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MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 24th May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Back Lane, Main St, Holcot, Northampton

Public Present: 27 including Councillors - Cllr D Walker, Cllr C Ferguson, Cllr P Scordellis, Cllr C Bailey, Cllr T Hewitt, Cllr P Matthews, Cllr C Heasman

Northants Police: PCSO Kev Lumbis

West Northants Council: Moulton Ward Cllr Mike Warren

Meeting Chaired by Cllr David Walker
Minutes taken & prepared by Clerk

- Cllr Walker introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting, confirming this was a meeting for the electorate of Holcot to have their say. He said that the meeting should be interactive.
- Apologies received from Cllr Bonsor

PCSO Kev Lumbis

Kev Lumbis is one of 4 officers based in Brixworth, covering 38 towns and villages. The crimes stats for Holcot are low and across the district, crime levels are good. There are fewer burglaries due to more people being at home since the pandemic.

He took questions and points from the floor.

- Report of theft of a catalytic converter. The police slow in responding.
- Reported stolen car outside his house, which was later moved and found parked in a layby on Sywell Road. Again, police slow in responding.

- Discussion about Holcot being a rat run. The traffic front and back of Back Lane is increasing. The price for traffic calming has increased substantially since first proposal. Car Boot. Cllr Warren reported that the Northampton North orbital is now be considered again.
- Noisy vehicles along Sywell Road, eg following motor show at Sywell. Requests sound monitoring.
- Back lane traffic is a serious issue. Signs are covered by overgrown foliage. Frustration in parish is high. WNC Highways are not offering much support.
- Overall, police support for the rural community is not great.

PCSO Lumbis responded to the above.

PCSO left some burglary packs and contact information out for attendees to help themselves. The annual report form Daventry & Rural Neighbourhood Teams is appended.

The Chair thanked PCSO Lumbis for attending, and for everything he and his colleagues do. The meeting applauded.

- The minutes from Annual Parish Meeting 17th May 2022 were accepted and signed by Chair.
- Chair presented gave a brief summary from his report. The report is appended.
- Clerk read out the finance report for the year detailing expenditure and income and welcomed questions. Finance report is appended.
- Moulton Ward Councilor Mike Warren gave a brief summary on key points throughout the year. Full report is appended.

Other points from Council and floor:

The settings of the VASID's to that of vehicle speedometer.

Chicane on Sywell Road original cost £25k now increased to approximately £40k.

Have a temporary fixture in place for traffic calming whilst waiting for permanent fixture.

Climate Change working group being formed by Cllr Heasman

Defibrillator training in village hall 8th June

Mole infestation – parish council should spend money on control if not Highways. Cllr Walker said that the Council had not accepted that they should take liability on behalf of the Parish.

Cllr Warren informed all that Holcot are very much on the radar of WNC regarding traffic, HGV's etc

Suggest path be made from the grass verges outside of the village. **Action: Clerk to add to July Parish Council agenda**

Poppy Wreath replacement

Road Signs by hospital bungalows being ignored.

Pavements along Main Street eroded. Highways have to prioritize repairs at road junctions.

Action : Cllr Scordellis to discuss. Clerk to add to agenda of July Parish Council meeting.

The tree on Back Lane still needs attention and responsibility identified. **Action : Cllr Warren to support**

Traffic lights at Crossroads – this is not viable.

Cllr Bailey thanked Cllr Walker for chairing the meeting.

Cllr Walker thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the meeting. He invited attendees to contact him or the clerk with ideas for the format of future Annual Parish Meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

REPORTS FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Chair, Finance, Cllr Mike Warren, Daventry & Rural Neighbourhood Teams, Planning

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Chair's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting – 24 May 2023

Thank you everyone for coming along this evening – if you don't know me, I am David Walker and I'm the Chair of the Parish Council.

Today's meeting is important for the Parish Council as it allows us to meet and discuss with parishioners the work of the Parish Council and to celebrate our lives in Holcot. In the next few minutes I will outline what has happened in Holcot since the last Annual Parish Meeting, some of our successes and challenges, as well as provide a summary of what else has happened in Holcot that is outside the Parish Council's direct control but contributes to the quality of life that we hopefully all enjoy.

I will also endeavour to dust down my crystal ball again and suggest what I expect to be the top challenges over the next 12 months. There is a written report which will be available on the parish website, so I will talk to the main points rather than read verbatim. I have kept the format as previous years.

