at the Village Hall on the back page. One of these is listed simply as U3A but do you know what this stands for and what happens when they meet at the hall?

What is U3A and who can join?

U3A, or University of the Third Age, is a world-wide network aimed at providing life-long learning and stimulating activities for retired and semi-retired people. It's called a University because it offers opportunities to study, practice new activities and experience the pleasure of learning with others but there are differences between U3A and normal universities. For a start, there are no students, just members. You can join a local U3A just as you'd become a member of a local amateur dramatic society or tennis club. You pay an annual membership fee which means you can go to meetings and join any local groups of interest to you. There are no entry qualifications or exams in fact there isn't an end as such – you can carry on with a subject or activity for as long as it's on offer.

U3A has no upper or lower age limit but most members tend to be retired or semi-retired.

Halesworth & District U3A

Started in 2003, Halesworth & District now has over 250 members and more than 30 interest groups which meet regularly, often in member's homes. Some examples of current groups are Bird Watching, French Literature, Lunch Club, Science Study, Vegetarian Cookery and Wine Appreciation and Real Ale and Local Pubs. Ideas for new groups are always welcome.

Monthly Meetings

In addition to the interest groups, monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 2.30pm at either The Cut, Halesworth or Holton Village Hall. Doors open at 2pm. These meetings are open to everyone, members and non-members and provide an opportunity to listen to a variety of interesting visiting speakers and meet other U3A members.

At the January meeting at Holton Village Hall the speaker was Dr Teresa Belton from University of East Anglia who gave a talk entitled Happier People - Healthier Planet. This is also the title of her book exploring how our sense of positive wellbeing is determined by modest material consumption rather than our unchecked appetite for increasing amounts of 'stuff'. The meeting was attended by over 40 people and some interesting questions were discussed at the end. Details of the next monthly meeting at Holton Village Hall can be found on the back page of this issue.

New Members

New members are always given a warm welcome. A new member's coffee morning is held on the last Friday of the month from 11am-12 noon at The Cut in Halesworth. Non-members can attend the monthly meetings as a guest for a charge of £2 which includes refreshments but better value is annual membership at £15 which gives access to all interest groups, monthly meetings and social events.

A full list of events and groups can be found on the website u3asites.org/halesworth/events

If you don't have access to the internet you can contact Martin Stevens, Programme Organiser on 01986 798642 for more information.

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DISTRICT EYE VIEW

Again it has been a busy time, balancing the Budget for Waveney District Council, but thanks to our excellent Finance Team we have done it again, without a loss to front line services. We are having to be much more entrepreneurial in our outlook to be as self-sufficient as we can these days.

If anyone wants any information, please don't hesitate to contact me and I am happy to talk it over with you. The Report is going to Full Council on 22nd February and it is public information, available on the Waveney website, so you can look at it and if you have any queries let me know and I will do my best to help.

Other than the Budget, I have been attending my usual meetings, Overview and Scrutiny, Health Scrutiny's and of course keeping up my links with my Parish Councils. Please remember that all these meetings are public, so if you wish to attend let me know and I am quite happy to take you, or you can take yourself, come and see how we work. Lots to discuss and consider as usual.

Exciting times at the moment with the merger between Waveney and Suffolk Coastal agreed, the Parishing of Lowestoft and Oulton Broad agreed, enabling these parishes to have more say in what happens in their area and Devolution for Suffolk still going on in the background.

I am keeping a close watch on my district which includes the villages north of Halesworth. Westhall, Spexhall, Holton, Blyford, Sotherton and Wangford with Henham, as you can see I have a large area to cover. Don't forget if you have an issue please let me know and I will do my best to resolve the situation. I am contactable by phone or email, or you can come see me anytime, please ring first though as I don't want you to have a wasted journey. I am also available at Councillors Surgery in Halesworth Library at 10.00a.m. on the 2nd Saturday in the month.

Regards

Cllr Alison Cackett

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MOTORING

This issue's review reports on the driving experience of the Volvo V90.

This large executive estate was kindly loaned by Messrs MR King, Quay St, Halesworth.

I realise that not all of may be requiring a car of this size, however it is the much loved V70 replacement which model found favour amongst antique dealers and all families with dogs and children to transport due to its unrivalled load carrying capacity.

It was particularly popular amongst caravaners as it had sufficient weight to tow large caravans safely.

The V90 is slightly larger giving rear seat passengers more legroom. This is not at the expense of reduced load area although the load bay floor to roof lining height is slightly less due to the sleeker body line. If you look at the dimensions provided later you will see that is even longer than the model it replaces. You either have to enjoy cleaning cars or be able to pay someone else to wash it as there is an awful lot of body to clean if you wish to keep it looking great.

Volvo offer four models in this range:- the Momentum starting at £34900; the R-Design starting at £37400 ; the Inscription starting at £37900 and finally the Cross Country starting at £39600. Each of these models is available in all wheel drive.

