

HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Mesdames J. Ayre, D. Salvidge, C. Taylor.

Messrs. P. Grandfield, N. Venner, T. Ayre, C. Hayes, H. Davies (Cty. Cllr.), C Morgan (Dist. Cllr.), G. Weed
P. Brimson (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: D. Talling, S. Goss (Dist. Cllr.)

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Agenda item 2. The Chairperson's Report was given by Cllr. Grandfield and a copy of it is attached to this record of the meeting.

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a) A report submitted by Sue Edwards, Holford's Parish Path Liaison Officer was read by the Clerk. A copy of this report is attached to this record of the meeting. Questions were raised concerning the bridge across the Glen, with reference to the distance between the raised bars and the condition of the handrails.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY 9th MAY 2016.
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Welcome to our Annual Parish meeting. I, as Vice-Chairman, am standing in for our Chairman, David Talling, who is unable to be with us this evening and before I review the year gone I would like to refer to David's position. For the past 8 months The Parish Council has granted David leave of absence, at his request, due to his difficult personal situation. David had always hoped that his situation might improve and that he could take up his duties again, unfortunately this has not proved to be the case and he feels that he now must resign as Chairman and Parish Councillor. I know that you will all join with me in thanking Councillor Talling for his work and service to the Parish Council. We shall miss his careful Chairmanship, his fair and considered approach, his wry humour and the odd mischievous comment, and certainly whilst he been absent his wise counsel on difficult matters. We wish him well for the future.

Before I begin my review I would also like to thank all members of the Parish Council for their work and commitment during the past year and also our Clerk Philip Brimson for his wisdom and guidance and also his calming way when I have had one of my irascible bouts of ill humour. I was very sad to report at the last meeting that Philip has decided to retire during the course of this year. I would also like to thank our County Councillor Hugh Davies and our District Councillors Sue Goss and Chris Morgan for their unstinting support of our Council's work often in the face of heavy criticism when it has not been their fault!

Now to our review; it gives me enormous pleasure not to mention the gorse at Kilton Cross in a derogatory fashion but I note that it is growing again! The matter of Superfast Broadband remains a confused and badly managed issue, following our disappointment of last year when we were denied the ability to proceed on our own BT and CDS have continued to deliver misinformation, the latest being that Superfast was now available in Holford Combe it as far as the church after that performance collapses and BT had the temerity to fly post residents to confirm availability. We are now looking to install our own radio link system.

I attended a joint meeting with Kilve Parish Council which was called to question the conduct of the CIM Fund representatives from EDF and WSC attended and after initial jousting the points of disagreement were

noted; it was a poor meeting with little understanding of the problems displayed by the EDF and WSC attendees. I have heard nothing since.

The state of Alfoxton House continues to give concern with no action from our approach to WSC

AONB issues over cycling quad biking and fly camping and tipping remain with the AONB staff having difficulty in policing the Quantocks due to financial constraints.

The ongoing uncertainty over Hinkley Point C continues to frustrate our residents; Cllr Ayre continues to attend the Hinkley Point Forum as our representative. One sometimes 2 Councillors attend the Area Panel Meetings.

Now the "good bits"!

Defibrillator Project now financed thanks to Cllr Hugh Davies and Cllr Chris Hayes.

Dog Pound Refurb Project to start in May 2016

Bus Shelter Refurbished thanks to Cllr Ayre and Cllr Hayes.

Action to deal with traffic and road signage commenced with Somerset County Highways next meeting on 12 May 2016.

Road accident rate at Hack Lane/A39 reduced due to improved road surface condition.

The HPC Planning Committee dealt with 4 non-contentious Applications and 2 more difficult ones.

The "Hunt Liaison Scheme" led by Cllr Hayes seems to be working.

Your Parish Council supported the Holford Village Christmas Party, organised By Councillor Salvidge as H&D Village Hall Representative, with a financial donation.

Your Council also continues to support the H&D Village Hall project.

Your Parish Council is becoming more concerned by the financial position of West Somerset Council and to some degree the Somerset

County Council. It appears that a number of activities previously carried out in the villages have either been cut or reduced due to these constraints.

We have decide to act ourselves to keep our village looking neat and tidy as befits an SSSI and Conservation Area within an AONB. We have decided to appoint a Lengthsman (Village Handyman) in our own right. You will remember that we tried to do this last year in conjunction with Kilve and West Quantoxhead to no avail but with great help from Hugh Davies and David Peak of Somerset Highways we have secured a grant of £3000.00 towards equipment for this post to do it ourselves. Also we increased the Precept this year to facilitate paying for this post for 12 days per year initially. We have further planning to do but we shall shortly be recruiting.

That is all for now and I will take your questions.

Peter Grandfield

Vice-Chairman Holford Parish Council

PPLO Report for 2015/16

There have been few fallen trees or branches this year, due to a quiet weather year. However, there are still several hanging branches above rights of way (ROW), awaiting clearance from previous years.

The bridge across The Glen, previously reported for rotten planks and torn wire, has been fully repaired this month, with new steps at the Holford end and modern slip-proof planking across the bridge. This will hopefully last many years and cope with soggy leaves in autumn. Access to another Dodington ROW, via a stile in the hedge, has also been restored.

Signposts for the Coleridge Way through Holford Parish have been well maintained and reported missing posts have been speedily replaced.

Sue Edwards
PPLO Holford
April 2016

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on (2016)

Mon 9th May 2016 at 7.30pm in the H&D VLY

Present: Cllrs. HD. Dist. Cllr. CH Cllrs: TA, PG, CH, DS, NV, GW
+ S. Ayre, CFT, + PB (clerk)

Cllr PG took the Chair & welcomed those present.

Apologies: Dist. Cllr. SG. Cllr. DT.

Agenda item 1 - Minutes

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Agenda item 2 - Cllr's Report

The Chairman's Report was given by Cllr. PG & a copy of it is attached to this record of the meeting.

Agenda item 3 - Matters raised by the public

- a) A report submitted by Sue Edwards, Holford's PPLO was read by the Clerk. A copy of this report is attached to this record of the meeting. - dist. report of raised bars & condition of handrails.
- b)

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APOLOGIES: None received.

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Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 11th May 2015

Welcome to yet another Parish Meeting - the year has certainly flown past and a lot has happened in that time.

Before reviewing the year past I would like to thank all members of the past Parish Council for the work that they have done over the year to ensure that the Parish of Holford is well looked after. I am sure that the new members will work just as hard. We have had some sterling work done for Holford by our County Councillor Hugh Davies and by our District Councillors Sue Goss and Chris Morgan and our thanks go to them for giving so much support to Holford. Congratulations to Cllr Goss and Morgan on being re-elected for a further term as District Councillors. Philip Brimson, our Parish Clerk, has been a rock for me giving guidance and advice on a number of matters over the year and keeping all of us on the straight path. Thank you Philip.

A year ago we talked about gorse bushes obscuring the view coming out of the Kilton Rd at Kilton Cross and continued to have the issue raised throughout the year. Eventually persistence paid off and after getting the Police and our ~~District~~ Councillor Hugh Davies involved the gorse has now been cut. Let us hope it remains cleared.