At this point I would like to introduce the Parish Councillors to the meeting;

Councillor	Sector responsibility
Peter Matthews	Main St/Farm Close/Walgarth Court
David Walker	Back Lane/Brittens View
Caroline Ferguson	Moulton Rd/Tithe Close
Chris Bailey	Sywell Rd/Ivy Farm/Sunny Bank
Charlie Heasman	All outlying properties
Phil Scordellis	Rectory Lane/Beelhook/Walgrave Rd
Tony Hewitt	Brixworth Rd/Glebe Close
James Bonsor	Poplars Lane/Winsland Court

Each of the Councillors has a “sector responsibility” for part of the Parish, with the Councillor for your sector being your principal point of contact. As far as possible the sectors are aligned to the Councillor’s own home. Contact details for Councillors are on the Parish Council page on the website.

Councillors also have a portfolio responsibility for taking the lead on a number of subjects – for instance Phil is responsible for road safety, Chris for Police Matters, Charlie for climate change and environment and so on. The full list of portfolio responsibilities is on the [Parish Council page](#) on the website.

Tony and Charlie have been co-opted to the Council since the last Annual Parish Meeting. I would like to thank Trudi Townsend and Kathryn Bourner, who resigned during the year, and of course all Councillors for everything they do.

The last person to mention in relation to the Parish Council is our Parish Clerk, Ruby Cole. Ruby’s job is to manage the activities of the Parish Council on a day-to-day basis. It is a role that is far beyond that of an employee as I am sure that you appreciate. Thank you, Ruby, for your service over the last year. If you ever want to get in touch with the Parish Council, Ruby is first point of contact clerk@holcotvillage.co.uk.

When we look at the activities over the last year, I will draw a distinction between the activities of the Parish Council itself and of the Parish as a whole. I haven't listed everything, but here goes.

Some key activities

- **Road safety** – We continue to hold road safety as our number 1 priority and it is a continual focus of the Parish Council. Cllr Phil Scordellis leads on this activity, and I am hugely grateful for his diligence and the massive effort that I know this takes. With the recently announced dualling of the A43 to the Holcot roundabout we will need to redouble our efforts I imagine.

You will know from newsletters and the website that we have a number of outstanding road safety related changes – the Sywell Road chicane being primary. The Parish Council have recently escalated the lack of progress with Highways activity with the appropriate Director at West Northamptonshire Council. WNC launched with a fanfare their new contract with Kier last year, but we are still unable to make progress with the chicane or our smaller initiatives. We strive for progress.

The transit of HGVs exceeding 7.5t through Holcot continues. Last year we held another survey day for 12 hours which demonstrated, again, that this problem persists. Without effective policing in some form the Brixworth Road-Sywell Road route will continue as the north-Northampton ring road for many HGVs. WNC are expecting to have ANPR capability to monitor roads and we're pushing for that to be deployed to make the route less attractive for HGV drivers and owners. Additionally, one of the outstanding tasks for WNC Highways is better signage.

To give an indication of the scale of the speeding problem we use the VASIDs. They record data as vehicles approach (and the message is displayed) but also as vehicles travel away from the display. Here is the summary of the most recent results at each location.

Overview - VASID results

Road	Location, facing	Direction	Dates	V85	Speed violations%	Max speed
Brixworth Road	Opposite Glebe Close, facing crossroads	Arriving	3/2-4/4/23	30	12	77
		Departing		30	12	60
		Arriving	13/4-23/5/23	30	14	76
		Departing		30	13	97
Brixworth Road	Opposite Glebe Close, facing causeway	Arriving	4-14/10/22	35	35	78
		Departing		41	81	85
		Arriving	21/9-26/9/22	35	33	79
		Departing		40	77	86
Main Street	Outside Church Room, facing crossroads	Arriving	21/10-6/12/22	22	0.2	41
		Departing		24	0.7	43
		Arriving	16/10-21/11/19	24	1	53
		Departing		25	1	47
Moulton Road	Next to footpath, facing MOULTON	Arriving	15/12/18-8/1/19	29	11	60
		Departing		31	17	63
		Arriving	6-19/6/19	29	10	62
		Departing		34	28	78
Moulton Road	Next to footpath, facing CROSSROADS	Arriving	6/2-9/3/20	28	4	48
		Departing		27	4	55
		Arriving	31/5/21-26/8/21	28	5	57
		Departing		28	5	59
Moulton Road (new VASID)	Opposite allotments facing Moulton	Arriving	4/8-21/9/22	43	65	88
		Departing		48	91	90
		Arriving	9/4-23/5/23	43	65	80
		Departing		48	91	95
Sywell Road	Opposite Back Lane, facing Sywell	Arriving	18/3/22-15/4/22	32	21	56
		Departing		35	51	73
		Arriving	9/2/22-18/3/22	31	19	57
		Departing		35	50	67
Walgrave Road	Half-way along on northern side, facing Walgrave	Arriving	6/12/2022-9/1/2023	24	0	38
		Departing		24	1	38
		Arriving	29/5-5/6/19	25	0	40
		Departing		25	0	41

