

The Holton Parish Council virtual meeting (via Zoom) was held on Monday 14th September 2020 starting at 7.30 pm

Present:

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

Also present: Tim Bearder (County Councillor) Sarah Gray (District Councillor)

1. Apologies: None

1a. Declarations of interest: None

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2 **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting** of the Council held on Monday 13th July 2020 which had been circulated to all councillors before the meeting.

Proposed by Alan East

Seconded by Andy Murray

All agreed

OPEN FORUM

Tim Bearder (County Councillor) reported on the South Oxfordshire Local Plan – The Inspector has signed off the Local Plan and it now goes forward for 6 weeks public consultation.

Closure of the A40 toilets, the consequences of which have resulted in a public health issue around the lay-by area and the cycle path which passes through it. The Parish Clerk to write to Yvonne Constance County Council expressing the concerns of Holton residents who use the cycle path and have to deal with the consequences of riding through an outside toilet.

Sarah Gray (District Councillor) reported on the Local Plan and the concern about the Green Belt issues and the Inspector's approval of building on all the Green Belt sites identified in the Plan.

Sarah was asked about the efficiency of the Enforcement Team at SODC who seem unable to act immediately on any breach of planning reported to them due to the volume of alleged planning issues. We have been informed that Enforcement are

having to prioritise according to the timescales – hence those nearing the 4 year time limit are having to be dealt with first leaving a backlog of enquiries.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Website Accessibility Up-date. Allan East has worked with TEEC to produce a compliant website and the transfer of content is underway.

Bus Shelter – The interior has been painted and the ceiling will be painted shortly. The brickwork could be covered on one side with a trellis and suitable planting to disguise the damage, this to be investigated and possibly carried out by the East family. Further investigations into paint and cleaning methods and advice awaited from a specialist company.

Brookes Liaison Group: A Zoom meeting to be organised September/October for a progress update

4. Traffic, Road and Highway Matters

The verges have received a preliminary cut and a further main cut is scheduled for September.

5. Financial Matters

a. Accounts submitted for payment

Clerk's Salary August	396.00
Clerk's Salary September	396.00
Clive Laman July village maintenance	130.00
Clive Laman August village maintenance	120.00
R. Taylor Landscapes Orchard July	216.00
R. Taylor Landscapes Orchard August	144.00
R. Taylor Landscapes Churchyard July	257.15
R. Taylor Landscapes Churchyard August	171.43
Orchard Loan Repayment 22/09/2020	1018.43
Arrow Accounting Audit	254.00
Website Hosting TEEC	144.00

Precept received 08/09/2020 £9,520.00

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

Deposit	£25,455.08
Current	£1,101.23

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

All Agreed

6. District/County Councillors.

Taken in Open Forum

7. Churchyard

The Archaeology Report has been completed. This did not raise any issues that need attention and the County Archaeologist was satisfied. An interesting and professional report on the site which did not unearth any significant finds.

The report to the Countryside Officer and to the Environment Officer is being prepared.

The decision date has been extended to early October.

8. Planning Applications:

P20/S2628/N4A. Pond Farm, Holton. OX33 1PY

Partial demolition of existing redundant farm building and conversion of remainder into 5 dwellings.

Comments: Transport and Highway impacts of the development. Access arrangements and the roadway will need a major upgrade to allow residential traffic.

P20/S2741/HH. Melrose Cottage, Waterperry Road, Holton. OX33 1PP

Conversion of the carport, conversion of the roof over the garage, replacement entrance porch, alterations to ground floor windows and doors and addition of timber weatherboarding to the facades.

Comments: No issues – leave decision to SODC Planners.

P20/S3135/LB. Pond Farm, Holton. OX33 1PY.

Replacement of east and west porches.

Comments: No issues replacing existing footprints can only be an improvement.

9. Planning Decisions (South Oxfordshire District Council):

P20/S1581/HH. Rose Cottage, Holton. OX33 1PS.

Two storey side extension to existing semi-detached two storey dwelling. Block up east elevation ground floor window. **Granted**

P20/S0245/FUL. Terence House, Holton. OX33 1PS.

Erection of detached 4-bedroom dwelling with garage. **Granted**

10. Reports

Enforcement reference SE20/173 Waterperry Road – driveway and hard standing. The owner had been contacted and they were of the opinion that planning approval was not required for the work undertaken. The Enforcement Officer Jeremy Peter has visited the site and we are awaiting his comments.

Enforcement reference SE20/188 Holton Field – groundworks and container on the new hardstanding area. Enforcement yet to visit and comment.

11. Publications/Letters and forthcoming events

Sunday 20th September - The Busless Shelter Swap Shop.

Alan East and family have organised another popular event in the Holton calendar which will run from 10.00 – 12.30

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

The village hall management team made up of volunteers from the village are finding it increasingly difficult to cover the many demands of managing and maintaining the hall and organising fund raising and village events. The recent resignation of both the Chairman and Booking Secretary have brought these issues to the fore and new volunteers are needed to join the Management Committee. Appeals will be made to the village through the usual channels. The Parish Council is fully supportive of the Hall Committee and will offer whatever support is necessary to maintain the village hall as a major asset for the village and to village life.

13. Date of next meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 12th October 2020** starting at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the virtual meeting closed at 8.50 pm.