Another issue being dealt with a year ago and has been going on throughout the year has been Superfast Broadband and the hope that Holford working with Kilve would ourselves be able to provide Superfast Broadband, because BT were not even considering it for us. An enormous amount of planning was done and it was considered that the project was feasible and we should go ahead. An application was made to the Hinkley Point Community Impact Mitigation Fund. Councillors from Holford & Kilve attended and spoke at the WSC decision meeting and with help from our District Councillors Sue Goss & Chris Morgan put forward a strong case. The application was erroneously turned down even though 'we ticked all the boxes and the application was well presented'. BT, have since, put a spanner in the works by saying they would now consider the 741 exchange for Superfast Broadband and have in fact stated that, with caveats, parts of the 741 exchange will now be included in the roll out for Superfast Broadband. Kilve is still excluded. If BT do go ahead with Superfast Broadband for 'parts of the 741 exchange' which includes Holford then it will probably be economically unviable to proceed privately.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman met with Penny James, the newly appointed CEO for West Somerset Council and points were raised that were important to Holford residents. These points included :

- the need for the planning classification of Holford to be reviewed to allow us to 'grow' and not stagnate.
- Connecting Somerset & Devon Broadband.
- Alfoxton planning application.
- Kilton Corner visibility.
- the CIM Fund and application procedures.
- Funding for AONB
- WSC arrangements for officers between Taunton Deane and WSC.

The meeting was very helpful and a report was presented to the council.

The number of accidents occurring at the corner on the A39 near Hack Lane has been raised a number of times throughout the year to both the Police and the Highways authority.

Maintenance issues around the village have been dealt with although some have taken longer than we had hoped.

Sharing a 'Community Warden' with other villages near to us was explored but only three of the required four parishes could be found for support. This will be looked at again before the next precept setting.

Area Panel meetings held at the WSC offices were attended by at two Holford Parish Cllrs who raised issues that impacted Holford. Two residents of Holford also attended one meeting to highlight the issue of buses for children of HOLFORD. Cllr. Hughes was very helpful for this.

Davies

Alfoxton is still a worry for Holford residents and no resolution to the problem has yet been found. The road to Alfoxton is classed as a Bridleway and the County Council Highways department will not treat it as a full road. Action has been taken to minimise the pot holes in the track, by residents themselves I believe.

Action to ensure the Dog Pound is kept in good repair is still ongoing and thanks must go to Cllr. Peter Grandfield for agreeing to find some help in this matter.

Cllr. Keane agreed to attend a training course for strimming and would then have authority, training and H&S certification and equipment to help keep our Rights of Way open.

Problems regarding Hunt followers causing a disturbance in the village were highlighted to the Hunt Master for action to be taken to help minimise disruption. Residents were informed to call the police if there are any 'traffic incidents' but to get registration numbers or any information that could pinpoint the offenders.

The Parish Council has given its full support to the renovation project for the Village Hall that is being driven by Mo Young and her team of helpers. We look forward to a much improved hall in the near future. Planning permission has already been given and funding applied for.

Washford Cross roundabout has been started and there is an increase of heavy vehicles through Holford. Speeding is also an issue through the village with a high proportion of vehicles exceeding the speed limit with quite a number exceeding 50mph. A Speed-watch team is required - volunteers please.

The construction of Hinkley C is a major action affecting our community and area and Cllr Ayre attended the Hinkley Point Forum representing Holford Parish Council.

Cllr. Ayre also attended the AONB meetings as representative of our group of Parish Councils.

Holford now has a presence on the Visit Exmoor & Quantocks website with a link to our own holfordvillage.com.

A number of Planning Applications were considered and reported on regarding premises in Holford Parish, some strait-forward but some were referred to the WSC Planning Committee for their deliberation. The most recent one involved the continuing use of the Combe House Hotel Marquee. This was granted only after strong support was expressed by some neighbours, the Parish Council and Cllrs. Sue Goss & Chris Morgan.

Thanks go to Cllr. Hugh Davies was able to allocate £1,000 towards the cost of a Defibrillator for Holford - this with a cabinet is being ordered and will be installed in the village available for immediate use when/if necessary.

I would like to open up debate over the coming year on the suggestion we hold the Parish Meeting on a separate evening from the Parish Council AGM and invite ALL clubs, societies and groups that make Holford such a special place to live in to tell us of their activities over the last year and to share their hopes for the future. Perhaps a few drinks and nibbles as well if that is allowed.

If I have missed off thanks to anyone then I apologise but there are so many people who contribute to village life that it would be impossible to mention them all.

Thank you all for being so patient and if anyone else wishes to contribute anything then the floor is yours.

David Talling

Holford Parish Council Chairman

PPLO Report for 2014/15

A fairly peaceful year weatherwise has limited the incidence of fallen trees or broken branches on our rights of way. Though there are still several hanging branches awaiting clearance from last year. Some brush clearance and tidying has been carried out in Hodders Combe.

Two actions pending, this time last year, have now been sorted. After a temporary closure, due to safety fears, the bridleway behind White Cottage has finally been reinstated and returned to proper standards. Also two kissing gates were installed last April either side of the field on the footpath between the Dog Pound and Alfoxton gate. Access to a footpath in Dodington, which had completely disappeared into the hedge, has also been reinstated.

A rotten plank and torn wire on the bridge across The Glen have been reported and are awaiting investigation.

Sue Edwards
PPLO Holford
20th April 2015

Wickup

Mins. of Annual Parish Meeting held on Mon 11th May
2014 at 7.30pm in the H&D VH

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Present: Chr. Chr. HD. Clive DT, TA, DS, GW, PG
+ KK, NV, Dawn B. Kate H, CFT, M Young

Chr. Talking back the Chair & welcomed all present

Apologies None

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Agenda item 2 Chr Report

The Chairperson's Report was given by Chr. DT & a copy of it is attached to this record of the meeting

Agenda item 3: Matters Raised by the Public

- a) A report submitted by Sue Edwards, Holford's PPLO was read by the Clerk. A copy of this report is attached to this record of the meeting
- b) V.Hall - now waiting for results of funding applies. to

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Mesdames P. Aldridge, K. Keane, D. Salvidge, C. Taylor, M. Young
Messrs. P. Grandfield, S. Gunner, S. Tavner, D. Talling, N. Venner, D. Young
Also present C. Morgan (District Cllr.).

APOLOGIES: A. Salvidge.

Cllr. T. Ayre took the Chair and welcomed those present.

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Agenda item 2. The Chairman's Report was given by Cllr. Ayre and a copy of it is attached to this record of the meeting.

Agenda item 3.

a) A report submitted by Sue Edwards, Holford's Parish Path Liaison Officer was read by the Clerk. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

b) David Talling, having declared his interest as a near neighbour, spoke about Quantock House and quoted press reports referring to the recently received grant of £204,000 for work there. He said the house was seldom used and it was difficult to see how such a large sum of public money could be justified.

c) It was reported that a group of people assumed to be followers of the Hunt were in Holford village on 25th April. They were described as behaving badly and Quantock Rangers were said to be concerned about their behaviour. PCSO Bolton said only one call was logged in relation to this incident.

d) Peter Grandfield thanked Terry Ayre for his work as Chairman over the past five years.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.39pm.