V85 = 85% of traffic is travelling under/at this speed

Arriving = heading toward front of VASID

Departing = heading away from VASID

You will notice that there are some roads where there are severe speed violations. This information is a major contributor to the focus of our speed-related decisions. We are in the process of determining whether we can get external funding for another solar-powered VASID.

You will have seen in a newsletter that we have *in principle* agreement from the Police to have a 20-mph zone in the centre of Holcot. You may recall that in 2016/2017 we were vigorously pursuing a policy to reduce speed limits to 20mph in the village and 30/40mph across much of the Parish, but despite a robust case this was refused by the authorities. We hope that we will now be able to make a proposal to the Speed Limit Review Panel that will be acceptable, bringing posted limits for most of the village to 20mph, as well as reducing limits elsewhere. Simply posting reduced limits does not necessarily change driver behaviour of course, this proposal is intrinsically linked to making the further road safety engineering improvements I mention elsewhere.

We will be running a Speedwatch campaign again this year. We don't have confirmed dates but we expect end-June/early-July - we will ask Parishioners to spare an hour or two when we know. This is a critical part of raising speed awareness with drivers, demonstrating community engagement with the issue, and showing the extent of speeding.

Lastly, we hope to have additional road safety funds available in the future, generated by the building work along the A43. The Parish Council have prepared a priority list of road safety engineering proposals, which we hope to be able to bring forward once funding is confirmed by WNC. Measures to reduce speeds on the approach to Holcot from Moulton and a chicane for Brixworth Road are two of the proposals. With regard to funding, the Parish Council have earmarked an additional £2k for road safety.

- **Lighting improvement** – Our fixed price electricity contract until 2025 has insulated us to recent electricity price increases. We also recognise the climate change impact of older technologies.

The Parish Council upgraded to LED five more older lamps last financial year – the remaining 4 older lamps will be upgraded as soon as funding is available, expected in next financial year. This will mean that we have a modern efficient lighting estate when we negotiate our electricity contract for 2025 onwards.

- **Climate Change and the environment** – the Parish Council do not knowingly take decisions that adversely affect the climate. For example, our decisions around LED lighting and tree planting are driven by helping reduce our impact. We do know that there is probably a lot more the Parish could do to make a positive impact on climate change, and consequently we are setting up a working group of parishioners to determine ideas for actions that the community can take. If you haven't already offered to get involved, please contact Charlie Heasman.

- ***New defibrillator and training*** – the Parish Council purchased a second defibrillator, based at the village hall. CPR training has been organised for 8 June at 7:30pm in the village hall – book your free place with Ruby.

Some of the routine but important stuff

- ***The website*** – we continue to promote the use of the website as the best source of information about what is happening in the Parish. It is updated regularly so ***please*** subscribe to the site to receive email notifications of news items, and don't forget to email editor@holcotvillage.co.uk your news items or ideas of how the site could be improved or extended.
- ***The newsletter*** – Jenny Davis of Glebe Close is Editor - please continue to use it.
- ***Parish maintenance*** – groups of parishioners, "The friends of Holcot", continue to help with Parish maintenance activities. If you would like to get involved with the gardening or other maintenance activities on an occasional basis contact Ruby who will direct you to the organisers.

Some of the less routine, but no less important

- ***Queen Elizabeth II*** - Last year the world saw the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The Parish Council had made plans for 'Operation London Bridge' and I hope that you were pleased by the way we reacted quickly, and the formality we put into Holcot's activities. It was great to see that the condolence book stationed in the church was well used, flowers laid at the millennium stone, and events such as the laying of the wreath and reading of the Proclamation well-attended.

