

Minutes of the Holcot Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21 March 2016 at 7.30pm

16/55 **Apologies:** Councillor R Gunnett (Chairman), Councillor A Carter,
Councillor P Scordellis

Present: Councillors: D Walker, M Wilson, K Buckle, J Fountain, R Sinclair
Clerk: L Callan

Public: Kimberley Smith, Alan Wild

16/56 **Declarations of Interest**

None

16/57 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Signed and approved.

Proposed: Councillor Buckle, Seconded: Councillor Wilson

16/58 **Walgrave Community Connector**

Kimberley Smith from Northamptonshire County Council, and Alan Wild, a member of the Walgrave Wellbeing Centre came to chat with the Parish Council to see if they could offer support to members of the Holcot Community with various needs. Walgrave Wellbeing Centre is currently working with Northamptonshire County Council to identify areas of support that Communities need. Kimberley's role was developed to support communities to increase wellbeing, inclusion and reduce isolation.

After issuing a survey to the residents of Walgrave, transport in particular appears to be a concern, with residents struggling to get to their GP Surgery to pick up prescriptions and do their shopping amongst other daily tasks. Kimberley explained that there is an opportunity to possibly purchase a mini bus which could be used to help people with transport issues, providing there is enough people in nearby villages who could benefit from the service. They would also need support with the cost of running the bus. Kimberley will send the clerk a copy of the survey that was used in Walgrave, so that it can be circulated to the residents of Holcot to help identify needs.

Councillor Walker will post link on website. Action 16.58.1

They are also currently working in partnership with a charity called SNBB, who are arranging IT sessions to help people learn how to do an online shop. SNBB also arrange trips out, and there will be a trip to Milton Keynes in April which will be open to the residents of Holcot.

16/59 **Matters Arising**

None

16/60 **Queen's Birthday Celebration**

Another meeting of the committee will take place on 23 March.

The following Action Point is pending: 16.34.1

16/61 **Defibrillator**

Two members of the public are interested in becoming co-ordinators for the defibrillator. Councillor Wilson will advise the Community Heartbeat Trust to go ahead. **Action 16/61.1**

The following Action Points were completed: 16/35.1, 16/35.2

16/62 **Village Maintenance**

The village litter-pick on 2nd April is postponed until a later date (tbc).

Councillor Walker will inform residents via the website. **Action 16/62.1**

The following Action Point is pending: 16/36.1

16/63 **Police Matters**

The Village Parish Constable has recently done a Neighbourhood community shift, and responded to 999 calls as part of her Personal Development Portfolio.

The ANPR van was in the village again a couple of weeks ago on Sywell Road, and it captured 61 vehicles over 7.5 tonnes.

The Safer Roads Team have agreed to manage the lorry watch scheme, and Holcot is one of three villages they are monitoring thanks to Councillor Buckle.

The following Action Point is pending: 16/37.1

16/64 **Planning**

Mead House on Back Lane has applied for a 1st floor extension to rear. Councillor Walker proposed that the clerk writes to Daventry DC to inform them that there have been no comments. **Action 16/64.1**

16/65 **Highways**

The Parish Council received an email of concern from a resident who witnessed a group of about 12 racing cyclists, cycling at top speed down Poplars Lane and straight out onto Walgrave Road. Had there been any traffic on Walgrave Road, there would have been a very serious accident. It occurred to the resident that the white line junction markings at either end of Poplars Lane have faded, and perhaps the cyclists did not realise that they were coming to a junction.

Councillor Buckle will contact Highways regarding the matter. **Action 16/65.1**

Councillor Hawkins suggested that all roads in the village are checked.

On the evening of Friday 18 March, there was an accident at the crossroads, and the STOP sign has been damaged.

16/66 **The White Swan**

Councillor Sinclair will create some paperwork for the Parish Council regarding protection measures. **Action 16/66.1**

The following Action Point was completed:16/12.1

16/67 **Village Seat**

To be discussed next month.

The following Action Point is outstanding: 16/41.1

16/68 **Parish Council Logo**

Mark Jessett has been in touch with Councillor Walker, and he will attend the next Parish Council Meeting.

The following Action Point was completed: 16/14.1

16/69 **Youth Matters**

12-15 members are attending the Youth Club most evenings. A couple of Arts and Crafts evenings have taken place with the leaders.