(2014)

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Holford
Parish held on Mon 12th May 2014 at 8.30pm in the H&DVH

Present: DS (ch) PB (clk)

Mrs/Ms: Hammond, ~~Debbins~~, Keane, Dato, Taylor, Goss

Mr/Ms: Tarnes, Davies (Ltg), Gurnes, Grandfield, Vennet,
Goss, Payne, Dale

Apologies: D.T., AS, CM (Dale Clk.)

Business: DS took the Chair & welcomed those present

1. The mins. of the meeting held on Monday 12th May 2013 were taken & read, having been displayed on notice boards, & with copies available to those present. Upon a proposal by TA & seconded by NV & supported by a show of hands, it was agreed they represented a correct record of that meeting.
2. The Chairperson Report was given by DS - attached.
3. Other Matters:
 - a) Report by Holford's PPLD, Sue Edwards, was read by the clerk.
 - b) S. Tarnes - ^{Stag} Hunt on ^{Wed} 30th April - Quad bikes are a real menace. School children were also out on a trip.

Meeting closed 8.40pm.

PPLO Report for 2013/14

It has been another year of falling trees and broken branches. Both Holford and Hodders Combes are fairly clear now, but very messy looking due to large amounts of brash left where it fell on either side of the rights of way. There are still a few outstanding tree and branch clearances awaiting landowner action.

The two main actions pending are the restoration of the bridleway behind White Cottage and the installation of kissing gates at either side of the field where the footpath from the Dog Pound to Alfoxton Hotel gate crosses. Both these problems are 'in hand' with the landowners and the rights of way team.

On a more positive note, the bridge across the Glen has had a thorough clean-up and the rotted handrails and broken steps have been replaced. The drainage along a section of the Coleridge Way below Dowsborough has been improved, so that even with all the rain we had, it did not turn into its usual quagmire! The way marker half way up Woodlands Hill has also been reinstated for the third time, but this time with concrete.

Sue Edwards
PPLO Holford
14th April 2014

After being chairperson for 1 year I hope I have done the job to the best of my ability. Thank you to my Clark, as every chairperson needs a good Clark or secretary, so thank you Phillip, you have been great with any advice I have needed and knowing what to do and how to proceed when difficult items have come up.

Many thanks to my fellow councillors and residents who have made it so much easier with a lot of support and also thanks to the West Somerset district councillors.

The Silk Mill has been a continuous issue, with an anti-development group set to stop any building within this area. The planning restrictions also still going on with only planning applications for housing development, which should be lifted to enable young people to continue to live in the parish of Holford.

The walk about proved to be a success last year, looking around the village for any work or improvements needed to be carried out and obtaining quotes for any necessary maintenance. I believe this should continue to happen.

The area panel meetings are very good, keeping us and WSCC informed of all necessary information.

The police have been monitoring the speed through the village a lot in the past 12 months. They have approached me looking for volunteers for the speed watch.

The fly tipping seems to have gone quiet.

The fight for free transport to Haygrove as well as WSCC is ongoing. *colleaga*

All maintenance reported within the parish has all been carried out to the best of our ability.

Looking ahead, Holford Parish must look into providing housing for the younger generation as well as the older generation to recover our amenities and to keep our village and our parish alive.

Broad band is our main issue to get sorted for this new year coming.

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PRESENT: T. Ayre (Chairman), P. Brimson (Clerk).
Mesdames A. Steer, K. Keane, C. Taylor, J. Swash, V. Moffatt
Messrs. D. Talling.
Also present A. Trollope-Bellew.

APOLOGIES: Dist. Cllrs. S. Goss, C. Morgan, Cllrs. A. & D. Salvidge, B. Bates.

Cllr. T. Ayre took the Chair and welcomed those present.

Agenda item 1. The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th May 2011 were taken as read having been displayed on notice boards with copies available to those present. Upon a proposal by D. Talling, seconded by K. Keane and supported by a show of hands, it was agreed they represented a correct record of that meeting.

Agenda item 2. The Chairman's Report was given by Cllr. Ayre who included mention of the following:

1. Following a 'walkabout' by Councillors, several areas of maintenance were identified and are in the process of being remedied. The Council does its best to maintain its assets and it is to be hoped that future parishioners will appreciate what has been achieved.
2. Speeding traffic on A39 through Holford. Although more and more data points to excessive speeding through the village, there seems small chance of further traffic calming measures being introduced.
3. Forthcoming Jubilee Celebrations in Holford. A 'Jubilee Committee' partly sponsored with money from the Parish Council, has planned a weekend of events to celebrate the jubilee in the parish.
4. Resignations. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Bates for his contributions to the council, in particular his interest in highway matters and the 'Speedwatch' system in which he was actively involved. Cllr. Ayre also said it was his intention to stand down as Chairman later in the year.

Agenda item 3.

a) Anne Steer said she would like to thank all the Cllrs for their various contributions to village life Cty. Cllr. Trollope-Bellew concurred with her remarks.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.39pm.

2013

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Holford

Parish held on Monday 13th May 2013 at 7.30pm in the HVA

Present: TA (ch) PB (clerk) P. P. Bolton

Mendenham M Y, DS, KH, CT, PAH

Memo D Y, SG, S, P, D, NV, ~~the~~ CR (D, C, C)

Apologies: AS.

Business: TA took the Chair & welcomed those present

1. The Min(s) of the meeting held on Monday 14th May 2012 were taken & read, having been displayed on notice boards, & with copies available to those present. Upon a proposal by DT & seconded by CT & supported by a show of hands, it was agreed they represented a correct record of that meeting

2. The Chairman's Report was given by TA & included:

3. Other matters:

a) Report by Holford's Parish Path Liaison Officer, Su. Edwards - read by the Clerk in Mrs. Edwards's absence

b) Di declared interest & spoke about Quatock House - ref. to £204,000. Little used & difficult to justify Govt. money. Quatock's reports.

c) Hunt followers in Holford on 25 April on quad bikes - behaving badly. Rangers concerned about behaviour of followers. Police said only 1 call was logged in relation to this incident.

d) P. Gussfield - thanked TA for his yrs as Ch.



Parish Council. Chairmanship report.

1 message

Mon, May 13, 2013 at 6:45 PM

Parish Council. Chairmanship report.

- When I took the chair I said that it would be for 5 years.

Well here we are. I have enjoyed my time spent as your chairperson and hope that it has been executed to the best of my ability. My best wishes to the new head whoever he or she may be. I am not leaving the council and am willing to help in any way that I can whilst they settle in.

- During my time as chairperson I have endeavoured to make sure that our responsibilities for the maintenance of buildings and areas in our care have been kept at or above their previous state.

