

HOLWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A ZOOM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2020
AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

Ms Yvonne Hart (Chair)
Mr Nigel Eaton
Mr Martin Thurlow
Mrs Wendy Harris
Mrs Ann Warner (Clerk)

Mr Sam North -North Hertfordshire District Councillor

Residents:

1 member of the public Mr M Kelly

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from County Councillor David Barnard and Parish Councillor Colin Everett

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting which have been circulated to all the Parish Councillors were agreed to be a true record and were duly signed by Ms Hart.

3. Matters to report:

3.1 Police Report-There was no Police present and no report received. Mr Kelly reported that there had been some individuals riding motorcycles without helmets through the village and roads. The Police are aware of this and will be monitored.

3.2 County and District Councillors Report:

Mr David Barnard sent an e-mail to inform the Parish council that he was pursuing the 20 mph through the villages of Pirton and Holwell.

Sam North reported that he had been contacted by a Parishioner regarding the sewage problems in Holwell and his concerns that with further housing developments proposed in the village this problem would be further exasperated. Recently three Anglia Water vehicles were called out late at night to deal with this problem. The PC confirmed that this was an ongoing problem dating back many years. The sewage system was out dated and needed extensive work to be carried out. Mr North agreed to look into this matter and contact the water company for their comments. Mr North also advised the PC to write to Anglia Water.

Cala Homes – The reinstatement of the lay-by on Holwell Road. Ms Hart has written to Highways and has not received a reply. Cala Homes reported that they were waiting for Highways to deal

with this. Mr North agreed to raise this matter with Highways. The lay bye is also being used for general parking and fly tipping/fowling since the monitoring officers have been removed.

3.3 Recreation Ground Issues:

Pavilion: The clerk reported that she had contacted a number of builders for quotes for the proposed new Pavilion. These will be sent to Claire Morgan at North Hertfordshire District Council to support the application for a grant towards the new build. An application for a grant from Settle Housing has also been applied for.

Children's Play area: The play area has been registered for the annual inspection through NHDC and this will be carried out in November. The play area is now open to the public. The clerk was instructed to contact CPM Playgrounds Limited to arrange repairs to the safety surface around the climbing frame.

Trees in Children's Play area: Parishioners complaint re trees – The trees have now been cut back and debris removed and the Horse Chestnut suckers have been removed from this area.

Trees over hanging/broken on the recreation ground from The Rectory - These need cutting back as our Tree Specialist has advised as they could cause a hazard/danger to walkers using the footpath in the far corner of the recreation ground. It is suggested that the PC write to Mr Lyons regarding this.

Rights of Way update: access to play area from Holwell Road (definitive map) -pending due to appeal.

3.4 Highways: dealt with under County and District Councillors report.

3.5 Noticeboards: installation pending due to Covid 19 virus.

4. Finance:

The following payments were made between meetings:

New printer	59.99
Evolution Trees Ltd	936.00
Mrs Warner wages	1,100.00
Campaign to Protect Rural England – subs	36.00 subs
CPM Playgrounds	384.00 jet wash safety surfaces etc
Cor Solutions Ltd	60.00 diagnostics printer
ESET computer security	85.00 for 3 years
Mr N Eaton received for this on the 16 th June)	241.50 village scarecrow expenses (grants

Received 2nd instalment of Precept £4,731.40 included in the figure below

Bank balances as at 21st September 2020

Community current account	£8,423.51
Business Savings account	£3,304.52

Insurance claim regarding equipment shed has now been settled - £18,307. Money should be in the current account within the next few days.

5. Correspondence:

Various updates regarding Covid 19

CDA -Bulletins

NHDC -Planning information

Simon Proctor -regarding the use of the recreation ground for football

6. Matters for special consideration:

Tractor Shed on Recreation Ground: Mr Kelly will be making enquiries regarding a temporary container to house the recreation ground equipment during the winter months.

Planning applications:

Land South of Holwell Road, Holwell SG5 3SG – erection of 9 dwellings ref: 20/01465/PIP

PC objected to this development

Brookside, Bedford Road, Holwell SG5 3RX – erection of single storey garage with new access following demolition of existing detached garage.

PC objected to this development

Status of the Settle development in Rands Meadow – There have been no issues raised regarding this development

Community Assets Register – pending

St Peters Green: -Parish Councillor Martin Thurlow reported that there had been further burning of rubbish at St Peter Green. Substances which should not be burnt in a public place. A letter has been sent to the residents concerned and the situation will continue to be monitored.

Community Garden – Parish Councillor Wendy Harris has identified an area which may be available for this venture. Ms Harris agreed to contact the family concerned to see if they would be interested.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.