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Minutes of the Meeting of Holcot Parish Council
held on Monday 20 November 2017 at 7.30p.m. in the Church Rooms, Main Street,
Holcot, NN6 9SP

Councillors Present: D Walker, K Buckle, R Gunnett, R Hawkins, M Wilson,
P Scordellis, J Fountain
Clerk: L Callan
Public: Mr E O'Leary

- 17/217 **Apologies:** Cllr Middleton sent apologies due to illness, which the council approved.
- 17/218 **Public address to the council:** No public address.
- 17/219 **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 October were approved and signed.
- 17/220 **To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda:** No declarations of interest.
- 17/221 **Matters Arising:** No matters arising.
- 17/222 **New Parishioners:** No new parishioners.
- 17/223 **Review actions not covered elsewhere:**

16/154.1	RG	Pursue nature reserve access and concessions (in abeyance) Pending
17/108.2	KB	Review Standing Orders Pending
17/135.2	PS/DW	Consult residents on Back Lane junction design when plans available Covered on agenda. New Action created.
17/141.1	JF	Send Cllr Walker words for website re: volunteers for youth club Cllr Fountain will chase Andie Merrey
17/142.1	NM	Install bin at bus stop Pending
17/176.1	Clerk	Housing Needs on November agenda Completed
17/178.1	JF	Confirm new resident names Completed
17/178.2	Clerk	Contact Future Housing re: Tithe Close Completed. Future Housing informed the clerk that an individual would need a connection to the area such as work or a next of kin living in the area.
17/203.1	Clerk	Write letter of support on behalf of parishioner to

		DDC, regarding social housing Completed
17/205.1	Clerk	Find out rules regarding removal of disconnected street light Completed. Covered under item 17/235
17/205.2	Clerk	Write to Mrs Dymond – Telephone message left on 18 October, as the clerk did not have an address
17/206.1	Clerk	Email DDC re: no objections to planning applications Completed
17/211.1	PS	Issue list of pole locations Completed
17/211.2	Clerk	Report wobbly gate Completed
17/211.3	NM	Remove gate sign on Sywell Road in the spring Pending

The following 3 items were moved forward on the agenda.

17/228 **Northampton North SUE & NNOR:** Cllr Scordellis met with Chris Wragg of Highways recently, to discuss the objection to the proposed junction where the NNOR would meet the C91 Moulton-Holcot road. Cllr Scordellis was informed that since there are several locations where the NNOR will cross existing minor roads or farm tracks, Highways will hold detailed conversations with the relevant Parish Councils. The report to the NCC Cabinet on the NNOR consultation was due to be made public early November, but this has now been delayed due to a very large response to the consultation. The report is expected in January.

17/230 **Traffic Management and Road Safety:** There have been four collisions in the village during the past month.

The Council discussed the plans provided by Highways for the Back Lane/ Moulton Rd and Poplars Lane/Walgrave Rd junctions. The council agreed for Cllr Scordellis and Cllr Walker to organise a consultation with the residents on Back Lane regarding the proposals for traffic calming measures. **Action 17/230.1** The council agreed that a consultation for Poplars Lane wasn't necessary as the proposal is in-line with that advised previously and discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Scordellis reported that Highways have refused to let the council use the VASID sign in areas outside the built-up area of the village, due to the health and safety grounds of the potential risk to those putting up the devices. Regarding designs of the faceplates for use inside the built-up area, Highways were unhappy that some aspects did not meet regulations, therefore leading to a legal liability issue for the council in the event of an incident. There will be a 3-way meeting to include Jill from the manufacturers, to identify alternative solutions.

There are currently 9 existing poles in the village that can be used for the VASID sign. There are an additional 7 poles needed to cover the village. Councillors will contact immediate residents to ask if they have any issues with a pole being placed outside their house. Each councillor will ask residents in their sector. **Action 17/230.2**

17/233 **Village Hall:** The project to build a storage room extension to the Village Hall with an extended solar-panelled roof has reached a position where progress is difficult. The council didn't have any advice to offer.