Governance and Financial Performance

I can report that the Parish Council have met formally 10 times since the last Annual Parish Meeting. Our governance conforms to the statutory requirements, and transparency is achieved through every meeting being a public forum and the website in particular.

Ruby will show to this meeting a summary of the financial performance of the Council for Financial Year 2022/23. For those that follow the budgetary and reforecast process on the website, you will have noticed that we spent around £3k less than the original budget, with income in-line with expectations. This is due to the budget process being one of "best estimates", some savings/non-spends, inclusion of ringfences, and timing differences (expenses occurring in FY2023/24 rather than FY2022/23).

Of note last year, major unplanned items of expenditure were the defibrillator and lighting upgrade. We have also increased the clerk's hours, and also hourly rate to reflect her good performance and progress towards being a qualified clerk.

For the past 6 years we have held the precept at £17,500 through careful budgeting and making savings wherever we can, whilst providing and paying for the services that Holcot needs. In the

budget discussions for the current financial year it was very apparent that we need to, reluctantly, increase the precept to £19,500. The increase is in-line with inflation.

Key budget items for 2023/24, excepting inflationary pressures, include road safety where provision has been made for the expected increase in costs for the Sywell Road chicane.

Financial year 2022/23

Balance brought forward from 31 March 2022	£18,898
<i>(rounded £)</i>	
<u>Income</u>	
Precept	£17,500
Other income incl VAT reclaimed	£2,847
Total Income	£20,347
<u>Expenditure incl VAT</u>	
Admin and communications (<i>Website/Newsletter/Audit/ Memberships/Training/General Admin</i>)	£2,483
Maintenance (<i>Mowing/Maintenance</i>)	£5,097
Projects	£3,179
Lighting	£3,039
Grants & Contributions (<i>Church/Village Hall/Clock</i>)	£2,500
Other (<i>Insurance/Allotment/Clerk Salary</i>)	£4,723
Total Expenditure	(£21,021)
Total Balances and reserves at 31 March 2023	<u>£18,225</u>

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Other Community activity

I promised that I would mention some of the other things that are not within the control of the Parish Council, but have contributed massively to the community.

- The Village Hall and Church Room are fantastic facilities – we are very lucky, and a huge amount of effort goes into looking after these amenities for the Parish;
- A group of Parishioners look after the defibrillators;
- The various clubs and societies that use the village hall and church room and local facilities.

- We are also fortunate to have the allotments which are used by many parishioners, and the Flower and Vegetable Show organised by the Village Hall is an important event, maintaining fantastic traditions;
- The Church organises events through the year, ranging from services to the annual carol singing.
- The annual Christmas dinner for our more senior citizens;
- The White Swan as a social hub, with music, open mics, quiz nights and other events; as well as charity and entertainment events organised by other groups.

Thank you again to everyone that has in any way supported these and of course all the other activities not mentioned.

Back to the Parish Council - What are some of the likely priorities of Parish Council over the next year or so?

This is guided by the Parish as a whole, but I suggest...

- We will continue to work through the various road safety issues. This is perennial. Dualling of A43 will have an impact, and during the planning phase we need to make assertive representations to minimise those.
- Continuing to maintain the parish.
- We will continue to contribute to planning activities, and the impacts of already approved plans.
- Continuing to build working relationships with West Northamptonshire Council, and providing our input to their ongoing strategy development as it evolves.
- Climate change and the environment – helping the working group consider our opportunities and consequent implementation.
- Devolution of services from WNC may come forward. We have no concept of what this might be.

There are lots of other things that the Parish Council will have to deal with of course – most of which we can't foresee. Parishioners are invited to every Parish Council meeting, so if you have ideas please don't hesitate to come along. It has been positive that, over the last year similarly to the previous year, more people are attending Parish Council meetings, making use of their '3 minutes' to speak to the Council and express opinions.

And finally...some last thankyou's

As I've talked I have thanked a lot of people, and there are loads more I probably should have thanked including officers and members at West Northamptonshire Council, the emergency services and community organisations that support the Parish as well as other individuals and organisations. There are too many to mention specifically, and some we probably don't realise how much they do for us!

Thank you everyone for listening.