16/70 **Lighting**

Confirmation has been received that the light connection on Poplars Lane will be completed on 11 April.

Councillor Wilson will contact EON at a later date for an updated survey, to see how the light cost compares to others. **Action 16/70.1**

The following Action Points were completed: 16/44.1, 16/44.2

16/71 **New Residents**

To be discussed at the next meeting with more information.

16/72 **Website and Communications**

There are now 116 subscribers.

16/73 **Northampton SUE**

16 people turned up at the local exhibition.

Councillor Walker will promote the Survey on the website. **Action 16/73.1**

The Parish Council completed a survey to be sent along with a letter to Northamptonshire County Council, outlining concerns. The clerk will draft a letter for Councillor Sinclair to check before it is sent out. **Action 16/73.2**

16/74 **Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

16/75 **Footpaths**

The Clerk is waiting to follow up on the Holcot to Walgrave footpath.

The following Action Point is outstanding: 16/49.1

16/76 **Playing Field**

The internal area on the roundabout is sticking. The clerk will contact Wicksteed to report it **Action 16/76.1** and also ask them when they will be coming out to do an inspection.

Action 16/76.2

The backs of the goals have come away, and Councillor Walker will inform Friends of Holcot about it. **Action 16/76.3**

The following Action Point was completed: 16/23.1

16/77 **Bins**

It was decided that no new brackets would be ordered.

The following Action Points have been deleted: 16/24.1, 16/24.2

16/78 **Neighbourhood Plan**

To be discussed next month.

16/79 **Photographic Year 2015**

Councillor Walker ordered three books, two of which have been placed at the White Swan and the Church room.

16/80 **Finance**

Business Account Actual Balance	£7996.64	
Current Account Actual Balance	£5046.06	
CHEQUE NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
100847	£96.56	Printing of Photographic Yearbook
100848	£190	Ramprint - Newsletter
100849	£11.86	Anglian Water - Allotment Water
100850	£71	PDBF - Allotment Rent
100851	£450	EON - Recently installed lantern and bracket on Poplars Lane
100852	£375	Clerk Salary January - March
100853	£104.38	EON - General Maintenance
TOTAL INVOICES	£1298.80	

ACTUAL AVAILABLE BALANCE IN CURRENT ACCOUNT	£3747.26	
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Proposed: Councillor Sinclair, Seconded: Councillor Wilson

The Clerk reported that the spend is currently exceeding the latest forecast on the spreadsheet. The Parish Council will reforecast next year's budget at the next meeting.

16/81 **Correspondence**

None.

16/82 **Councillors' Comments**

None

16/83 **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 18 April 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.

ACTION POINTS

AGENDA ITEM	WHO	ACTION POINT
Walgrave Community Connector 16/58.1	DW	Post survey on website
Queen's Birthday 16/34.1	Clerk	Complete form for Community Grant
Defibrillator 16/61.1	MW	Advise Heartbeat Trust to go ahead
Village Maintenance 16/62.1	DW	Inform of litter-pick cancellation on website
Village Maintenance 16/36.1	RG	Speak to Friends of Holcot regarding poles around grass verge
Police Matters 16/37.1	KB/DW	KB to give two paragraphs regarding HGV results/monitoring and the Parish Constable, and DW to put on website
Planning 16/64.1	Clerk	Inform Daventry DC that there have been no comments regarding Mead House
Highways 16/65.1	KB	Contact Highways regarding white lines on Poplars Lane
The White Swan 16/66.1	RS	Provide paperwork for protection measures
Village Seat 16/41.1	RG	Order Seat
Lighting 16/70.1	MW	Ask EON for updated survey
Northampton North SUE 16/73.1	DW	Promote survey on website
Northampton North SUE 16/73.2	Clerk	Write letter along with completed survey expressing PC concerns.

		Send draft to RS before sending.
Footpaths 16/49.1	Clerk	Follow up on Holcot - Walgrave footpath
Playing Field 16/76.1	Clerk	Inform Wicksteed of broken roundabout
Playing Field 16/76.2	Clerk	Ask Wicksteed to come out for inspection
Playing Field 16/76.3	DW	Inform Friends of Holcot about backs of the goals