- Every chairman needs a good secretary or in the councils case clerk. I have been lucky to have a good one. Many thanks Phillip you have been a great person to have as a clerk always knowing what to do and how to proceed when difficult items came up.

- The car park and trackway link to the Lay-by at Woodlands was initiated by this council and taken over by the National Trust. This has been a great success. There were 18 vehicles in the car park last Sunday afternoon all parked safely off the highway.

- We still have problems with speeding through the village as can be seen by the SID results. This has still to be resolved.

- The Silk Mills have been a contentious issue with an anti development group set up to stop any building in this area. Personally I feel that we need new building in the village if it is to survive although the Silk Mills may not be the best place it should not be discounted.

- The District Council have an affordable only policy for new build in Holford and I believe this is strangling it. Other villages that have built new housing in the past 50 years are thriving with the retention of their amenities. We have lost all but the pub, Post Box, Telephone box, Village Hall and Church. Just a reminder that we did have a Garage, Shop, Post Office and Tea Rooms. They have all gone in my short 25 years living at Moorhouse.

- Looking ahead I feel that Holford should be looking to provide housing and facilities for young families as well as the older generation so that we have a mixture of generations to maybe recover our amenities and keep the village alive.

- I have hopefully given constructive advise with a little humour at our meetings. Many thanks to my fellow councillors and residents who have made my life so much easier with all the support that I have received. I finish by wishing the new chairperson all the best in their new post at the forthcoming Parish Council meeting.

From Terry Ayre.

PPLO Report for 2012/13.

The majority of the Rights of Way (ROW) in Holford were in good order and accessible, until the snows in February. This resulted in an enormous number of fallen trees and branches, many of significant size, as well as many hanging branches blocking the ROW. Particularly badly hit were Holford and Hodders Combes and Woodlands Hill. These were reported to the ROW team and awaited the action of the appropriate landowners, as trees and branches falling across rights of way are their responsibility to remove. Both Hodders and Holford Combes and Woodlands Hill have now been largely cleared, though there are still some fallen trees in Holford Combe to clear.

The damage to the bridleway, caused by a large fallen tree, in Hodders Combe just after the access gate has now been repaired, so the bridleway is back to its normal width.

Some new waymarkers have been installed on some ROW to aid users.

Hopefully the rain will stop soon and allow the ROW to dry out and make access easier and pleasanter.

Sue Edwards.
PPLO (Holford)
29th March 2013

HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING at which all local residents may attend and raise any matter they wish, will be held on MONDAY 14th MAY 2012 at 7.30pm in the Holford & District Village Hall. The press is cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA

Apologies for absence

1. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th May 2011
2. Chairman's Report
3. Any other matters raised by the public.

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Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Monday 16th May 2011 at 7.30pm in the Holford & District Village Hall.

PRESENT: T. Ayre (Chairman), P. Brimson (Clerk).
Mesdames D. Salvidge, A. Steer, K. Keane, C. Taylor.
Messrs. B. Bates, M. Beaton, A. Salvidge, D. Talling, M. Upson.
Also present A. Trollope-Bellew, C. Morgan, S. Goss.

APOLOGIES: No apologies were given

Cllr. T. Ayre took the Chair and welcomed those present.

Agenda item 1. The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th May 2010 were taken as read having been displayed on notice boards with copies available to those present. Upon a proposal by A. Salvidge seconded by D. Talling and supported by a show of hands, it was agreed they represented a correct record of that meeting.

Agenda item 2. The Chairman's Report was given by Cllr. Ayre who included mention of the following:

1. Congratulations to all the Parish Cllrs. on their appointments
2. Thanks to Christina Taylor for arranging removal of the 'Coronation bench' from the 'triangle' at Dodington and its rebuild on the Holford Bowling Green
3. Woodlands car park is in use and nearly completed
4. Dog Pound suffered in the winter frosts and more repair work will be needed.
5. Speeding through Holford on the A39 continues to be a problem
6. There is an increased risk of fire on the hills in dry weather
7. Proposed new nuclear power station – consultations are progressing
8. Cuts in central government funding will inevitably feed down to the parishes
9. Thanks to Paul Tipney for his attendance at Holford's Parish Council meetings during the last cycle District Council representation and best wishes for his retirement.

Agenda item 3.

- a) Anne Steer said she would like to thank all the Cllrs for their various contributions to village life
- b) Congratulations were offered to the District Cllrs who were successful in the recent elections

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.37pm.

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Holford Parish held on Monday 14th May at 7.30pm in the H.D.H.

Present: TA (Ch) PB (Clerk)

Mrs. C. T., A. Steer, J. Swank, V. Roffett, K. Keane
 Messrs. ATB, DC

Apologies: → Mr D. Schidge, BB, S. Bon, C. Morgan

- TA took the Chair & welcomed those present
1. The mins. of the meeting held on Mon 16th May 2011 were taken as read, having been displayed on notice boards with copies available to those present. Upon a proposal by DT & seconded by KK & supported by a show of hands, it was agreed they represented a correct record of that meeting.
 2. The Chairman's Report was given by TA & included mentioning:
 1. E.H. Walkabout → identification of maintenance issues
 2. Traffic speed - no action likely
 3. Jubilee Celebration - part sponsored by APC
 4. TA announced in
 5. BB resignation - thanked by Ch.
 3. A. Steer thanked Ch. & Cllrs. for their ~~attentive~~ efforts
 ATB concurred.

The Ch. closed the meeting at 7.39 pm.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

- A reasonably uneventful year
- Following a walkabout by councillors several areas of maintenance were identified around the village and are in the process of being remedied. We endeavour to keep the Dog Pound and Bus shelter etc in good fettle. We are continuing to maintain our assets and I hope in future parishioners will appreciate what we have achieved.
- SCC had money up for grabs for road improvements but even with the speed checks data we will probably see very little of it. A shame that without fatalities we will not see a reduction in the traffic speeds through Holford. The money will no doubt go over the hills and far away.
- Last years report mentioned the dry weather and risk of fire on the hills. What a difference a year makes.
- Moving on to the future. After a meeting last year to consider celebrating the Queens Jubilee a committee was set up and have now finalised its plans. Following sponsorship from this council and the Village hall two events have been organised. On the Sat there will be a fun day on the Bowling Green. This will be an afternoon of fun and games followed by a sing along in the evening. Most events are free as it is not a moneymaking venture but the Hog roast and bar will charge. Hog roast tickets are available from Elaine Tavner or Mo Plomgren. This event is followed by a Nostalgia night in the village hall on the Mon evening. This will be music from the last 60 years and includes a hot buffet. To cover costs the tickets are £12 but numbers are limited so get your tickets early. Money left over will be given to the Village Hall fund.
- Moving further ahead. When I became chairman it was my intention to stand down after 5 years and this time is almost upon us so I shall be standing down later in the year.
- This brings me on to announce that Councillor Brett Bates has told us of his intentions to stand down and he will not be attending future meetings. I would like to personally thank him for his work on the council and in particular his enthusiasm for highways matters and the speed watch cameras that he helped to set up with Kilve PC.