Standard features include automatic transmission, adaptive cruise control, pilot assist, and hill start assist to name but a few. Externally the car has LED headlights, rain sensors and power operated tailgate, together with park assist. Leather faced upholstery comes as standard together with heated front seats. On the safety front there are numerous road safety features in true Volvo tradition.

As regards Audio and Communication the new model features a 9 inch touch screen and voice activation. The Sensus Connect gives you access to a wide range of apps and includes a 10 speaker sound system. The Sensus Navigation system is included.

The various models take you to a more sporty set up (the R-Design) or a more luxurious environment (the Inscription) or to a cross country model with slightly raised suspension.

Special value packs.

Whether you will need to order any of these depends upon which model you choose. They can add considerable sums to the cost of your vehicle.

Technical

Volvo currently offer one, two litre Diesel engine in two states of tune, one giving 190 bhp and the other 235 bhp.

A claimed top speed of 140 mph and 145 mph appear in the publicity. 0-60 times vary from 6.9 to 8.5.

Vehicle tax bands are changing but they currently apply bands C to E depending on the model. I would strongly recommend you check out the annual road tax figures as they are now dependent upon the listed price of the car plus any option packs on your vehicle. Probably a case of if you have to ask the cost, you may not be able to afford, or wish to pay, punitive road tax sums.

Dimensions:-

Length: 4936 mm. Width with mirrors out: 2019 mm .
So you need a large garage!

Driving Impressions.

I drove the V90 down to Framlingham via Walpole and came back to Halesworth via the A12. I find this route incorporates twists and turns and sections of straight road together with the inevitable potholed sections. Thus , keeping within the national speed limits, one can get a fair impression of the car's all round performance. I drive a five cylinder 2.4 Volvo so I didn't know what to expect from the two litre engine. My impressions were as follows:-

The Inscription model I drove had the 235bhp output engine: once warmed up the engine clearly had ample power for U.K. roads and possibly exceeded my expectations for a two litre engine in such a large car. The engine was smooth at all times and unfussed. In fact you might have been driving a silky petrol engine. The acceleration was smooth and effortless , aided by the 8 speed auto gearbox. Mpg, given that the car had only covered a thousand miles, is difficult to assess given the short time I had it. If you were interested in owning one I suggest you best establish this yourself from your own driving style.

As you would expect from a Volvo, the seats were exceptionally comfortable. On A roads the suspension gave a smooth and well controlled ride as one would expect from an executive vehicle. However on cross country roads handling was excellent but the ride became a little hard and slightly jittery. This might have down to the ride setting I had chosen. What concerned me more was that road imperfections were transmitted through the drivers seat; a feeling I hadn't experienced with my V70 or XC60. The automatic gear change was a little fussy from cold but the system was fine once the car was on the move. If I am honest it is not the best auto box on the market, but you wouldn't know this unless you had driven the best.

The information display is large and clear. However unless you are a "gamer", you may find it very confusing due to the plethora of information. Make sure you master it before driving off as there is no way you can use it without taking your eyes off the road! Those of my generation will remember when you had nothing more than a choke pull, brake, clutch and accelerator, and hand brake and light switch to worry about.

In conclusion, I found it a very satisfying and comfortable car to travel in. If it turns out to have the durability of it predecessors then it is a wise choice for those seeking a premium vehicle.

My thanks to Mike King, Quay St, Halesworth, for lending me the car. Hopefully there is space in the magazine to print the picture. Remember you can view the photo in colour on line.



JUMBLE SALE

**HOLTON VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY MARCH 11TH
2.00P.M. TO 4.00P.M.**

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HOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2017

PRESENT: Councillors D Davis, D Fosdike (Chair), M Jones, N Kerridge

IN ATTENDANCE: D Henry Clerk, Suffolk County Council Councillor T Goldson

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no members of the public in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor R Stephenson, A Cackett (Outgoing Clerk).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 9th November 2016 were received and agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Davis. Seconded Cllr Jones. Unanimously agreed.

FLOODING

Members requested that the Clerk attend the forthcoming Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Consultation meeting and report back to the next meeting.

Members discussed the communication received by the Chairman, from a local parishioner, and noted the following:

- The landowner was willing to help whenever possible but felt that there was potentially very little he could do that would be effective. An offer to meet with Councillors had been made.
- The ditches, gullies and drains had been thoroughly cleaned
- Members agreed to meet with the landowner to discuss the issue further.

HOLTON PITS

Members considered and discussed in-depth the points raised by the member of public at the last meeting of the Pits becoming a Community Asset. It was agreed to establish if the offer of land transfer was still available before further strategies and community involvement was undertaken.

It was agreed in the first instance the landowners be written to enquiring if the option of resuming, without prejudice negotiations, the transfer of land to the north and south of Sandy Lane, commonly known as the Pits, by way of a community donation.

HOLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Members considered and discussed County Councillor Goldson's feedback on the issues of Parking Restrictions, Vehicle Activated Signs and Mandatory Speed limits.

After a full discussion the following was agreed:

- Mandatory speed restrictions were not a viable option.
- To request a copy of the outcome of the community consultation on the issue of parking restrictions.

It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council will participate in the Vehicle Activated Scheme for the Beccles and Bungay Roads in the first instance. The total cost in the region of £1,565

Members accepted the invitation to meet with the Holton St Peter Primary School pupils to hear their road safety concerns. Date and time to be arranged.

PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS

Members ratified their electron decision 'No objection subject to neighbours' comments on planning application DC/16/4554PN3 and noted receipt of

planning decision notice for application DC/16/3366/TCA.

Members considered Hopkin's Homes invitation to present the results of their consultation but regrettably it was too short notice for members to attend. Members agreed a separate meeting to consider planning application DC/16/5411/OUT (development of 160 dwellings on land North and East of Hill Farm Road, Halesworth).

PLAY AREA UPDATE

Members received and noted the following update. A site proposal was due early January and once received the school pupils could be consulted on their views. Advice had been received that the current equipment did not offer progression and was all similar type. Consideration on progression and variation would be given in preparation of the proposal.

ROAD SAFETY

Members agreed to meet with Blyford and Sotherton to discuss Road safety issues on the B1123. County Councillor Goldson requested to be informed of the date of any meeting.

TELEPHONE KIOSK AND DEFIBRILLATOR

Members received an update on the adopting the Telephone Kiosk and agreed that the adoption process should be undertaken.

It was agreed that the cost and ramifications of a defibrillator being housed in the kiosk would be investigated.

BERNARD MATTHEW'S FACTORY HOLTON

In Councillor Stephenson's absence, this Item was deferred to the March meeting.

BRIEFINGS/MEETINGS ATTENDED

Members deferred feedback from Cllr Hart on the SALC AGM.

Cllr G Cackett updated members on Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Constabulary Budget Briefing. Both organisations gave an outline of their respective 10-year Business Plans and the challenges they faced. Primarily these were budget constraints and cuts, increase pressure and demand on services, policy reform and changes in the way services are delivered.

REPORTS

County Council Goldson report that the budget restriction was creating pressure on Adult Care and Children and Young People's services. There were the usual challenges which were being faced by all local authorities.

Village Hall – Activities and bookings were picking up which was gradually generating a small income. The one-off events were going well.

LATE MAIL – BUS SHELTER

Members accepted Councillor Jones offer to carry out remedial repairs to the Bus Shelter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members approved the schedule of dates:

Wednesday 1st March 2017

Wednesday 5th July 2017

Wednesday 1st November 2017

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

Wednesday 6th Sept 2017

Wednesday 10th January 2018

Dawn Henry

Clerk to Holton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY

PRESENT: Councillors G Cackett, D Fosdike (Chair), M Jones, R Stephenson.

IN ATTENDANCE: D Henry, Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor M Hart.

PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS

Members considered planning application 1 - DC/16/5410/OUT - Land North and East Of Hill Farm Road Halesworth

Outline application (with all matters other than means of access reserved) for residential development of up to 160 dwellings with the provision of a new meadow, additional site wide open space and landscaping, land to enable an extension to the existing cemetery and vehicular accesses off Hill Farm Road.

Following an in-depth discussion members agreed to object to the planning application for the following reasons

1) The development is within the area between Holton and Halesworth designated as the Strategic Gap and contrary to policy DM28

2) The development is too large and will impact significantly and immediately on:

- Local infrastructure and services ,which already currently suffers with over capacity; health care facilities including doctor's surgery, dentist health, district nursing, lack of schools, etc.
- The volume of traffic, which will significant increase along Holton Road and concern over the use of the single access point on/off Hill Farm Road
- Insufficient off road parking proposed for the development

There is also:

- Lack of adequate public transport links
- Insufficient current employment opportunities in the immediate vicinity
- A low enough proportion of affordable homes in the application

In addition, the Parish Council would like to see a clear proposal and long-term plan for the identified remaining green areas, being owned and maintained in perpetuity.

Members considered planning application 2 - DC/16/5411/OUT and agreed to submit the same response as application 1.

Members considered planning application DC/13/0383/FUL - Land North Side Of Lodge Road Holton.

Variation of Condition Nos. 2, 7, 8 & 14 of DC/13/0383/FUL - Construction of 11 No. two storey houses together with the formation of a new junction and associated private drives, car parking areas and detached double garages together with open space and small FW Pumping Station. To enable hand over of Plots 1 to 8 before completion of the site. Members approved with no objections.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1st March 2017, 19.30hrs

MINUTES OF HOLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT: Councillors G Cackett, D Davis, D Fosdike (Chair), M Hart, N Kerridge, R Stephenson.

