

HOLWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2022
IN THE BOWLS CLUB AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

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

Members of the Public:

Claire Strong
Sue Young

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Martin Thurlow. PCSO Heather Burrows and Hertfordshire County councillor David Barnard. These were accepted and approved by the Parish Council.

2. Minutes:

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

3. Matters to report:

3.1 Police Update: No report was received

3.2 County and District Councillors Reports: No County or District Councillors were present.

However, NHDC Councillor Claire Strong gave a short report to update the Parish Council.

The Local Plan has now been agreed and any comments must be sent by 7th January 2023.

Local Election dates may be rearranged depending of the confirmed date of the Kings Coronation.

3.3 Recreation Ground Issues:

Pavilion:- The New Pavilion has now been completed and the Parish Council have agreed to have an official opening in the spring. All parishioners will be invited to attend.

All certificates relating to the build have been received.

Other Local Parish Councils looking to improve/or rebuild their Pavilions have been along to view and are very impressed with our New Pavilion.

There are still fixtures and fittings to purchase, tables/chairs, recycle bins, waste bins, door mats etc which the Parish Council have received grants for.

This project was wholly funded by grants from NHDC, Settle Housing, John Rands Foundation and the Football Foundation.

3.4 Children's Play Area:

Play Inspection: This has been received and the clerk has sent a copy to CPM Playgrounds Limited for their comments.

3.5 Rights of Way:- Access to play area from Holwell Road (Definitive Map). Although this was found in the Parish Council's favour, an appeal was received by the Rights of Way team and this has again put back final decision as this must go back to the Inspector again.

3.6 Highways:- The Parish Council were in agreement not to support the 20 mph through the village on a number of issues. Those were, the number of signage required to support the 20 mph, the possibility of more road humps and the noise they create.

4. Finance:

The Following payments have been made between meetings:

Bulb energy	£108.64	August
Curry's	£427.50	Cooker Hood/hob
Mr A Ham	£820.00	groundskeeping
Bulb energy	£108.64	September
Allan & Sons	£24,423.60	Pavilion
Herts Fullstop	£274.82	toilet roll holders/toilet rolls/hand towel
Bulb energy	£408.70	October
CPRE subscription	£36.00	
HP ink	£88.02	
Bulb energy	£408.70	November
2Commune Ltd	£342.00	Website
Mr A Ham	£420.00	Groundskeeping
Redirect Post	£88.99	
Allan & Sons	£16,480.80	final payment

The following money was received between meetings:

Football Foundation	£6,409.47	grant
HMRC	£7,213.00	vat refund
NHDC	£4,967.97	Precept
North Herts Lottery	£46.00	September
Football Foundation	£3,617.13	grant
HCC	£400.00	grant
Ickleford Cricket Club	£720.00	hire of square
HMRC	£4,267.65	vat refund
North Herts Lottery	£4.00	October
North Herts Lottery	£5.00	November

5. Correspondence:

All Correspondence has been circulated:

NHDC Aimee Flack notified the Parish Council that grants were available and must apply by 6th January 2023.

NHDC – Local Plan Adopted

6. Matters for special consideration:

Planning Applications:

**Outline Planning application for 10 dwellings (all matters reserved) land south of Holwell Road
Holwell, SG5 3SQ**

Holwell Parish Council response to this application:-

Holwell Parish Council are disappointed that this application went through on appeal on 31st December 2021 – Appeal reference APP/X1925/W/21/3276596

However, our main objection is to the change of the permitted plan from 5 affordable social house to now include the addition of 5 self and custom build plots. This we feel is entirely for-profit means. It is overdevelopment on a handkerchief of land.

The 5 affordable houses would be along the linear line of the village; however, the additional houses would be behind this line and although a development was built by Settle, this was on a previously established garage site. Holwell village has little in the way of public transport, meaning cars are a necessity and parking is always an issue in Holwell. There are parking bays included, but occupants often have more than 1 car. We also note that no consideration has been given for bin storage as we currently have 3 bins per household. The Parish Council feel the size of the affordable social house is too condensed and we believe the need is for 2 bedroomed houses, not 1. This is taking into consideration the possible need for care for the residents now or in the future. Having looked at and discussed the plans, we feel it would be more beneficial to take away No. 6 and spread out the affordable houses. This should also include the design and street scene, which is not in keeping of existing properties.

Howell Parish Council ask that these points are taken into consideration.

Planning: Listed building consent: Conversion of a grade II listed building and associated Curtilage listed building to two semi-detached residential dwellings (1 x3-bed and 1 x 4-bed) Including demolition of modern extension and replacement single storey extension , internal alterations.

Barn to the West of Lordship Farmhouse, Pirton Road, Holwell, ref:22/01843/LBC

FPP: Conversion of a grade II listed building and associated Curtilage listed building to two semi-detached residential dwellings (1 x3-bed and 1 x 4-bed)Including demolition of modern extension and replacement single storey extension. Erection of four detached dwellings (3 x 4-bed and 1 x 5-Bed) four bay cart shed for covered parking; associated parking and gardens; and minor alteration to existing vehicular access and partial widening of access road following demolition of existing structures.

Barn to the West of Lordship Farmhouse, Pirton Road, ref: 22/01842/FP

There were no objections

FPH: Erection of detached double garage including installation of photovoltaic panels on front roof slope. Installation o photovoltaic panels to front and rear roof slopes of existing garage.

Harvest Farm, Pirton Road, Holwell ref: 22/02232/FPH

No objections were raised

FPP. Erection of to 4 bed dwellings following demolition of existing barn. Erection of two double carport (revision of previously approve planning permission 20/01742/FP granted 19.20.2020)Barn to the west of Bedford Road, Holwell. Ref: 22/02395/FP

No objections were raised.

Warm Bank:-

This was discussed and the Parish Council agreed to investigate if there is a need and if there are volunteers who would be willing to run this project. The Parish Council believe there are grants available to help with the running costs.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.00 pm.