David Walker

24 May 2023

FINANCE REPORTS

Year End Current Account Summary 31/03/2023				
Bank Current Account (Unity Trust Bank)				
	2021/22		2022/23	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Precept	17,500		17,500	
Mowing Grant	372		0	
Fundraising	1,166		0	
WNC - Asset Mapping Project	231		0	
Allotments	392		221	
VAT Reclaimed	5,116		2,152	
Other			457	
Total Income		24,777		20,330
Payments				
Administration/Communications	1,929		2,278	
Maintenance incl mowing	6,452		4,292	
Projects	1,622		2,725	
Lighting	5,930		2,668	
Other	567		783	
Clerk Salary	2,694		3,863	
S137 (Grants, Poppy Wreath)	2,781		2,523	
VAT	2,755		1,889	
Total Expenditure		24,729		21,021
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year		48		-691
Bank Reconciliation				
Balance brought forward 31.03.2021		10,874	Balance b/f 31.03.2022	10,857
Add Receipts		24,777		20,330
		35,651		31,187
Less Payments		<u>24,729</u>		<u>21,021</u>
Balance of Receipts & Payments		10,922		10,166
Unpresented Cheques		65		0
Bank Statement 31.03.2022		10,857	Bank Statement 31.03.2023	10,166

HOLCOT BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE 2022 - 2023

VAT INCLUDED IN FIGURES

Administration/Communications

Website	40	
Newsletter x 4	506	
Memberships - Northants Calc	694	
Admin - Payroll/Microsoft	142	
Parish clerk and Councillor training (£438.34 reclaimed)	894	
Bank Charges	72	
Administration - Hall Hire/Welcome Cards	89	
Stationery - Office/printer supplies	67	2504

Maintenance inc Mowing

Mowing	4458	
Maintenance - Telephone Box	39	
Playing Field - Inspection/Repairs	244	
Community Payback Scheme	241	4982

Projects

Defibrillator - 2nd at Village Hall/Maintenance	1954	
Community events - Jubilee Garden	537	
Community events - Queen Elizabeth II Memorial	266	
Community Events - Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Coins	337	
Community Events - Bulbs around Parish	200	3295

Lighting

LED Replacement 2 Brixworth Rd, 3 Main Street	1680	
Street Lights - Electricity SSE - Contract fixed until 2025	1140	
Street Lights - Maintenance EON 32 Loghts Total	219	3039

Other

Allotments - Rent/Water Supply	309	
Insurance	502	811

Clerk Salary

Clerk Salary	3863	3863
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S137/Grants/Poppy Wreath

Village Hall	1100	
Church/Clock	1400	
Poppy Wreath	27	2527

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Year End Savings Account Summary 31/03/2023				
Bank Savings Account (Barclays Bank)				
	2021/22		2022/23	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Interest June	0.20		0.61	
Interest September	0.20		2.48	
Interest December	0.20		4.48	
Interest March	0.20		9.99	
Total Income		0.80		17.56
Payments				
Total Expenditure	0.00		0.00	
Bank Reconciliation				
Balance brought forward 31.03.2021		8,040.50	Balance b/f 31.03.2022	8,041.30
Add Receipts		0.80		17.56
		<u>8,041.30</u>		<u>8,058.86</u>
Less Payments		0.00		0.00
Balance of Receipts & Payments		8,041.30		8,058.86
Bank Statement 31.03.2022		8,041.30	Bank Statement 31.03.2023	8,058.86
TOTAL FUNDS IN BOTH ACCOUNTS 31/03/23				
Unity Trust	£10,166.24			
Barclays	£8,058.86			
	TOTAL	£18,225.10		

Cllr Mike Warren.

Annual Report.

Year 2 of the new WNC and another challenging year harmonising the previous 4 legacy councils and all the various differing polices.

DDC's old building in Lodge Road, Daventry has now closed.

This is part of the rationalisation of assets held by the council.

The Planning Dept at Daventry has now moved to the Council Offices in Towcester

Changes to Planning

WNC has now voted through changes to the Planning Committee structure

It is reducing the number of area planning committees from 3 to 2, A North and a South planning committee.

Moulton will be covered by the North committee, and this will sit in Northampton.

One of the biggest issues for us locally and across the whole of West Northants is Potholes, hopefully there is some light at the end of this dark tunnel

WNC has been awarded additional funds of £1.8M from Central Government to help fix the potholes in the WNC area.

This is in addition to an extra £1M put into the budget by WNC for the coming year.

We are also investing in new equipment – A Pothole Pro (JCB) machine, and a further Thermal Repair machine, which will make us more efficient thereby delivering more repairs.

