

## HOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Holton Parish Council meeting was held in Holton Village Hall on Monday 9th December 2019 starting at 7.30 pm

**Present:**

Chairman Robert Barter  
 Councillor Roger Farrow  
 Councillor Andy Murray  
 Councillor Allan East  
 Councillor Brian Pridmore  
 Parish Clerk Sonja Barter

**Also present:**

1. **Apologies:** Sarah Gray (District Councillor) Tim Bearder (County Councillor).

1a. **Declarations of interest:** none

2 **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting** of the Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 which had been circulated to all councillors before the meeting.

Proposed by Andy Murray

Seconded by Allan East

**All agreed**

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

None

4. **Traffic, Road and Highway Matters**

Road Direction Signs on the Village Green and Village signs either end of the village need a bit of a wash and brush-up. Allan East, Andy Murray and Roger Farrow agreed to organise the necessary clean-up. Other village signs to be checked and attended to as necessary.

Allan East agreed to paint the Bus Stop Notice Board in the Spring.

5. **Financial Matters**

a. **Accounts submitted for payment**

Clerk's Salary December	385.00
Clive Laman Village Maintenance November	171.00
Holton Village Hall hire November	13.00
SLCC Annual Membership	109.00
ESET Security for PC Laptop 3 years	38.47

**Received from Holton Village Hall Orchard Donations 2018/19 - £540**

**b. Bank balances after paying above cheques and money received.**

Deposit	£16,226.95
Current	£1,160.46

**c. Precept 2020/21**

The draft proposals for the 2020/21 Precept were discussed. It was agreed to increase the contingency fund from £5000 to £6000, to update the Section 137 to 303 electors @ £4.00 per elector (max section 137 is £8.32 per elector) to £1,212. To award the remaining £226.00 of the 2019/20 grant sum to The Table Tennis Club to aid the purchase of the Ball Machine, to precept a further £2000 to add to the £5000 already set aside for the Churchyard acquisition, to set aside £250 for work on the website to comply with the Accessibility Act by September 2020 and to precept £1000 towards proposed children's play equipment.

**The total precept was then calculated - £19,040 for 2020/21 expenditure.**

**It was proposed by Robert Barter and seconded by Roger Farrow that the Clerk's Report and recommended Precept be accepted and the accounts paid.**

**All Agreed**

**6. District/County Councillors**

Neither present.

Holton Table Tennis Club are applying for a grant of £500 from the District Councillor Fund. Sarah Gray has confirmed that she would support this application.

**7. Churchyard**

Richard Hunt to be contacted and a Planning Application for change of use to be completed.

**8. Neighbourhood Plan:** Submitted for inspection. Discussions ongoing with SODC.

**9. Local Plan:** Secretary of State Holding Direction. Talks continuing.

**10. Oxford/Cambridge Expressway**

No Expressway and the Expressway Alliance – General Election 12<sup>th</sup> December might change plans.

**11. Planning Applications:** None

**12. Planning Decisions (South Oxfordshire District Council):** None

**13. Reports.**

Holton Village Hall Management Meeting December report: Trivia Quiz on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, Carols on the Green 6.30 and afterwards in the Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> December,

22<sup>nd</sup> December refreshments in the Hall after Church Carol Service 5.00 pm.  
Film Night January 10<sup>th</sup> 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. Card payments now accepted at the Bar

Community Bus – Proposal to park a Community Bus at Holton Village Hall and link Holton with a route to Wheatley, Morland House and Asda and onwards to Oxford or south to Horspath and Cowley area still in the planning stages. Holton Village Hall Management Committee support this proposal provided that it does not have an adverse effect on the day to day running of the hall. There are advantages to having a mini bus serving the village with a regular timetable of transport and so at this stage there is support for the scheme.

Orchard Tree Work – The donations for use of the Orchard 2018/19 amount to £540 which have been paid over by Holton Village Hall to the Parish Council. The Orchard Committee propose that this money be used to assess the large Ash Tree and remove any branches that might need attention, lightly cut back the scrub and undergrowth and trim back the hedge along the roadside spinney bordering the Orchard. A quote has been received from Kavan Ring and two further quotes to be requested from other local contractors. The Clerk to make a decision when the quotes are received.

**14. Publications/Letters and Forthcoming Events.**

Oxford Brookes letter stating that they remain committed to a future sale and redevelopment of the site. Their original expectation of vacating the campus by early summer 2021 will no longer be achievable due to development plans at the Headington Campus. An update will be provided in Spring 2020.

A new Electoral Roll has been provided and the village electorate numbers 303.

Website Accessibility was discussed - A checklist has been downloaded and will be used to check and make any necessary changes to the website. Jo Cox who designed our website will be asked to make any changes that are beyond our capabilities but in the mean time we will make a start. Allan East agreed to help.

**15. Items for discussion and/or referral to a future meeting:**

Xmas lights on the Green – up and running with new batteries. Replacement set ordered.

Abandoned scarecrows to be removed from the verges.

**16. Date of next meeting.** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020** starting at 7.30 pm in Holton Village Hall Committee Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.