

The Holton Parish Council meeting was held in Holton Village Hall on Monday 10th February 2020 starting at 7.30 pm

Present:

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

Also present: Polly Davidson (The Old Barn, Holton) Paul and Marni Barnard (Jubilee Cottage, Holton) Tim Bearder (County Councillor) Sarah Gray (District Councillor)

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

OPEN FORUM

Polly Davidson and neighbours near the Church end of the village feel that their Broadband coverage is inadequate and are looking into ways to improve the service. Polly wondered if others in the village were also experiencing problems with broadband speeds and service. Openreach has been approached and a response is awaited. A note to be placed in the HWW News requesting views and Better Broadband to be a subject at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Tim Bearder (County Councillor) will find out more information from Oxfordshire County Council on their Better Broadband Programme bringing digital infrastructure to Oxfordshire.

Paul and Marni Barnard updated the Parish Council on developments at Terence House land to rear of Holton Cottage and Planning application P20/S0245/FUL. The Parish Council and District Councillor were advised of the views of the adjoining neighbours.

Sarah Gray (District Councillor) reported on the Local Plan and the District Council Budget – cuts will need to be made to make up the deficit. The A40 closure on 24/25 February might be a time to litter clear the A40 – Sarah will make enquiries. The District Councillor's grant of £500 has been awarded to Holton Table Tennis Club to purchase a ball machine.

Tim Bearder (County Councillor) reported on the Local Plan and the vote tomorrow at the County Council on taking over the planning responsibility for the Local Plan

from the District Council. The A40 toilets and the removal of the lay-byes is still on the agenda and the views of local residents have been put forward.

Item 11 Planning Applications were brought forward in the agenda

Planning Applications

P20/SO245/FUL. Terence House Land to rear of Holton Cottage, Holton. OX33 1PS
Erection of detached 4 bedroom dwelling house with garage revised application to extant permission P14/S0338/FUL.

Amendment No 1 dated 7th February 2020 – comparison plan.

There are still a number of issues around this planning application: There is a lack of technical data and the plans are far from clear regarding the actual height of the finished building in comparison to neighbouring properties. Although the building has been moved across the site and away from the boundaries of Jubilee House and Ashleigh House the overlooking impact on the two other properties Holton Cottage and Diamond Cottage is immense. The extant permission afforded a ridge height of 4.1 metres and that now proposed is approximately 50% more. The issues raised by Highways regarding the entrance have not been addressed. To our knowledge these issues raised on 26th July 2019 and the recommendation that a Holding Objection was issued have not been addressed. The Parish Council have consistently opposed the scale of building on this site and therefore object to this latest proposal for the above reasons.

2 **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting** of the Council held on Monday 13th January 2020 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:

The date for the Litter Blitz has been confirmed as Saturday 21st March 2020 10.00 am start outside the village hall. The clerk to purchase some more litter pickers.

Village maintenance tenders advertised in the February and March HWW News and the deadline is 28th March 2020.

Website Accessibility. Notes on website check lists and methods of checking the accessibility of the site were made available. Allan East is in the process of checking the site and will come back with recommendations.

4. Traffic, Road and Highway Matters

Road signs have been cleaned – checks to be made if any are still in need of a clean.

Blocked drains have been reported to the County Council and will be dealt with when the Gully clearing teams are in the area.

A40 closure East bound between junction for Forest Hill and Junction 8A Wheatley from 24 February 20.00 hrs – 25 February 07.00 hrs.

5. Financial Matters

a. Accounts submitted for payment

Clerk's Salary February	385.00
Clive Laman Village Maintenance January	135.00
Holton Waterperry and Waterstock News	235.00
Holton Table Tennis Club	226.00

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

Deposit	£14,228.09
Current	£1,039.46

c. Internal Audit Report

The Internal Audit Report prepared by Philip Hood is ready for completion. All records and reporting have been approved and the draft AGAR has been prepared.

It was proposed by Robert Barter and seconded by Andy Murray that the Clerk's Report be accepted and the accounts paid.

All Agreed

7. Churchyard

Richard Hunt is still in the process of clearing the potential churchyard extension site and will be in contact when completed.

8. Neighbourhood Plan: A written update has been prepared by John Fox – awaiting a decision on the Local Plan.

9. Local Plan: Secretary of State Holding Direction. County Council vote tomorrow on the County taking over the Local Plan if asked.

10. Oxford/Cambridge Expressway: Decision awaited now the Election has taken place. Oxfordshire County Council officially oppose the building of the Expressway.

11. Planning Applications:
Dealt with earlier in the agenda.

12. Planning Decisions (South Oxfordshire District Council):

P19/S4247/HH. The Old Presbytery, Holton. OX33 1PR.

Rear extension to provide kitchen and ancillary accommodation. **Granted**

13. Reports.

Holton Village Hall Management Meeting January report: Future hall refurbishments being planned – new ceiling, lights, ceiling extractor fans and Hearing Loop system. Quotations in hand and grant applications to be made. Asbestos control measures undertaken. Film Night 'Fisherman's Friends on February 21st.

14. Publications/Letters and Forthcoming Events.

None

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

Date for the May Annual Parish Meeting either Wednesday 20th or Thursday 21st

May – check with hall bookings secretary.

Reports of parents parking on double yellows and zig-zag lines by pedestrian crossing at Wheatley Park School entrance at pick-up times causing a hazard to all road users. The School to be asked to investigate and to take measures to stop this anti-social behaviour. The Police to be asked to attend at the pick-up times to enforce sensible behaviour.

16. Date of next meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 9th March 2020** starting at 7.30 pm in Holton Village Hall Committee Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.