Some of the Highlights for us this year

We have worked to continue to support people coming to the UK as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

There have been over 400 generous sponsors across West Northants, who between them have welcomed around 700 guests.

We announced the new Highways contract with Kier which commenced in September 2022. We increased investment to the service by more than £1million per year and we also put in place our own contract management team to monitor performance.

Northamptonshire formally established its new statutory Integrated Care System on 1 July. This was a new legal requirement not just for our county, but for the whole of England across 42 local areas. An integrated care system is a partnership of local health and care organisations that come together to plan and deliver joined-up services and to improve the health of people who live and work in the area. Our integrated care system is called Integrated Care Northamptonshire.

It replaces and builds upon the partnership work undertaken over the last few years by Northamptonshire Health and Care Partnership. This has subsequently led to the establishment of Local Area Partnerships across West Northants, a pioneering approach that has for the first time brought together council, health, police, and other services to identify and meet the specific needs of local communities.

The council has budgeted for a new 250-place school for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

The Council will convert an empty facility in Tiffield near Towcester into a SEND school for

children aged four to 18. The unit will cater for children who are on the autistic spectrum (ASC) and have speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN), and also those with severe learning difficulties (SLD). The plans come in addition to a £1.1 million expansion and the creation of 50 new specialist places at Hunsbury Park Primary School, which was given the go ahead earlier last year.

Several further school extensions to increase SEND capacity have subsequently opened or are currently under construction.

Daventry Country Park, Abington Park, Bradlaugh Fields and Delapre Park have all retained their Green Flag Awards. There are plans to work towards achieving similar accolades for Towcester's Water Meadows and Hunsbury Country Park.

Ward Boundary Changes

Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) released its proposals for new Council electoral boundaries, with draft recommendations for 76 members to represent 35 wards across West Northamptonshire.

The report of the Boundary Commission recommends 35 wards across WNC. This is an increase of 4 wards. There will however be a reduction of councillors from the current 93 to 76. There will be seven 1 councillor wards, fifteen 2 councillor wards and thirteen 3 councillor wards. The Final recommendations will be published on 1 August 2023 and these will be the recommendations which will come into force for the 2025 election.

What does this mean for Holcot

The new Moulton Ward, which did consist of 12 villages, will be reduced to 4 Boughton, Pitsford, Moulton and Overstone and will still be represented by 3 councillors. The villages north of Moulton move to a new ward which is proposed to be called Walgrave & East Farndon and represented by 1 councillor. The villages west of Boughton will be moved to a new ward called Long Buckby and represented by 2 Councillors.

Thank you for your continued support for WNC, my colleagues and myself, please do not hesitate to contact any of us if there is anything we can help you with.

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Annual Report March 2023

The Daventry Neighbourhood Policing team cover a large geographical area with different demands for the rural areas and within the main town. We have an experienced and committed team on NPT, we have seen some staff movement within the area over the last 12 months. We have welcomed Sgt Greg Harrison, PC's Chris Bates and Lee Stevens to the Brixworth office and PC Harris Woodward to Daventry town. Collectively they bring with them a wealth of community Policing experience, they have been busy right from the start in getting to know their local communities and tackle issues in their respective areas.

Our Locally identified priorities are reviewed quarterly and are now an embedded feature of our daily business. We are seeing some consistent themes in the issues identified, road safety, rural crime and acquisitive crime have individually featured in every LIP period over the last 12 months, as such we have focused our activity towards tackling these issues. We have utilised Police off road motorcycles to tackle illegal off road motorcycling at Harlestone Firs and Brampton Valley Way. If you would like to contribute to the LIPs by taking the survey please follow this link: <https://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk/LocallyIdentifiedPriorities>

We continue to work closely with West Northants Council to address the ongoing issue of 'street racers' meeting at Moulton and DIRFT. We are in the process of applying for a County wide injunction to prevent such meetings taking place and hope that this will be in place soon. We have also carried out warrants under the misuse of drugs and prosecuted those that control drug dealing in the area.