- 17/224 **Correspondence:** to agree response/action to correspondence received.
1. Gary Wright - invite for community speed watch. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Gary Wright to inform him that Holcot is willing to take part again. Cllr Walker will ask for a co-ordinator volunteer via the website. The clerk will act as co-ordinator in the meantime. **Action 17/224.1**
 2. Chief Constable Simon Edens - response to letter regarding reducing speed limits in Holcot. The NCC is accountable according to the Chief Constable. The council agreed to appeal to NCC. Cllr Scordellis will prepare a letter to send to the clerk. **Action 17/224.2**
- 17/225 **Village Design Statement:** Cllr Gunnett met with Cllr Walker to go through the document, and to update it would be a much bigger task than expected. Cllr Gunnett proposed that he and Cllr Walker organise a brief summary for parishioners, and ask parishioners to get involved in reviewing the two design pages of the VDS at a public meeting. Subsequent to this the VDS will be issued for formal consultation. The council agreed to the proposal. Cllr Walker will inform residents via the website. **Action 17/225.1**
- 17/226 **Housing Needs:** The council considered this again and came to the conclusion there are no housing needs in the village that require specific action. **Action 17/226.1**
- 17/227 **Planning:** to consider the following planning application:
- a) DA/2017/0925
Two storey side extension
12, Moulton Road, Holcot NN6 9SH
- The council had no comments regarding the above application. The clerk will write to Daventry D.C. **Action 17/227.1**
- 17/229 **Playing Field:**
The Friends of Holcot Playing Field now have a bank account, and are now able to apply for funding. Cllr Fountain and the Clerk presented a plan of the proposed playing field improvements.
- There will be a Christmas Fayre on Sunday 10 December between 1400-1800. Plans are coming along nicely, there will be over 20 stalls, a Santa's Grotto, mulled wine, prosecco and mince pies for sale, a raffle and more.
- The clerk will contact Richard Page to ask if it is possible to use his field for parking during the event. **Action 17/229.1**
- 17/231 **Footpath:** A donation has been received from the Holcot Hobble, and an invoice has been sent to the Ramblers.
- 17/232 **Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch:** The council are urging residents to keep doors and windows locked after a house was broken into on Back Lane recently, resulting in a car being stolen. Cllr Walker will put a reminder on the website. **Action 17/232.1**
- 17/234 **Website and Communications:** The next newsletter is due out in January. No website issues.

17/235

Lighting: The clerk was asked to find out the rules regarding the disconnected light on Moulton Road. Dave Mooney from EON informed the clerk that there was no timescale to remove the equipment. A quote was sent for the disconnection of the overhead supply to pole bracket, and to remove the pole bracket and lantern. The council agreed to leave the disconnected light as it is.

Cllr Wilson approached the council about the possibility of receiving an interest free loan to upgrade the street lighting from mercury vapour lamps to LED units. Grendon Council are making £900 savings each year by installing LED street lighting funded by Salix. Wilson worked out that the council could save around £900 per year by upgrading. Cllr Wilson and the clerk will liaise and send out letters to Salix Finance to find out more about the interest free loan, and Aylesbury Lighting and EON asking for an updated price on the upgrade. **Action 17/235.1**

Cllr Buckle will ensure that the Council has the requisite powers to borrow funds. **Action 17/235.2**

FINANCIAL CONTROL

17/236

Finance: the payments below were approved, and the cheques were signed.

Cheque No. 100934	Lisa Callan	Salary November	£187.84
Cheque No. 100935	Park Landscapes	Mowing August – November	£1260.00
Cheque No. 100936	David Walker	Wreath for Menin Gate	£18.50

Income received since the last meeting:
£431.36 County Cllr Grant for Playing Field
£8750 second precept instalment
£1388.40 Holcot Hobble footpath donation

Business Account balance: £8000.64
Current Account actual balance: £20202.31
Outstanding Cheques: £2510.31
Current Account available balance £17692.00

17/237

Draft Budget 2018/19: The draft budget was considered. The final budget and precept figure will be finalised at the January meeting.

NEXT AGENDA

17/238

Agenda: Budget 2018/19.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

17/239

The next meeting will take place on Monday 15 January 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

16/154.1	RG	Pursue nature reserve access and concessions (in abeyance)
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17/108.2	KB	Review Standing Orders
17/141.1	JF	Send Cllr Walker words for website re: volunteers for youth club
17/142.1	NM	Install bin at bus stop
17/211.3	NM	Remove gate sign on Sywell Road in the spring
17/224.1	Clerk/DW	Respond to community speed watch invite/Ask for volunteer on website
17/224.2	PS	Write letter of appeal to David Grindley, NCC
17/225.1	DW/RG	Organise brief VDS summary and post on website, meeting of parishioners to review.
17/226.1	Clerk	Write to NCC advising of housing needs decision.
17/227.1	Clerk	Contact DDC regarding DA/2017/0925 (no comments)
17/229.1	Clerk	Contact Richard Page regarding parking for Christmas Fayre
17/230.1	PS/DW	Organise Back Lane Consultation
17/230.2	ALL	Contact residents in each sector to ask about VASID poles
17/232.1	DW	Post on website reminding residents to keep doors locked
17/235.1	MW/Clerk	Write letters to Salix, EON & Aylesbury Lighting
17/235.2	KB	Ensure that the Council has the requisite powers to borrow funds