

# Minutes of Holcot Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18 January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Church Room

16/1 **Apologies:** Councillor K Buckle, Councillor R Sinclair (for late attendance).

**Present:** Councillors: R Gunnett, D Walker, M Wilson, P Scordellis,  
J Fountain, R Sinclair, R Hawkins, A Carter

**Clerk:** L Callan

**Public:** K Winter, M Jessett

16/2 **Declarations of Interest:**

None.

16/3 **Minutes of the last meeting:**

No comments. Proposed and signed by Councillor Gunnett, and Seconded by Councillor Hawkins.

16/4 **Matters Arising:**

Councillor Gunnett asked the Clerk for feedback regarding the meeting Judy Shepherd had with Stagecoach. The meeting had proved inconclusive.

16/5 **District Councillors Report:**

District Councillor Ann Carter requested that this section of the Agenda be excluded from the next meeting onwards, since most correspondence and communication in-between meetings is done via email.

Councillor Carter will write an email report on the presentation regarding grants. Councillor Carter handed leaflets to Councillor Walker on Home Repair Assistant Grants, Disabled Facility Grants and Disability funding, which he will put information about on the website.

**Action 16/5.1**

16/6 **Village Cart Race/Queen's Birthday Celebration**

Mr David Ashworth has kindly agreed to get involved with the organisation of the Queen's Birthday Celebrations. Councillor Gunnett received a letter from Mr Ashworth ahead of the meeting with some suggestions, which included:

- \* Celebrate on the village playing field, with a marquee, or residents bring gazeboes. Games could be organised to suit both children and adults, for example, a tug of war.

- \* Have a street party on either Back Lane or Main Street, again using gazeboes. In the event that Main Street was closed off, Mr Ashworth suggested the possibility of a go kart/soapbox event, but pointed out that insurance might be an issue.
- \* Use of the Village Hall. Mr Ashworth pointed out that although this is low cost and ensures against weather, it limits numbers.

The issue of costs was raised, and whether the Parish Council should sponsor the event, covering the cost of a marquee which could be used over the whole weekend, with evening events on the Friday and Saturday evening, as well as a party on the Saturday afternoon. Mr Ashworth suggested in his letter that the evening events could be ticket events, and that could help with some of the costs. A marquee is likely to cost somewhere in the region of £2500, and the Council agreed that if they were to hire one, they would need to make full use of it. Mr Ashworth has asked that the Parish Council report back to him with a figure, which he will work within, and put together a programme which will be discussed at a later Parish Council Meeting.

Councillor Hawkins suggested that the Clerk look into grants for Easter Fundraisers, referring to an email circulated earlier that day. Clerk to make enquiries. **Action 16/6.1**

The council decided that joining the celebrations together with a kart race was probably a non-starter due to road closures and insurance. Councillor Hawkins suggested listing the Kart Race and Queen's Birthday Celebrations separately on the next agenda.

Councillors' discussed whether catering for everyone in the village is something that should be considered, and Councillor Hawkins expressed his concerns at the possibility some people may not turn up to join in with the celebrations.

Councillor Carter suggested coinciding the event with a flower festival at Church at the same time.

Councillor Fountain is going to follow suggestions up with Mr Ashworth. **Action 16/6.2**

#### 16/7 Defibrillator

Councillor Gunnett has spoken further to Mr Tony Moulds regarding the costs of the defibrillator. Mr Moulds has offered to pay for any costs initially.

Councillor Gunnett to speak to Trustees to see if it can be mounted on the wall. **Action 16/7.1**

Councillor Wilson will liaise with Clerk regarding how to get it up and running and quotes regarding electricity supply and training. **Action 16/7.2**

#### 16/8 Village Maintenance

Councillor Gunnett raised the issues of the maintenance of the grass verge near the crossroads. Councillor Wilson suggested planting boxes.

Councillor Gunnett will enquire about costs for 3 planters, and measure up. He will also visit the residents to inform them about the need to do something to stop the ongoing mess, and ask for their cooperation. **Action 16/8.1**

Clerk will contact Daventry District Customer Care regarding fly-tipping of tyres in Poplars Lane. **Action 16/8.2**

Councillor Wilson mentioned the litter in the village after recent winds. Councillor Walker will write something on the website informing residents to clean up any litter they see outside of their own property. **Action 16/8.3**

A date and time was discussed amongst Councillors to organise a Parish Council Saturday morning litter-pick. The agreed date is Saturday 2 April 2016 at 10 a.m.

16/9 **Police Matters**

Councillor Gunnett will speak to Councillor Buckle about the next steps after the results of the HGV survey. **Action 16/9.1**

Councillor Hawkins to place booklets on 'Making Northamptonshire Safe', in the Phone Booth. **Action 16/9.2**

16/10 **Planning**

Nothing to report.

16/11 **Highways**

Councillor Walker discussed the road closure on Sywell Road for work by Anglian Water. No information was given regarding diversions, and buses had not been informed about the closure.

Clerk will contact Ian Boyes at Northamptonshire Highways regarding the lack of communication. Councillor Walker will discuss what to write in the letter with the Clerk. **Action 16/11.1**

16/12 **The White Swan**

A protection order around the pub was discussed amongst Councillors.

Councillor Sinclair will enquire about how to go forward with this. **Action 16/12.1**

16/13 **Village Seat**

Councillor Gunnett is yet to meet with residents to discuss. **Action 16/13.1**

16/14 **Parish Council Logo**

Mr Jessett is willing to work on the Logo, and would need information about what materials are produced, and what we need the logo for. Councillor Walker suggested the logo would need to be used for Holcot Parish, Holcot Parish Council, and Holcot, and explained that it would be used for flyers, letterheads, newsletters etc.