Well there you have it. Another year past and a future to plan for.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Holford Parish held
on Monday 16th May 2011 at 7.30 pm in the H & D VCH

Present: T. Ayre (Ch), P. Brinson (Clerk)

Mrs. Astor, C. Taylor, K. Keane, D. Selridge, S. Cross

Members DT, C. Morgan, A. B, A. S, B. B, M. Upton, M. Beeson,

Apologies:

TA took the Chair & welcomed those present.

1. The Min. of the meeting held on 10th May 2010 were taken as read, having been displayed on notice boards with copies available to those present. Upon a proposal by AS & seconded by DT & supported by a show of hands, it was agreed they represented a correct record of that meeting.

2. The Chairman's Report was given by TA:

1. Congrats to all Cllrs on election
2. Thanks to C. re: lunch
3. Car park - on a nearby field
4. Dog Pound - suffered in floods; more repair work needed
5. Speeding thru Holford - problem
6. Fire risk in hills in dry weather
7. New power station - consultations progressing
8. Cllr's Barham central Govt. will feed down to parties
9. Thanks to P. Tigney for

3. a) AS - thanks to all Cllrs for all they do.

b) Congrats to Dist Cllrs - jolly no known or Lib Dem Candidates - bad image

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.37 pm.

CHAIMANS REPORT 2011

- Congratulations to all our councillors for their support and public spirit on being elected for our council.
- I would like to congratulate on behalf of the council Christina for her initiative and drive to get the abandoned bench at the Counting House moved to the Bowling Green. I am sure that local people and visitors alike will appreciate it.
- The car park by Woodlands Hill is up and running and seems to be a success. It is well used. Nigel is back from maternity leave and assures me that the safety barriers for the track are on his list. I would like to congratulate the carver for the excellent job they did on the Gert Worm carving and the information board.
- Although we had work done on the Dog pound it is not enough and the corner is in desperate need of pointing. We need to press ahead with this work.
- According to SCC having done a speed check on the A39 in the village vehicles are still going far too fast and breaking the speed limit. We need to speak to the authorities about this problem.
- With the present dry weather we must all be vigilant and keep an eye open for fire on the hills. Try to tell the public that you meet about the dangers.
- The new power station will be on the agenda in the future and we must fight for what we need to counteract the disruption that it may cause.
- Looking to the future. The District Council has warned of cuts and possible services that will not be carried out unless we organise it ourselves. We need to know what these services are so that we can precept for them or even fight to have them retained by the district.
- On that note I wish to congratulate and welcome our two district councillors. Also to send a message of thanks to Paul Typney for the work that he did on the council in the past.

2 officers Monday May 9th 2 hrs. 1850-2050
present P.C. Chairman several pub regulars.

P.C. Simon Bale & colleagues

From Peter Bolton 7292 willis Police Station.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Holford Parish held
on Monday 10th May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Holford District Hall

Present:

T. Ayre (ch), P. Brinson (Usher)

Mrs. Sless, Sless, Solvidge, Taylor, C. Moxon, P. Tynney

Messrs B. Butts, A. Solvidge, D. Telling +

Apologies: R. Holloway, A.T.B.

TTA took the Chair & welcomed those present

1. The mins. of the meeting held on Mon. 11th May 2009 were taken as read having been displayed on notice boards with copies available to those present. Upon a proposal by DT & seconded by CT & supported by a show of hands it was agreed they represented a correct record of that meeting.
2. The Chairman's Report was given by TTA:
 1. Woodlands Car park now has planning p. & N.T. handling
 2. Hunkley Pond - EDF proposals proceeding
 3. PC Assets - surveyed but severe weather has resulted in damage to Day Pond
 4. Speedwatch - functioning
 5. Accidents on A39 - recent spike of.
 6. Parking problems - in Holford village, as PC has tried to find solⁿ agreeable to all
3. ~~Maintenance~~ Parking by Factory Wall still a problem.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.37 pm.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 11 May 09
at 7.30pm in the HALL

Present: T. Ayre (Ch), PWS (Clerk), PCSO S. Marks
Residence DS, CT
Members TA, BB, J. Anderson, ~~DD~~, ~~DD~~ D. Telling, R.H.
M. Beaton

Apologies: A. Sledge.

TA took the Chair & welcomed those present.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 08 were taken as read having been displayed on notice boards with copies available to those present. Upon a proposal by B. Bates & seconded by D. Sledge & supported by a show of hands it was agreed they were a correct record of that meeting. All in favour.
2. Chairman's Report was given by TA:
 1. Burial rights done a long.
 2. Posts on B.G. completed
 3. Small chalk marking
 4. Proposed layout of woodland long way - going ahead.
 5. Possibility of registering part of Old Kempster road.
 6. TAC management plan - at back of room.
 7. Planning - nothing controversial
 8. Hope PC seen as doing their job.
3. Matters raised by the public:
 1. PCSO said 'Farmwatch' hope to be working soon.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.42 pm.

Present T. Ayre (Chairman) P. Brinson (Clerk)

Messrs Holloway, Butler, Basington, French, Tenny, Anderson,
Salidge, Beaton

Oct. 7. Ague took the Chair & welcomed those present

1. Mins. of the meeting held Wedn 9 May 2007 were taken & read, having been displayed on the PC noticeboards with copies available to all present. Upon a proposal by AS & seconded by NY & supported by a show of hands it was agreed they were a correct record of that meeting.
2. Chairman's Report was given by Terry Ayre (copy attached)
3. Matters raised by the public
 - * 1. Traffic along route to Alport Hotel ~~very~~ travels at high speed, especially near Dog Pound. Letter to owner

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:40 pm.

- IST REPORT AFTER 2 MEETINGS AS CHAIR
- THANK ERIC FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK AS CHAIRMAN AND WISH HIM WELL FOR FUTURE. ERIC WAS QUITE AND UNASSUMING BUT WORKED HARD BEHIND THE SCENES
- WE LOST OUR HARD WORKING LISA TO THE STOGURSEY AREA AND WILL MISS HER WORK WITH THE HIGHWAYS AND POLICE MATTERS. I WISH HER WELL IN HER NEW HOME.

- WHAT A SHOCK AND LOSS WHEN ALLEN DATE DIED!