The beat buses are now a regular feature for us and the villages on our area, we promote these dates on our social media and these events are a great way to speak with your local Officers about any issues that may be arising. Look out for dates (and much more) on Twitter [@DaventryPolice](https://twitter.com/DaventryPolice) / [Twitter](https://twitter.com/DaventryPolice) or Facebook www.facebook.com/daventrysouthnorthantspolice/

We recommend that people residing and working within our communities sign up to **Neighbourhood Alert**. This is an email messaging system that all Schools, Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch and community members can join. In registering your email address you will receive up-to-date information regarding crimes, policing activity, crime prevention advice and much more. This system is a two-way process and offers you a chance to respond to information provided as appropriate. If the majority of the community sign up then we can create a virtual network of additional eyes and ears, watching out for suspicious activity, looking out for vulnerable friends, family and neighbours and receiving information about local events and activities that can help alleviate fear of crime and promote a safe and secure lifestyle. You can join the Neighbourhood Alert Messaging System by following this link: www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk

We are currently seeing that a lot of our time is dedicated towards dealing with online crimes, perpetrated by children on either social media, or other such platforms. The vast majority of these involve children of school age.

We have carried out numerous online safety talks at Schools but despite this, children continue to frequently share intimate images with their fellow students. It appears that many school children continue to be unaware that the sending of indecent or malicious communications on social media or other platforms such as Instagram, WhatsApp, Snap Chat (and many others) can be classed as criminal offences. We encourage parents to take an active overview of the chat groups that their children join and to monitor their on-line activity.

We work closely with our Rural Crime Team and you can follow their work via Twitter: @hutch472 & @NorPolRural.

Should you wish to discuss any particular issue that is of concern to you or meet a member of your Neighbourhood Policing Team then please contact either team via:

NT-SouthNorthantsdaventry@northants.pnn.police.uk

PLEASE DO NOT REPORT CRIMES VIA THIS EMAIL ADDRESS

Reporting an issue or crime to the Police can be made in a number of ways. This includes ringing 101 or online. Northants Police's new website offers a reporting system for:

- A road traffic incident
- Missing person – no immediate harm
- Terrorist activity
- Fingerprints appointments – this could be asked for when travelling abroad
- Hate Crime/ Incident

So that your report can be managed as quickly as possible, it's important to consider the following information and have it ready to provide:

- the date and time the crime happened
- the location, such as address or road name along with the town or village
- a description of any people involved
- the details of any witnesses or suspects
- if you think there's any other evidence such as forensic evidence or mobile phone footage
- if there is clear CCTV footage of the offence being committed

The above reporting tool can be reached via:

<https://www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

USEFUL LINKS

Northamptonshire Police Website: <http://www.northants.police.uk/>

Check if a vehicle is taxed or untaxed and report if necessary: <https://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax>

Matters related to driving: <http://think.direct.gov.uk/>

This link will provide you with useful information to help protect yourself from scams: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/>

Trading Standards – Advice and help for consumers: West Northants Trading

Standards Contact Crime Stoppers: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Fearless - a site where young people can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime:

<https://www.fearless.org/>

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch: www.ourwatch.org.uk

Report to West Northants Council - Fly tipping, dog fouling, Litter, noise pollution and other issues: WestNorthants Council

Advice on boundary disputes with neighbours:

<https://www.ricsfirms.com/residential/legal-issues/boundaries/rics-consumer-guide-boundary-disputes/>

Thank you from Daventry & Rural Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Planning Applications Holcot Parish Council to 31st March 2023

<p>Application No: WND/2023/0005</p> <p>25 January 2023</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Moulton Lodge, Moulton Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SH</p> <p>Full Planning. Installation of 70 ground mounted solar panels to produce 26.25kw solar panel array</p> <p>Support March 2023 Approved April 2023</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2023/0092</p> <p>20 February 2023</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Moulton Lodge, Moulton Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SH</p> <p>Full Planning. Construction of agricultural building</p> <p>No Objection March 2023 Approved April 2023</p>
<p>Application No: 2022/5081/COND</p> <p>5 October 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Land at North Farm, Holcot Road, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7QN</p> <p>Conditions Discharge. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission DA/2020/0487 (Construction of detached dwelling with garage & stables together with formation of access drive, hard & soft landscaping), to omit the stable block & reposition the garage, add two additional bedrooms within the previous garage area, addition of a gym & plant room, revision to the drive & repositioning of the garden area- Discharge of condition 8</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2022/0763</p> <p>12 September 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Holcot Village Hall, Back Lane, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SL</p> <p>Full Planning: Single storey rear extension</p> <p>Support September 2022 Approved November 2022</p>