Mr Jessett has asked that the Councillor's have a think about logo's they might have seen, and go back to him with ideas about what they think would be suitable. Councillor Gunnett suggested a professional image that projects the Parish Council correctly.

Councillor Gunnett suggested Councillor Walker and Mr Jessett meet separately before the next Parish Council meeting to discuss options. Mr Jessett will list some questions, and forward them onto Councillor Walker to decide on requirements. Councillor Walker to report back at the next Parish Council meeting. **Action 16/14.1**

Councillor Gunnett expressed his thanks to Mr Jessett for attending the meeting.

16/15 **Youth Matters**

The Parish Council received a letter from the Treasurer of Holcot Hub to thank them for the kind donation in October. They will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to agree how the money will be spent. They are continuing to attract around 17 children on a Monday evening on a regular basis.

16/16 **Lighting**

Councillor Wilson reported that there had still been no progress on the missing light on Poplars Lane. He will contact E.ON again and if necessary, speak to someone more senior. **Action 16/16.1**

Councillor Wilson will contact Aylesbury Lighting to get quotations for routine maintenance and light upgrades, as well as a price for replacing the missing light. **Action 16/16.2**

16/17 **New Residents:**

None.

16/18 **Washbrook:**

Nothing to report

16/19 **Website and Communications**

Since the most recent newsletter was sent out before Christmas, Councillor Walker reported that there had been a few more people registering on the website, along with a few more comments. Councillor Gunnett said the website was looking great.

16/20 **Northampton North SUE**

Councillor Sinclair reported that he had attending a meeting in December regarding Housing Development Roads. The general feeling from other Parish Councils is that fundamental issues need to be dealt with before any new developments, for example through traffic in villages, and how the next three phases of the A43 extension will be brought forward.

16/21 **Village Hall**

Nothing to report

16/22 **Footpaths**

Councillor Gunnett reported meeting with the Ramblers, and spoken with John Comont. There is a chance the footpath through to Scaldwell will go ahead.

Clerk to write to footpath department. **Action 16.22.1**

16/23 **Playing Field**

Councillor Sinclair to check if the roundabout is working. To report back to Clerk to follow up with Wickstead if necessary. **Action 16/23.1**

16/24 **Bin**

Clerk to find out when Dog Bins are emptied. **Action 16/24.1**

It was agreed that Councillor Wilson and Councillor Gunnett would move the dog bin on Brixworth Road. **Action 16/24.2**

After a suggestion from Councillor Gunnett, Councillor Walker will put a notice on the website that dog bin waste can be put in any litter bin, providing it is in placed a suitable bag. **Action 16/24.3**

Councillor Gunnett and Councillor Wilson will fix the bin outside the White Swan. **Action 16/24.4**

16/25 **Correspondence**

None

16/26 **Finance and Precept Budget**

<b>Current Account</b>	<b>£8398.92</b>	
<b>Business Account</b>	<b>£7996.64</b>	
<b>CHEQUE NUMBER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
100838	£17.30	<u>ANGLIAN WATER</u> Water for allotment (26/8-18/11/15)
100839	£393.11	<u>E.ON</u> Street Lighting (01/10-31/12/15)
100840	£103.56	<u>E.ON ENERGY SOLUTIONS</u> Lighting Maintenance Charge (quarter ending 31/12/15)
100841	£229	<u>RAMPRINT</u> 250 Information Sheets, and 200 copies of the newsletter (Dated 22/12/15)
<b>TOTAL INVOICES</b>	<b>£742.97</b>	
<b>ACTUAL AVAILABLE BALANCE</b>	<b>£7655.95</b>	

<b>(CURRENT ACCOUNT)</b>		
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The council agreed on a precept request of £17,000.

**16/27 Councillors' Comments**

Councillor Gunnett would like to express his thanks to the previous Clerk Ken Winter, for attending the meeting.

**16/28 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 15 February 2016

The meeting closed at 10 p.m.

**ACTION POINTS**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>ACTION POINT</b>
16/5.1	DW	Put information on website about grants
16/6.1	Clerk	Look into Grants for Eater Fundraisers
16/6.2	JF	Follow up suggestions with Mr Ashworth for Queen's Birthday Celebrations
16/7.1	RG	Speak to Trustees about defibrillator
16/7.2	MW, Clerk	Liaise on how to get defibrillator running, and make enquiries/get quotes for electricity supply and training
16/8.1	RG	Visit residents about grass verge/Enquire about costs for 3 planters, and measure up
16/8.2	Clerk	Contact Daventry DC regarding fly-tipping in Poplars Lane
16/8.3	DW	Put notice on website regarding litter outside properties
16/9.1	RG	Speak to Councillor Buckle about the next steps on the HGV survey
16/9.2	RH	Put booklets in phone booth
16/11.1	Clerk, DW	Contact Ian Boyes at Northamptonshire Highways regarding road closures/discuss what to write in letter
16/12.1	RS	Look into protection measures for White Swan
16/13.1	RG	Speak to residents about the village seat
16/14.1	DW	Liaise with Mark Jessop regarding Logo
16/16.1	MW	Contact E.ON regarding light on Poplars Lane
16/16.2	MW	Get quotations from Aylesbury Lighting
16/22.1	Clerk	Write to definitive footpath department
16/23.1	RS	Check if roundabout is working
16/24.1	Clerk	Find out when dog bins are emptied and report back to RG
16/24.2	RG, MW	Move dog bin on Brixworth Road
16/24.3	DW	Write notice on website regarding dog waste
16/24.4	RG, MW	Fix bin outside White Swan

**POINTS FOR TRACKING**

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