HE CAME TO HOLFORD P C IN APP 1972 WHEN THE P C WAS FORMED AND HAD BEEN ON AND OFF EVER SINCE SERVING WELL IN EXCESS OF 20 YEARS

HE WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS STRONG VIEWS AND FOUGHT FOR WHAT HE FELT WAS RIGHT FOR HIS FAMILY AND PARISH AND OFTEN LEFT THE P C WHEN HE FELT THINGS WERE WRONG BUT AFTER PERSUASION OR A CHANGE TO HIS WAY WOULD COME BACK ON. HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY ALL IN THIS PARISH AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

I WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE TO SEND THE CONDOLENCES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TO ANNE AND ALL HIS FAMILY

MUNIRA

- NEW LIFE CONGRATULATIONS TO ROB AND HIS WIFE ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR BABY ON THE 16 WIFE
- OTHER MATTERS SEEM INSIGNIFICANT BUT I CAN REPORT THAT THE FLOOD PLAIN ISSUE IS NOW ALMOST SORTED
- WE HAVE NEW POSTS AROUND MOST OF THE BOWLING GREEN AND WITH PERSUASION MAY GET THE JOB FINISHED SOON THE GRANT HAS BEEN PAID AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY YEARS WITHOUT POSTS BEING ON THE AGENDA
- LOOKING FORWARD WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW CAR PARK IN SHERVAGE THAT WILL TAKE AWAY SOME OF THE CROWDING IN THE VILLAGE. THERE ARE MANY HURDLES BUT THE FIRST STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN.
- WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT OUR MAINTANENCE RESPONSIBILITIES AND MAY PERHAPS ENHANCE THE DOG POUND
- I LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW P C YEAR WITH MANY NEW FACES AND WOULD WISH ALL MY FELLOW COUNCILLORS A HAPPY YEAR AND I AM SURE WE WILL ALL DO OUR BEST FOR HOLFORD

HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN

T. AYRE

CLERK

P. BRIMSON

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on MONDAY 12 MAY 2008 at 7.30pm in the Holford & District Village Hall

PRESENT: T. Ayre (Chairman), P. Brimson (Clerk)

Mesdames Salvidge, Young, Brimson, Salvidge, Taylor, Swash, Steer

Messrs. Holloway, Bates, Barrington, Beaton, Tipney, Anderson, Swash, Salvidge

APOLOGIES: Dist. Cllr. C. Morgan

Terry Ayre took the Chair and welcomed those present.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 May 2007 were taken as read, having been displayed on the PC noticeboards with copies available to all present at the meeting. Upon a proposal by Mrs. A. Steer, seconded by Mrs. M. Young, and supported by a show of hands it was agreed they were a correct record of that meeting.
2. Chairman's Report was given by Terry Ayre:
"I should like to thank Eric for all his hard work as Chairman and wish him well for the future. We lost hard working councillor Lisa Auton to the Stogursey area and will miss her work with the highways and police matters. I wish her well in her new home. The unexpected death of Alan Date was a shock and loss. He joined Holford PC at its formation in April 1972 and had served at various times since then, in all a total of more than 20 years. Well known for his strong views and reputation as a fighter for his family and parish, Alan will be sadly missed by all in the locality. I would like to send condolences of the Parish Council to Anne and all his family.
Turning to happier things, congratulations to Rob and Munira Holloway on the recent birth of their new baby. There is the possibility of a new car park at Woodlands lay-by, which might relieve pressure on parking in Holford village. New posts are in place around most of the Bowling Green and this work should be finished soon. The flood risk issue is also, hopefully, nearly sorted out. The PC is looking at its responsibilities concerning maintenance, including the dog pound.
I look forward to a new Parish Council year and wish my fellow councillors a happy year and assure everyone that we will do our best for the parish at all times."
3. Matters raised by the public:
Concern was expressed that traffic along the road to Alfoxton Hotel moves at too high a speed, especially near the dog pound.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

Hofford Parish Council

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Min. of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wed.
9 May 2007 at 7.30 pm in the H&D V&A.

Present: P. McGrath (Chairman), P. Brinson (Clerk)
Messrs Anton, Brinson, Schridge, Young, Davis,
Messrs Ayre, Date, Benton, Gibbins, Holloway, Khan

Apologies

Paul McGrath took the Chair & welcomed those present

Min. of the meeting held Monday 8 February 2006 were
taken as read, having been displayed on the PL noticeboards with
copies available to all present. Upon a proposal by MY
and supported by AD
on show of hands it was agreed they were a correct record
of that meeting.

2. Chairman's Report - was given by Paul McGrath (copy attached)

3. Matters raised by the public:
2. None

The Chairman closed the meeting at - 7.36 pm.

**Holford Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting
9 May 2007**

Chairman's Report

I am pleased to report that the business of the Parish Council has proceeded effectively and harmoniously during the year.

We have welcomed the car park enhancement scheme which has created new spaces within the existing parameters, reducing parking on the lane and tracks. I would like to thank Erl Plomgren for this initiative and for his attentiveness over the last four years as Steward of the Bowling Green.

The saga of the proposed West Hinkley wind farm continues to run. I would like to remind us all how the weight of analysing the intimidating proposals, claims and counter-claims, has been shouldered on our behalf, by Eric Gibbins. He has invested much time and thought on this, for which we should be most grateful.

Another new initiative is the set-up of the Holford Youth Club, created as a partnership between the Somerset County Youth Service and a village management committee. I expect this to bring real benefits, both direct and indirect, to our village and I hope that the new council will give it its full support.

We are still awaiting the arrival of a nesting pair of 'buzzard' signs. Both sites have been agreed by parish councillors and the AONB so maybe this month, who knows?

May I point out what a grand job Holford News and Views does? It goes from strength to strength presenting, informing, and reflecting back the many faces of our community. Long may it prosper.

Finally I would like to thank parish councillors for their time and effort during the year. I would say to villagers, if you share an appreciation of these people, working on your behalf, for no tangible reward, just, occasionally, thank a councillor. It would be appreciated.

Before I step down as a councillor and chair, I would like to record my gratitude to Philip Brimson. The range of his knowledge and the quality of his advice has been a great support and I thank him sincerely.

Paul McGrath



Retiring Chair

HPC

(26)

Min's of APMC held on Mon 8 May '06 at
7.30 pm in the H & D V H

Present:

Cllrs. LA, AD, PTCG, DS
Also present PIB (Clerk) + 4 Members of public

Apologies

Cllrs. EG, SC, AY
Cty Cllr. PTCB, ~~PTCB, PTCB, PTCB~~

Cllr. McGrath took the Chair & welcomed those present.

1. Min's: Prop. LA, Sec. DS Unanimous approval.

2. Ch. Report: - given by Cllr. PTCG. (Copy attached)

3. Matters raised by the public
i. work of Cllrs. appointed by public.

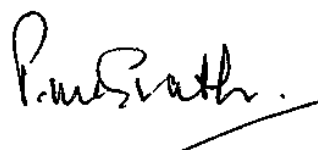
Ch. closed meeting at 7.39 pm.

Holford Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting 8 May 2006

Chairman's Report

- ✎ I am happy to report that during the past year the Parish Council has conducted its business in a friendly and efficient way.
- ✎ No contentious issues have sparked our community, though the question of the proposed West Hinkley Wind Farm is still to be resolved.
- ✎ We hope that the new road markings and layout will be effective and that as a consequence our safety will be improved and the coherence of our community enhanced. I was impressed by the way the re-surfacing was carried out. As always, responsibility for safety lies with individual drivers. The optimists amongst us see more drivers slowing down as a result of the 30mph signs on the A39.
- ✎ We are aware that changes are due at the Plough Inn and must hope that our pub thrives as a successful business and an asset to our community into the future.
- ✎ We look forward to the new Buzzard signs on the main road, emphasising our position in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- ✎ Finally I would like to thank all the members of the parish council, who give their time, thoughts and energy for no reward, other than the well-being of our community.
- ✎ Thanks are also due to our Clerk for his good work and considered advice.



