

The Holton Parish Council meeting was held in Holton Village Hall on Monday 9th March 2020 starting at 7.30 pm

Present:

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

Also present: Chris Wilkins, Ian Halliday (Terence House Planning Application)

1. Apologies: Roger Farrow

1a. Declarations of interest: none

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Ian Halliday the builder involved with developing the Terence House site and Chris Wilkins his partner in the venture attended the meeting and addressed the Parish Council. Heights of the building and progress with the entrance measurements and entrance were discussed. There appeared to be some further amendments yet to be made to the roof line now that the sedum roof could be built on a shallower pitch. Mr Halliday had made adjustments and listened to the concerns of the neighbours. However, the new building was still higher than that given planning permission previously. The Parish Council stressed their concerns over the size of the building on this back-land site and the impact on the neighbours to the side and the front. Concerns also on the lack of space for lorries and deliveries during the building works and the likely impact of vehicles having to back up onto the highway due to access problems. Mr Halliday assured the Council that all steps would be taken to avoid such problems.

Item 11 Planning Application was 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.

Amendment No 2 dated 25th February 2020 – reconfigure the first floor
accommodation and obscure glazing to first floor windows in the south-east
elevation and insert a bedroom window in the north east elevation.

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 – there appears to be a change of roof angle proposed due to additional information regarding the sedum living roof and without the final plans in front of the parish council they could only comment on what was on the table at that time. The Parish Council have consistently opposed the scale of building on this site and therefore object to this latest proposal. **Objection**

2 **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting** of the Council held on Monday 10th February 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:

Litter Blitz on Saturday 21st March 2020 10.00 am start outside the village hall. Additional litter picker sticks have been purchased.

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

Fibre Broadband request – a note has been placed in the March HW&W News requesting a show of interest in a better broadband service.

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 has made some initial recommendations.

Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 21st May. Agenda suggestions: Better Broadband in the village, Traffic calming measures, Brookes Planning Decision and impact.

4. Traffic, Road and Highway Matters

Blocked ditches at the Waterperry Road end of village. This to be looked at during the litter blitz morning and, if necessary, equipment and work organised to mechanically dig out the drainage ditch.

SODC will be visiting Holton between 23rd and 27th April to litter pick and clear the pavements of weeds and moss at the Waterperry Road area and the Holton Turn area (the only paved areas of the village).

5. Financial Matters

a. Accounts submitted for payment

Clerk's Salary March

385.00

Litter picker equipment	20.14
Parish Office expenses annual	358.01
Annual use of Home Office	152.00
Orchard PW Loan repayment	1038.31
Clive Laman Village Maintenance February	145.00
Holton Waterperry and Waterstock News	235.00

VAT claimed back March 2019 – March 2020 £681.77

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

Deposit	£12,228.76
Current	£931.00 + VAT repayment £681.77

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

All Agreed

6. District/County Councillors.

None in attendance

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 had been prepared by John Fox – awaiting a decision on the Local Plan.

9. Local Plan: Awaiting a decision from SODC in the light of the directive from the Government.

10. Oxford/Cambridge Expressway: Decision awaited.

11. Planning Applications:

P20/S0477/LB and P20/S0713/FUL Warren Farm, Holton.OX33 1QD

Internal alterations to farmhouse and farm cottage. Construction of new front door and porch to farmhouse. Removal of conservatory, installation of new window and door to east side of farmhouse. Installation of new conservation rooflights to the east side (rear) of the farmhouse and cottage.

No objection

12. Planning Decisions (South Oxfordshire District Council):

None

13. Reports

Holton Village Hall Management Meeting March 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. Successful Games evening on Friday 6th March. Film Night 'Toy Story 4' on Friday March 27th Spring Trivia Quiz on 24th April and VE Day Celebrations on May 8th with bar open 6 – 8 pm.

Brookes Residents' Meeting on 3rd March attended by Roger Farrow. Quick meeting and little discussion on the Wheatley Campus although it was indicated that Brookes were expecting a decision on the planning appeal by 1st April.

14. Publications/Letters and Forthcoming Events.

Wheatley Park School/Sports fields and Brookes development Meeting to be held on 21st April 11.15 am at Wheatley Park School organised by Kevin Heritage. The Chairman to attend.

Brian Dobson of Holton Table Tennis Club has written to the Parish Council thanking them for the grant and inviting all Parish Councillors to visit the Club and see the ball machine in action.

Robert Jenrick's department has written to the PC regarding the local plan setting out the position.

Traffic regulation notice re. part of London Road and Old London Road in Wheatley to be closed for repairs starting on 26th May 2020.

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

None

16. Date of next meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th April 2020** starting at 7.30 pm in Holton Village Hall Committee Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.