

The Holton Parish Council virtual meeting (via Zoom) was held on Monday 11^h January 2021 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).

1. Apologies: Sarah Gray (District Councillor)

1a. Declarations of interest: None

2 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 14th December 2020 which had been circulated to all councillors before the meeting.

Proposed by Allan East
Seconded by Brian Pridmore

All agreed

OPEN FORUM

Tim Bearder updated the Parish Council on County Council matters. Tim's County Councillor grant of £300 towards improvements to the Bus Shelter has been approved and will be paid shortly.

Tim has contacted the local PCSO who has visited the building site at Terence House and made recommendations to the builder Ian Halliday. Tim will contact the PCSO again and report back to the Parish

Tim also suggested that Holton engage in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and to establish CIL funding category.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Website - Further work on the input of content and photos. Some updating has been carried out and additions to the History page are planned
Roger Farrow to check out his parish council email as it appears not to be receiving information.

Bus Shelter – The County Council grant of £300 has been approved.
Planting of climbers and notice board repairs/painting to be completed in due course. A quote for roof repairs, tile replacements, moss removal and the re-cementing of both roof verges has been received and another quote will be sought.

Brookes Liaison Group: No further progress over the Christmas break and New Year. The Chairman to make contact with Brookes and report back.

Defibrillator

The Village Hall committee to be approached to see if they would consider siting a defibrillator at the Hall.

4. Traffic, Road and Highway Matters

Terence House building work, mud on the road and parking of vehicles.

The Parish Council have written to Mr Halliday and as yet have received no response from him. Tim Bearder has contacted the local PCSO and he will be visiting the site and advising the builder of his obligations. Andy Murray offered to visit the site but will wait to hear the report from the PCSO.

The Clerk to contact Highways again. Tracy Morton is the Highway Inspector dealing with the site.

Blocked drains report to Highways.

Replacement litter bin at Holton Turn Check on the progress of the replacement bin.

5. Financial Matters

a. Accounts submitted for payment

Clerk's Salary January	396.00
Bus Shelter Trellis and fixings	109.08

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

Deposit	£13,955.58
Current	£205.22

c. Risk Assessment

Annual check on Parish Council procedures to be undertaken at the February meeting. A sheet highlighting possible issues to be forwarded prior to the meeting.

d. CIL Fund Changes

At present because Holton does not have a Neighbourhood Plan the CIL rate is 15%. If the village has a Neighbourhood Plan then CIL is 25%. Slight grey area with Brookes as part of the Brookes site is in the Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan but the whole site along with access is in the Parish of Holton which has not produced a Neighbourhood Plan.

Clarification of these issues to be discussed with SODC. However, from April 2021 SODC have ruled that the amount of CIL paid to a village without a NP should be capped at £100 per dwelling (Holton has 140 dwellings)

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

6. District/County Councillors.

County Councillor Tim Bearder - Dealt with under Open Forum

District Councillor Sarah Gray - The closing date for District Councillor Grants is the end of February and no decision will be made until that date and applications are not valid for work that has already started or been undertaken. As it was not possible to apply for the bus shelter improvements as it would be retrospective then it seemed appropriate to apply for future Orchard planting of apple and mulberry trees, wild flower plugs for orchard and road verges and picnic bench seating. The Orchard Committee had put together a costing and applied for the Grant as Sarah had informed us that she would support the planting of trees by the community for example, as the grants are specifically for climate resilience and community involvement.

7. Churchyard

Planning Permission for change of use from agricultural land to burial ground and churchyard has been granted. Conditions to protect the established Lime Trees and their root protection areas.

The next stage now that planning approval has been granted will be to engage the Church and Landowner's legal representatives and proceed with the Land Transfer.

8. Planning Applications:

Oxfordshire County Council R3.0121/20. Wheatley Park Campus, Holton.
 Demolition of an existing temporary classroom block and the erection of a single storey school extension with associated works and landscaping at John Watson School. No objection from Holton Parish Council.

9. Planning Decisions (South Oxfordshire District Council):

P20/S1966/FUL. Land adjoining St. Bartholomews Church, Holton, Oxford. OX33 1PR
 Change of use from agricultural land to burial ground (extension to existing burial ground) and churchyard.
Granted

10. Reports

Enforcement VE20/176 – Swallow Barn, Waterperry Road, Holton.
 Extension to end of January 2021 for submission of planning application.

Enforcement SE20/188. Holton Field Groundworks – not yet been able to appoint an officer to the case. To report further groundwork and laying of access roadway.

Holton Orchard application made for grant of £360.00 from District Councillor (Sarah Gray) towards the purchase of a Mulberry Tree, Apple trees, wildflower plug plants for orchard and village verges and picnic benches. Community involvement in the planting by village volunteers and climate resilience with the trees and plants.

11. Publications/Letters and forthcoming events

Wheatley Parish Council Chairman Cllr. Alison Sercombe appointed.

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

Roger Farrow agreed to remove the batteries from the Village Green Christmas lights. Play equipment proposals to be discussed at the next meeting. Allan East circulated a Children's Play Area Update – To be discussed at the next meeting,

13. Date of next meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held **via Zoom** on Monday 8th February 2021 starting at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the virtual meeting closed at 8.32 pm.