HPL: Annual Parish Meeting

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Held Mon 9 May 05 4.30 pm in Ith DVH

Present

Dt. Mr. T. Ayne

Clrs. A.D, E.G, D.G., P.M.G., D.S., M.Y

Also present P.Br. (Clerk) + 10 members of the public

Apologies

Mr. L.P.

Mr. McBrath took the Chair & welcomed those present

1. Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 10 May 04 were taken as read, having been circulated to those displayed on the PC notice boards. Upon a proposal by E.G. Seconded by Terry Swash & supported by a show of hands it was agreed they were a correct record of the meeting.
2. Chairman's Report was given by Mr. McBrath -
3. Matters raised by the public.
 1. Keeping grass down on B.G now sheep not on it due to fence completion - thought that this is done

Ch. closed meeting 7.40 pm.

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Chairman's Report

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I am pleased to report that the parish council continues to function cheerfully and efficiently which enables us to focus on relevant business without unnecessary tensions and distractions. This was not always the case and should not be taken for granted.

Neighbourhood Watch is finally up and running in the village and is very welcome given the recent burglaries. The commitment of the nine co-ordinators towards making our community safe is much appreciated.

Last month the Crime Prevention Officer spoke to 25 villagers in this hall on ways of deterring would-be criminals. Our thanks are ~~due~~ due to Cllr. Anton for this project coming to fruition.

An issue of recent concern was the proposal to site a power-generating wind farm at West Hinkley.

Two public meetings in the village explored the cases for and against the proposal and concerns were expressed not only about its size, visibility and effectiveness but also about how its power was to be transferred to the National Grid. These, and other unanswered questions, were put to the District Council planners by Cllr. Gibbins, on behalf of the Parish Council.

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Having clearly listened to our concerns they are still awaiting a response from the scheme's proponents which leaves us all currently in limbo.

We were delighted to hear that our long fought-for 30 mph speed limits on the A39 will remain whatever the revised signage may be outside of them. Our thanks go to councillors who have spent much time on this issue, particularly Dave Griffin, Alan Date and Lisa Antar of the Highways group.

Another long-running struggle was finally resolved this year when the stock-proof fencing was completed over Holford and Holders combs. The parish council is convinced that the safety of livestock and travellers on the A39 will be enhanced by this and Cdr. Gibbins in particular deserves our gratitude for all the time and effort he has given to this issue: he must be relieved and delighted at the eventual result.

I would also like to thank the hard-working members of the Planning Sub-committee — Debbie Paltridge, Mo Young and Eric Gibbins.

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These councillors are 'on call' between meetings to ~~visit~~ visit, inspect and, using the delegated authority of the council, support or otherwise the year's applications. (And all of this within a precise time frame, effectively of two weeks.)

Finally, my thanks and appreciation to Ed Ploungren, our Steward of the Bowling Green for his work in monitoring and maintaining our village asset; and to Philip Brinson, our Clerk, for his carefully considered advice and support during the year.

Paul McGrath (9 May 2005)

HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN
P. McGRATH

CLERK
P. BRIMSON

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on MONDAY 10 MAY 2004 at 7.30pm in the
Holford & District Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs. L. Auton, A. Date, E. Gibbins, D. Griffin, P. McGrath, M. Young.
Also present P. Brimson (Clerk) + 9 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. D. Salvidge

Cllr. McGrath took the Chair and welcomed those present.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 May 2003 were taken as read, having been circulated to Cllrs. and displayed on the PC noticeboards. Upon a proposal by D. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. J. Swash and supported by a show of hands it was agreed they were a correct record of that meeting.
2. Chairman's Report was given by Cllr. McGrath (copy attached).
3. Matters raised by the public: no matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 10 May 2004
at 7.30 pm in the Holford Street Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs. L. Auton, A. Date, D. Griffin, E. Gibbins, M. Young, P. McGrath

Also present P. Borlinson (Clerk) + 9 members of the public

Apologies: None received.

Cllr. P. McGrath took the Chair & welcomed those present

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 12 May 2003 were taken as read having been circulated to Cllrs. & displayed on the PC notice boards.

Prop. D. Griffin Sec. J. Swash.

All agreed on show of hands.

2. Chairman's report was given by Cllr. McGrath

3. Matters raised by the public

" None raised.

Meeting closed 7.40 pm.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

From any perspective the past year has been a good one because the work of the Parish Council has proceeded quietly and efficiently. The friendly nature of our meetings has enabled business to be conducted briskly, allowing more time for open discussion.

I would like to commend Cllr. Dave Griffin for his proactive closing of the dangerous footpath to the bridge before anyone was hurt and for his insistence that County Council make the necessary repairs.

A significant event was the Open Forum when forty residents and Cllrs. met to discuss a range of issues in Holford. Out of this was formed the Parish Plan Steering Group which has met regularly since. I would like to thank the Group for the time they have given and in particular Ron Swash, Martin Upson and David Inight for all their work.

KHARS, the Kilve and Holford Community Transport Scheme started its work this year and is steadily building its activities. Recent good news is that the County Council will contribute so that bus-pass holders will pay only half price when using KHARS transport.

Unfortunately, Neighbourhood Watch is still not up and running. I had hoped that, given the framework was in place (10 co-ordinators, each with their ten households) and a procedure agreed, we could simply say "let's put this into action.." However the police insist they won't validate the scheme until each group is addressed by the liaison officer. That means 10 meetings (funded by the Parish Council at £10 a time). Why not one meeting for 100 people, with a great saving of time and money? A drawn-out process continues to be drawn out.

We are all delighted by the success of the Plough over the past year, which was celebrated on Saturday night by a packed first-birthday party. The pub is back at the hub of our community, providing employment and training for our young people and social connections for all of us.

The success of Stella's Tea Garden is also to be welcomed providing villagers and visitors with quality service. Both these businesses and the others in our village need our support if they are to thrive and enhance our community.

Issues which raise some concern are:

The re-examination of speed limits and signing in the County, and the proposed West Hinkley Wind Farm. I would welcome some reassurance that the 30mph restrictions on the A39 will remain as they are generally regarded as slowing traffic through the village.

The wind farm could stimulate an interesting debate about the price we are prepared to pay for clean energy to maintain our comfortable life-styles.

Sadly, the completion of the stock-proof fence seems no closer. We continue to hope that no-one is seriously injured or killed before the work is carried out.

Finally I would like to thank our councillors for all the time and concern they give to our community. Particularly my thanks go to our vice-Chair, Eric Gibbins, for his carefully considered advice, and to Philip Brimson, our Clerk, whose discreet and conscientious work benefits us all.

(signed) P. McGrath 10 May 2004

HPC

Meeting HPC held on Mon 12 May 03 at 7.30pm in the Hall

Present:

Apologies Mr. & Mrs. Upton.

