**Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Holme Parish Council**

**Held on**

**Tuesday 18 November 2021 at 7pm at Holme Village Hall**

**Councillors present**: Cllr J Griffin (Chairman),Cllr E Whittaker, Cllr W Aylesbury, Cllr P Sargent, Cllr J Weatheritt, Cllr D Neal, Cllr H Watson, District Cllr Tim Alban.

Also present: Mrs J Osborn (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence** accepted fromCounty Councillor Simon Bywater
2. **Declaration of interests:** None.
3. **County and District councillors’ reports.** Cllr Alban reported on discussions with HDC reps on affordable homes, the environmental agenda and also mentioned buses and fly tipping.
4. **Public Participation.** No public attended**.**
5. **To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 21 Sept 2021.**

Cllr Aylesbury proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 Sept 2021 be accepted and signed as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Whittaker & unanimously agreed. Minutes signed by Chairman.

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. **Speed Indicator**. Top Speed 91mph! and V85 figure was 39mph at Holmewood. Generally results are consistent month after month. V85 is 33mph, Max speed 67mph near the former shop; both directions gave similar results.
   2. **Speedwatch** – a session took place in Church St and slowed traffic down.
   3. **Cemetery approach - gravel**. To ask Cardells to add another layer of gravel and trim back the overhanging bushes. Cost pre-approved.
   4. **Trees in Churchyard and in Village** – permission to fell T7 (Sycamore) has been received. Recommendations received from Robert Ayres were discussed, he should go ahead to fell and grind out stump and his quote was accepted. Clerk to ask HDC if the replacement tree really had to be a Lime – a different tree type is preferred. Possibly a Red Oak to be planted in Memorium. Jubilee tree to be considered, Councillors to assess position and type. All to consider any places that trees could be planted for the Queen’s green canopy project but Councillors struggling to think of places in the Parish. Clerk to ask HDC whether more trees could be planted on Holmewood green. Review again at next meeting
   5. **Footpath to Nature reserve**. Clerk to set up a meeting with Kate Carver (Great Fen) with working party of 3 Councillors – (Cllrs Griffin, Watson & Weatheritt) and maps to explore other routes for a footpath to the Nature reserve. Reservations expressed about people parking on B660.
   6. **Queen’s Jubilee Merchandise**. Clerk had established that approx. 55 children under 12 live in the Parish. Letter from Parishioner considered and discussed. Decision to buy mugs for all children to remain unchanged, however (after a vote, 5:2 in favour of delay) these not to be bought yet, review again in January. Clerk to respond to Parishioner.
   7. **Think Communities Visit**. Report circulated.
2. **Planning**
   1. **New Applications:** 21/02335/HHFUL – 3 Park Close – recommend approval
   2. **Updated applications.**

20/00989/OUT – Pig and Whistle Yard (Old Coal Yard) Approved for 2 dwellings in outline only.

20/00201/FUL- Tower Farm Cottage – Approved

20/00037/FUL – Tower Farm Barns – Approved

Appeal against refusal of permission, Parkside House, 23 Station Rd – dismissed.

It was noted that part of the hedge outside 36a Church St had been removed to facilitate building of the extension permitted – to monitor as it must be replaced.

1. **Financial report**
2. **Current Position -** A copy of the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation to 10 November 21 had been sent to all Councillors.
3. **Payments:**

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| 3.9.21 | DD | 1 and 1 IONOS Ltd (Website hosting) | 8.39 |
| 4.10.21 | BACS | HMRC PAYE Q2 | 97.40 |
| 4.10.21 | BACS | J Osborn, Clerk wages Sept | 275.00 |
| 4.10.21 | BACS | Cardell & Son Grass cutting | 1242.50 |
| 4.10.21 | DD | 1 and 1 IONOS Ltd (Website hosting) | 8.39 |
| 29.10.21 | BACS | Cardell & son Gravel | 400.00 |
| 29.10.21 | BACS | J Osborn, Clerk wages & Exps Oct | 277.05 |
| 3.11.21 | BACS | 1 and 1 IONOS Ltd (Website hosting, domain renewal) | 27.71 |
| 8.11.21 | BACS | Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal | 30.00 |
| 8.11.21 | BACS | Hunts District Council, Bin emptying 2021-2 | 303.17 |

1. **Receipts**: Interest 81p. Recent receipt of interment fee.
2. **Budget** for 2022-23 – Budget sheet prepared by Clerk discussed.
3. **Precept** – Proposed to remain at £15000
4. **Contracts** – after consideration of all quotes, it was decide to award the grass cutting and the verges contracts to Cardell & Sons for 2 years, 2022 and 2023.

All the above proposed by Cllr Whittaker and seconded by Cllr Neal.

1. **Reports from Councillors/Clerk**
   1. **Idling vehicles at School and Level Crossing.** Clerk to enlist support of School/Governors to try to reduce this.
   2. **Dog Poo.** A full discussion was held following complaints on social media about the painting regime adopted several years ago; communications from Parishioners in favour of paint had also been received. After discussion, it was agreed that the poo would continue to be painted as accurately as possible (avoiding overspray) and Clerk to thank parishioners who pick up other people’s dog waste.
   3. **New cemetery bin rota** was handed out. A date for removal of Christmas wreaths will be publicised and organised.
   4. **Training**. Cllr Sargent to register for training when he can.
   5. **Speed sign/Speedwatch**. Clerk to include a summary of the purpose of the SIDs and the destination of the data collected in Parish News.
   6. **Bins:** Clerk to write in praise of HDC waste & fly tipping staff.
   7. **Postal Service:** Clerk to write to Royal Mail in protest about poor delivery service.
   8. **Mobile Post office:** no consultation has been held but visit times are changing from 3 Dec 2021 to 9.30-10.30 am on a Friday.
   9. **Hedge Cutting:** Along B660 south side is messy. Clerk to write to landowner
2. **Correspondence**
   1. Memorial Application - Mrs Newton – approved.
   2. Letter of praise from Parishioner re roads – read and passed on to Highways.
   3. Cambs Local Council Conference – 14 January – when agenda published, Clerk will circulate to gauge interest.
   4. Floating Pennywort – poster to noticeboards.
   5. Approach from Arboricultural survey company – future reference.
   6. Landscape and Townscape SPD consultation – this is open till 10 December. <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/consultations/landscape-and-townscape-spd-consultation-draft-2021/> Councillors still to read this.
3. **Date of the** **next Parish Council meeting –**Thursday 20th January.

2022 dates: 24th March/19th May/21st July/15th Sept/17th Nov 2022.

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Signed………………………… Date…………………………

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