

HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Date, Time and Location: 29 January 2018, 19.30 @ Holford & District Village Hall, Holford

Holford Parish Council		Initials (XX)	Attendance
Debbie Salvidge	Chairman	DS	✓
Chris Hayes	Vice Chairman	CH	✓
Hema Stanley	Clerk/RFO	HS	✓
Emma Cavendish		EC	✓
Emma Prince		EP	✓
Gareth Weed		GW	
Maureen Young		MY	✓
Terry Ayre		TA	
West Somerset District Councillors			
Susan Goss		SG	✓
Chris Morgan		CM	✓
Somerset County Councillor			
Hugh Davies		HD	
Police Community Support Officers			
Peter Bolton		PB	
Sue Thompson		ST	

Key Approvers (XX initials of member)

Proposed P:XX

Seconded S:XX

MINUTES

Holford & District Village Hall (HDVH) funding request.

Public consultation comments specifying support or objection to raising the funds via an increase in the Parish precept will be analysed and a decision made.

2 Consultation Letters:

- <http://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20180110-HDVH-Letter.pdf>
- <http://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/20180122-HDVH-Letter-2.pdf>

Alan Falkingham (AF) - HDVH Chairman

Chris Hayes (CH) – Acting Chairman

	Minute/Description	Approvers
1.	Minute 023/18: Apologies for absence. None reported	
2.	Minute 024/18: Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations. MY – Non-pecuniary – HDVH committee member. DS – Previously declared an interest but now no longer a HDVH committee member.	
3.	Minute 025/18: Public comments on agenda items only. Questions/comments from the public and answers to questions raised. 1. Will the parish council give the 10K loan money directly to the HDVH? CH/AF answered/explained regarding the loan money.	

No, the loan is to fund a payment to Viridor Waste management, under the 'Contributing Third Party' rules for grants from Viridor Credits, who will advance the £100k grant to HDVH

2. Is there an option to pay back the loan money early? If yes, what are the penalties.

Advice from UK DMO office:

Payback is not possible in the 1st year or last year of the borrowing period.

Guidance regarding the calculations applied to the premature repayment of a loan with the PWLB can be found on the below website:

<http://www.dmo.gov.uk/media/15233/fixed-early-repayment.pdf>

Cc: PWLB <Nilo.PWLB@dmo.gsi.gov.uk>
Date: Today 12:09 PM

Dear Hema,

Thank you very much for your call today.

First of all, I should explain that borrowing from the PWLB allows local authorities to share in the preferential rates at which the government may borrow, although PWLB new loan interest rates include a margin to ensure that government on-lending is not made at a loss.

When a loan is agreed with a local authority, it is funded by government borrowing in the gilt market over a matching period. However, whereas a local authority has the option to prematurely repay its loan, either in part or in full, a similar opportunity is not afforded to the government's borrowing and its matching loan must continue until the original maturity date.

Therefore, when any PWLB loan is settled early, a calculation is made to compare current interest rates over the remainder of the original period of the loan and the rate of interest that it would have received had the original loan continued to maturity. Where the current interest rate is higher a discount is calculated and where the rate is lower a premium is calculated.

Premature repayments are not permitted during the first and last year of a PWLB loan.

Details regarding the calculation of interest rates and the formula used to calculate a premature repayment of a loan are available on the DMO website using the link below:

<https://www.dmo.gov.uk/responsibilities/local-authority-lending-pwlb/technical-help/>

3. Disappointment in no public meeting to discuss the public works loan and precept increment.

Precept increment not fair, some people will pay more than others.

Precept increment doesn't cover rest of the hamlets who fall under the District.

Request for HDVH (AF) to write a letter to the hamlets on this matter.

4. Question asked what HDVH has done in terms of raising money for the cause and where the estimated figures come from.

AF – advised on the estimated figures from the Big Lottery company and where the different amounts of funding will come from.

5. Fair for the Parish Council to support the village hall. Kolve village given as an example.

6. Feeling of blackmail, lack of/late correspondence on the matter. Not enough time allowed for parishioners to make an informed decision.

General information not fairly distributed.

CH informed all Parish notices are displayed on the 2 Parish notice boards and on the Parish website <http://www.holford-pc.gov.uk>.

Apologised in the late distribution of some letters.

7. By when does the £10,000, 3rd party contribution have to be paid?

Any time: but the payment of the £10,000 must be made before the grant is drawn upon by HDVH.

	<p><i>HDVH COMMENT: So, realistically, although we plan to start building work in May/ June, the first invoices for that work will probably be in July / August. It could be even later as Viridor Credits is funding the main hall renovation work only - not the new build extensions.</i></p> <p>8. What happens to the £10,000, if the project doesn't go ahead? It would all be refunded to HPC</p> <p>9. What happens if HDVH doesn't need to claim the full £100,000? HPC can claim back a proportional amount of the £10k Contributing Third Party payment - e.g. if HDVH only needed to claim £90,000 of the £100,000 grant then HPC can claim back 10% of the £10,000 underspend = £1,000</p>									
4.	<p>Minute 026/18: Parish council comments.</p> <p>CH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged presence of public & their concerns & comments. • Read out some of the comments received. • Summarised numbers: <table data-bbox="414 896 766 1041" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Letters sent out</td> <td style="text-align: right;">142</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Replies received</td> <td style="text-align: right;">64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In favour</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not in favour</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16</td> </tr> </table> • Based on the public consultation and majority vote, CH proposed supporting the funding request. Proceed with application for a public works loan. • New precept amount £5400 +£1100 	Letters sent out	142	Replies received	64	In favour	48	Not in favour	16	P: CH; S: EC
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Meeting closed 20:10.