IN ATTENDANCE: D Henry, Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: District Cllr. A Cackett, County Cllr. T Goldson, Cllr M Jones

PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS

DC/17/0191/FUL Stone Cottage Southwold Road Holton.

1) The demolition of existing lean-to garage; 2) Replacing it with new structure (free standing) and 3) Change of use from a garage to a kitchen.

Members approved subject to neighbours' comments and request that an Environmental Health referral be made, prior to Planning Committee submission, to ensure that a neighbour nuisance is not incurred from cooking smells from the kitchen extractor fans.

HOLTON PITS

Members considered CEMEX request to explore the possibilities of transfer of land to the Parish and their offer for a site meeting. Following an in-depth discussion it was resolved to hold a without prejudice meeting with the CEMEX representative. It was further agreed that the following key issues should form the bases of the initial conversation and submitted to CEMEX prior to the meeting:

Environmental

- SSSI implications and restrictions, specifically where on site they apply
- Detailed information on the Rights of Way, including neighbouring land access and
- Public footpaths. Is the site deemed as "clean"?
- Land management and maintenance
- Current and future maintenance and repair responsibilities and obligations
- Annual revenue from and an outline of the agreement held with fishing club
- Copy of any current Risk Assessment and any association documentation in relation to cliff liability and lakes
- Projected and on-going maintenance requirements
- Sight of any surveys conducted on the lakes and surrounding land
- Potential for landscaping prior to land transfer
- Financial consideration and liabilities
- Current and future financial liabilities
- Transfer and associated costs
- Known and anticipated remedial works and financial liabilities
- Indication on any potential financial assistance and the potential length of any such commitment
- Indication of indicative Public Liability costs

General

- CEMEX's plan for the land should the Parish Council decline the offer of a land transfer. In addition to considering the outcome of the initial meeting with CEMEX, members agreed to:
- Consider other potential partners which could assist in managing the site
- Obtain advice and "lessons learnt" from any other Parishes who have undertaken similar transfers/projects

LATE MAIL

- Update on closure of B1124 Beccles Road for drainage works
- A Nation's Tribute & WWI Beacons of Light 11th November 2018
- Species Recovery Conference Invitation
- Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Council's decision to merge

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1st March 2017, 7.30 pm.



ST PETER'S CHURCH, HOLTON



CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH

5th March	9.30am Team Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Halesworth 6.30pm Evening Prayer
12th March	11.15am Eucharist 6.30pm Team Evensong at St Andrew's Church, Bramfield
19th March	11.15am Iona Morning Worship
26th March	MOTHERING SUNDAY 11.15am Family Service with the giving of posies of flowers plus refreshments afterwards.

APRIL

2nd April	9.30am Team Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Halesworth 6.30pm Evening Prayer
9th April	PALM SUNDAY 10.15am Palm Sunday Procession from Halesworth Library to St Mary's Church, Halesworth for the 10.30am Eucharist Service with a dramatic reading of the Passion
11th April	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet at St Mary's Church, Halesworth
14th April	GOOD FRIDAY 2.00pm Last Hour by the Cross
15th April	EASTER EVE 7.30pm Service of Light: Kindling of the New Fire at St Mary's Church, Halesworth
16th April	EASTER DAY 11.15am Eucharist followed by refreshments
23rd April	11.15am Iona Morning Worship
30th April	TEAM SERVICE TBA (please check for details in April issue of The Blyth Times)

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CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

WELCOME

A BIG welcome to Revd Jan and Mr Morgan Bunday who have moved into Holton Vicarage. It is lovely to have the Vicarage occupied once again, and we wish them every happiness in their new home and in the village.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness will start at 10.15am at the Methodist Church in London Road and make its way via St Edmunds Church, St Mary's Church, the Market Place and the Thoroughfare and ending at the United Reform Church, Quay Street, where there will be a Good Friday service. You will be very welcome at any point during the walk.

St Peter's Church will be open and warm from 12noon until 2.00pm for quiet prayer and meditation followed by our service The Last Hour at the Cross.

LENT LUNCHES

Our Lent Lunches this year will start on Friday 3rd March and continue each Friday until 7th April. We will be serving soup, bread and butter followed by tea or coffee from 12noon until 1.30pm or until the soup runs out! This year we will be raising money for The College of St Barnabas, a charity which looks after retired clergy. We will also have a stall of Fair Trade goods for you to buy.

LENT COURSE

The Blyth Valley Team Ministry will be holding Lent Courses in various locations within the Team, the times and days will also vary. Holton will be having a Lent Course which will be held on Mondays at West Lodge, Lodge Road and possibly other locations too. Please look in The Blyth Times for details and look out for posters on the Church Notice Board and around the village

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