MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOLCOT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20TH APRIL 2015

1. ApologiesD George, P Scordellis

Present: P Pomeroy, M Wilson, D Walker, R Hawkins, B Coles, R Gunnett A Carter, J Shepherd K Winter (Clerk)

3 members of the public

- 2. Declarations of Interest: None
- 3. Minutes of Last Meetings

Minutes agreed and signed.

Proposed: D Walker; seconded: M Wilson

4 Matters Arising:

The geese have gone onto the farm pond

The glass on the playing field has been cleared.

Report on the speed watch will be on the next agenda

The dog fouling posters will be erected. It was agreed to pay £17 for clips.

Councillor Shepherd will come back on who is responsible for road signs.

5 Councillor's report

Councillor Shepherd stated that she had an empowering fund of £7000.

She also reported on the new generation County Council and that there would be new offices in Angel Street and 12 existing offices would be closed.

Councillor Carter reported on the meeting concerning special constables.

6 Police Matters

No report

7 Planning

DA/2015/0252 – there were no objections to this application.

8 Lighting

Light 28 will be replaced.

The new lights have been included on Eon,s list.

The light in Poplars Lane willk be investigated.

9 New Residents Pytchley Cottage

10 Election

Councillor Gunnett reported that there are 9 nominations for the Parish Council and that there will be an election. Thanks were expressed to Councillors George, Pomeroy and Coles who are standing down. The letter from Councillor George was noted.

Councillor Hawkins felt the decision to put a 150 word resume from each candidate in the newsletter was wrong.

Councillor Pomeroy felt there should be publicity.

It was proposed that there should be information in the newsletter.

Proposed R Gunnett; seconded M Wilson.

This was passed on a vote of 5 in favour and 1 against.

11 Vacancy for Parish Clerk

It was agreed to leave this issue to be considered by the new council

Web Site

There had bee 3000 hits on the web site.

13 NNSUE

No report

14 Village Hall

No report

15 Footpaths

The report from Councillor Pomeroy was circulated.

Mr Burrell provided figures about providing a footpath. He suggested this could be done in phases starting with a grass path the cutting of which would be paid for by the Parish Council

The Park Landscape quote for cutting was circulated..

Councillor Gunnett felt the costs would be too high and that the Parish Council could go no further with this.

Councillor Shepherd stated that there was no money in Highways budget for this kind of project. She also stated that there was no qualification for school transport.

Mr Burrell felt that money was always the reason for not doing anything.

It was proposed that the Parish Council take this matter no further.

Proposed R Gunnett; seconded R Hawkins.

This was agreed unanimously.

16 Playing Field

The apparatus will be installed at the end of April The installation will be supervised.

17 Friends of Holcot

The work of the friends is making a difference.

The jitty has been tidied and a raised bed built.

The Scool site has been tidied.

Work has continued on the Washbrook.

There have been positive comments about the work being done.

18 Corre4spondence

None

19 Finance

Current account 1746.41 + 4813

Deposit account 7992.65

Invoices

100788	Eon	255.55
100789	Eon	103.56
100790	Xmas lights	115.00
100791	Room Hire	56.00

Proposed M Wilson; seconded R Hawkins

20 Councillors Comments

None

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 18th May 2015

The meeting closed at 9.20pm