

HOLWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER 2021
IN THE BOWLS CLUB AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

Ms Yvonne Hart (Chairperson)
Mr Colin Everett
Mr Martin Thurlow
Mrs Wendy Harris
Mrs Ann Warner (Clerk)

Members of the public:

Rosemary Gainsford
Colin Copley
Sue Young
Alex Ham

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr David Barnard, Hertfordshire County Councillor and Mr Nigel Eaton, Holwell Parish Councillor. These were accepted and approved by the Parish Council.

2. Minutes:

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

3. Matters to Report:

3.1. Police Update: There was no representative and no report was received

3.2. County and District Councillors Reports: There was no Councillors present.

3.3. Recreation ground issues:

Pavilion: The clerk reported that the Football Foundation grant application has now been completed and sent.

There have been some problems at the Pavilion, tap in kitchen needs repairing and the Alarm and electrics are not working. Parish Councillor Martin Thurlow has agreed to have a look at the problem and report back.

It was agreed that more keys are needed for the Pavilion and Ms Hart has agreed to purchase these.

It was suggested that a weekend where residents can come and have a look at the proposed plans would be a good idea. This will be arranged and residents notified.

Ground Maintenance: Ms Hart has spoken to Mr Ham regarding the number of times the recreation ground is mowed and a schedule has now been agreed to suit the finances of the Parish Council. Mr Alex Ham has agreed to purchase the equipment needed to maintain the mower, tractor etc and the Parish Council will reimburse him. Alex has also agreed to remove the Sycamore suckers around the perimeter of the recreation ground.

Parish Councillor Martin Thurlow has agreed to speak to Dicken at Meadow Farm who has shown a willingness to remove the old tractor shed for the Parish Council.

Concerns were raised regarding the rabbit holes on the recreation ground. Ms Hart reported that there could be no culling of rabbits but that the holes have now been filled with gravel. The Cricket and Football Club carried out the repairs.

3.4. Children's Play area: Final repairs are still pending and the clerk was instructed to contact CPM Playgrounds Ltd. The clerk was asked to contact Billy Bunker again.

3.6. Highways: The clerk reported that the seat for Gurneys Lane has been received and preparation is under way to have this installed.

The following has been reported to the Parish Council:

Path around Church obstruction to walkers – Martin Thurlow to check

Report road damage around Moat house, Waterloo Lane

Report trees blocking street light in Rands Meadow

It was suggested that a new bench by village sign should be placed there to commemorate **Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.**

There are also free trees available to all residents to celebrate the Queen's Green Canopy **"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"**

4.Finance: -

The following payments were made between meeting:

DD Bulb Energy	59.00	August. September, October
CPRE	36.00	Subscription
Mr A Ham	1,120.00	Recreation Maintenance
David Pucknell	1,500.00	Architect – pending invoice

Castle Water rates received in the sum of £936.12, this was felt to be excessive and the clerk was instructed to investigate

Monies Received:

Hitchin Town Football	100.00	Pitch Hire
UK Power Network	17.25	rental
2 nd Instalment Precept	4,731.40	
HCC Grant	300.00	Scarecrow Festival
Ickleford Cricket Club	500.00	Hire of square

5. Correspondence:

NHDC	- members information
David Barnard	- Councillor report
Phil Kreller	- builders report
David Pucknell	- Architect for Pavilion
HAPTC	- Clerk information
Hexton School	- Planning support
Thomas Batt	- Settle development

6. Matters for special Consideration:

Planning Applications:

Planning appeal : Mrs H Flint PP/X1925/W/21/3276596

Land south of Holwell Road, Holwell SG5 3SG – Permission in principle – residential development of land for affordable housing (5 dwellings)

Appeal date 2 September 2021

APP/X1925/W/21/3275904

Land west of Pirton Road, Holwell SG5 3SS

Permission in principle – erection of 4 dwellings

Appeal date 2nd September 2021

Planning: 32 Holwell Road, Holwell, SG5 3SG – dropped kerb and vehicle crossover

Ref: 21/02698/FPH

The Parish Council have no objections.

Glebe Lodge, Pirton Road, Holwell, SG5 3SS ref: 21/02559/S73

Removal of condition 3 (agricultural occupancy) of previously approved planning application 177/70 granted 25/09/1970 for the erection of a farm cottage.

The Parish council have no objections.

Community Garden – pending

Purchasing of Litter Pickers and Church parking – referred to next meeting when Parish Councillor Mr Nigel Eaton will be present.

The Queen’s Green Canopy – As reported above trees are available to all residents and this will be placed on the website/Facebook. There are different types of trees available for different size gardens.

For further information about getting involved in Hertfordshire please email queensgreencanopy@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Alex has agreed to look into where to place a tree for the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 7th December 2021 in the Bowls Club at 7.00p.m.