<p>Application No: WND/2022/0719</p> <p>24 August 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>The Hawthorns, Sywell Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SN</p> <p>Full Planning. Demolition of garage. Construction of two storey side extension (revised scheme) No Objection September 2022 Approved October 2022</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2022/0676</p> <p>11 August 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>1 Farm Close, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SG</p> <p>Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed). Lawful development certificate proposed for a single storey rear extension</p> <p>Approved October 2022</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2022/0524</p> <p>11 June 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Windrush, Sywell Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SN</p> <p>Full Planning. Construction of new access, opening and parking area to serve existing dwelling No Comment July 2022 Approved July 2022</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2022/0460</p> <p>15 June 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>The Hawthorns, Sywell Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SN</p> <p>Demolition of garage, construction of two storey side extension and timber clad to existing dwelling No Objection June 2022 Approved October 2022</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2022/0399</p> <p>26 May 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>3, Brixworth Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SJ</p> <p>Construction of vehicular access</p> <p>Support June 2022 Approved July 2022</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2022/0430</p> <p>26 May 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p> <p>Appeal – January 2023 APP/W2845/D/22/3306306 Planning Inspectorate</p>	<p>32, Moulton Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SH</p> <p>Demolition of existing single storey rear extension. Construction of two storey side and rear extension and single storey front extension (revised scheme). Support June 2022 Refused July 2022</p> <p>Allowed March 2023</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2022/0380</p> <p>23 May 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Sargeants Yard, Sywell Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SN</p> <p>Render finish to cover defects in brickwork</p> <p>No Objection June 2022 Approved July 2022</p>

<p>Application No: WND/2022/0270</p> <p>19 April 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision Appeal – March 2023 APP/W2845/W/22/3312683 Planning Inspectorate</p>	<p>Holcot Showground, Sywell Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire</p> <p>Use of land for car boot sales and associated parking on Sundays between 1st April and 31 October each year, in addition to the already consented days (Thursdays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays) (resubmission).</p> <p>Objection & Comments May 2022 Refusal – With reasons June 2022</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2022/0256</p> <p>5 April 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Tithe Farm House , Moulton Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SH</p> <p>New garage</p> <p>Objection & Comments April 2022 Granted - With Conditions May 2022</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2022/0089</p> <p>23 February 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Rose Cottage, Brixworth Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SJ</p> <p>Construction of two storey side extension and new vehicular access</p> <p>No Objections - with comments March 2022 Granted - With Conditions May 2022</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2022/0070</p> <p>10 February 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>32, Moulton Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SH</p> <p>Single storey front/side extension and two storey side/rear extension</p> <p>No Objections February 2022 Granted - With Conditions April 2022</p>
<p>Application No: WND/2021/0928</p> <p>25 January 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Land at North Farm, Holcot Road, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7QN</p> <p>Variation of condition 2 of planning permission DA/2020/0487 (Construction of detached dwelling with garage & stables together with formation of access drive, hard & soft landscaping), to omit the stable block & reposition the garage, add two additional bedrooms within the previous garage area, addition of a gym & plant room, revision to the drive & repositioning of the garden area</p> <p>No Objections - with comments February 2022 Granted - With Conditions March 2022</p>

<p>Application No: WND/2021/0891</p> <p>6 January 2022</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Land Adj 42, Moulton Road, Holcot, Northamptonshire, NN6 9SH</p> <p>Construction of detached dwelling, landscape enhancements and associated works</p> <p>No Objections - with comments February 2022 Approved June 2022</p>
<p>Application No: DA/2020/0001</p> <p>9 January 2020 22 December 2021 Amended Plans</p> <p>Holcot Parish Council Decision West Northamptonshire Council Decision</p>	<p>Land To East Of Kettering Road, Overstone, Northamptonshire</p> <p>Outline application for an urban extension consisting of circa 1600 dwellings; a new section of A43 dual carriageway road; up to 5.95ha of commercial land, including: a local centre (Use Classes A1/A3/A5/D1), assisted living/residential care home (Class C2), conversion of former agricultural buildings to a community hub (Classes D1/A3) and employment (Classes B1/B2/B8); a new 2-form entry primary school; public open space, including allotments and children's play space; structural landscape planting; and associated infrastructure including drainage features and access (part access unreserved for the roundabout, employment site and construction accesses into the site off the A43). AMENDED</p> <p>Concerns & Observations Feb 2020 & Nov 2020</p> <p>Various Issues - Ongoing Ongoing</p>