Ch. McGrath took the Chair & welcomed those present

1. Minutes of Meeting, held on Mon 13 May 2002, had been circulated to Chs. & displayed on the PC Notice boards, so were taken as read. Prop E. Plouffe & E. Gibbins Sec. Show of hands showed approval.

Ch. McGrath added an addendum - (attached)

2. Chairman's Reports - given by P. McGrath (copy attached)
3. Matters raised by the public:
 - a) Horsean Plot 1 of old garage site - view expressed that new PC will monitor carefully.
 - b) Need for sign to indicate 'No unauthorised Vehicles' on bridgeway in Hoddercombe.

Ch. closed meeting at 7.42pm.

Re E. Venns Chair report: 13 May 2002.

Minutes of above, May 12 2003.

With reference to Mr. Venn's report —
I would like it recorded that:

I wish to disassociate myself from
the comments related to planning in paragraph 4.

I view these remarks as
unsubstantiated, on fair and
unnecessary.

PWG.

Annual Parish Meeting 13/5/02 7-20

Apologies: Cty. Cllr.

Present: Dist. Cllr. K. Turpin, T. Ayre
Cllrs. E. Gibbins, D. Salvidge, P. O'Grady, M. Upson, E. Venn
Also present: P. Brinkman (clock) + 15 members of the public.
^{K. Turpin}

1. Mins of meeting held Mon 14 May 2001 all in favour
prop. Mr. E.C.
2. Chairman's Report - Mr. Venn presented his report - copy attached.
3. Any Other Matters
 1. Parish matters & stock fence & reported that Dumbach Pony Assoc. has a stallion which has caused trouble in the area & has broken a gate. Venn expressed that no objection would be raised re completion of stock fences.
 2. Comments re: Ch's Report & ...

Ch. closed meeting 7.50 pm & left.

HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN
P. McGRATH

CLERK
P. BRIMSON

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 13th MAY 2002 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting in the Holford & District Village Hall.

PRESENT: Dist. Cllrs. T. Ayre & K. Turpin
Cllrs. E. Gibbins, P. McGrath, D. Salvidge, K. Turpin, M. Upson, E. Venn
Also present P. Brimson (Clerk) + 15 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cty. Cllr. A Trollope-Bellew

The Clerk reported that Mrs. E. Cockburn's membership of the Parish Council had terminated on May 11th through failure to provide a written undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct and a statement of her interests. A casual vacancy would be declared and the Electoral Services Officer of the WSDC informed.

Cllr. Venn made a personal statement from the Chair and then left the meeting. Cllr. Gibbins took the Chair for business to continue.

Minute 25/02 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Upson proposed Cllr. McGrath as Chairman. Cllr. Salvidge seconded and, on a vote, three were in favour with one abstention. Cllr. Gibbins declared Cllr. McGrath as Chairman of Holford Parish Council and vacated the Chair. Cllr. McGrath signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Minute 26/02 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

From the Chair Cllr. McGrath proposed Cllr. Gibbins as vice-Chair. Cllr. Upson seconded and this was carried with 4 votes in favour and one abstention.

Minute 27/02 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Cllrs. Salvidge and Upson being willing to continue, were appointed as the sub-committee.

Minute 28/02 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SIT ON THE VILLAGE HALL CTE.

Cllrs. McGrath and Upson were appointed as representatives of the Parish Council.

Minute 29/02 APPOINTMENT OF STEWARD OF THE BOWLING GREEN

It was agreed to invite Cllr. Venn to continue as Steward. Cllr. Turpin undertook to ask him.

Minute 30/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

Minute 31/02 MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM SCC

None were reported.

Minute 32/02 MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM WSDC

Dist. Cllr. Turpin said he had nothing to report.

Dist. Cllr. Ayre congratulated the Chairman on his election and said he had nothing else to report.

Public comments on agenda items only - no comments were made.

Minute 33/02 The MINUTES of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record upon a proposal by Cllr. Turpin and seconded by Cllr. Upson.

Minute 34/02 MATTERS ARISING

a) Min.75/01.4 Trees in Hodders Combe. Concern was expressed at the lack of progress in this matter. Cllr. Upson offered to enquire whether the Quantock Rangers would carry out the felling if written permission could be obtained. It was agreed this subject should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the PC.

b) Min.24/02.4 Decommissioning of Hinkley Point A Station. Cllr. Upson reported that a representative of BNFL would be willing to give a presentation that would last 30-45 minutes. Following discussion it was agreed to ask for a presentation on Monday 8th July 2002 at 7.00pm. Cllr. Upson undertook to arrange.

Minute 35/02 CHAIRMAN TO REPORT - Cllr. McGrath expressed thanks to the outgoing Chairman for his efforts on behalf of Holford.

Minute 36/02 PLANNING - the sub-committee reported as follows:

1. Garage site. A planning variation may exist in respect of the location of the first house. Work may start soon on the second house.
2. Plough Inn. An appeal has been lodged by the proprietors against refusal of their application 01/017.
3. 3/16/02/006 Holiday cottage conversion, Honeymead, Holford. The sub-committee reported on the April 29 site visit and recommended the Parish Council offer no objections to the proposals.

Minute 37/02 FINANCE

a) The following payments were authorised:

Clerk salary	March/April	£133-34	proposed by Cllr. Turpin seconded by Cllr. Salvidge
expenses	March/April	£28-42	proposed by Cllr. Salvidge seconded by Cllr. Gibbins
Comhull Insurance plc	annual premium	£255-90	proposed by Cllr. Upson seconded by Cllr. Gibbins
SALC membership fee + C. of Conduct		£65-78	proposed by Cllr. McGrath seconded by Cllr. Upson
Holford & District V. Hall - hire		£60-00	proposed by Cllr. Salvidge seconded by Cllr. Gibbins

b) Consideration of making a grant towards the cost of purchasing a 'Jubilee' mug for all children of school age in the parish. The Chairman outlined the case and then suspended the meeting at 8.39pm to enable Mr. A. Date to give details of the efforts made by residents from the Green Close area towards the purchase of 55 mugs. The meeting reconvened at 8.41pm and the Chairman proposed making a grant of £75-00 to the organisers. Cllr. Upson seconded and the resolution was carried.

c) The Clerk reported on developments in the arrangements for auditing the accounts of parish councils and said there was a need to appoint an internal auditor who would have responsibility for inspecting and commenting on procedures relating to finance. The appointment would be on a voluntary basis. Cllr. Upson proposed the appointment of Mr. Ron Swash as internal auditor to Holford Parish Council; the proposal was seconded from the Chair and carried.

d) The Clerk presented a summary receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2002. The Chairman proposed this statement be received and approved; Cllr. Upson seconded and this was carried.

Minute 38/02 HIGHWAY MATTERS

1. Speed restriction proposals. Cllr. Upson reported on the revised proposals arising from a meeting between himself, Mr. D. Griffin and Mr. Berry (representing WS Atkins). The need for speed reduction on the A39 approaching Holford from the north to begin well in advance of the Portway Lane turning was emphasised. The Chairman undertook to contact Mr. Berry to ensure the Parish Council is kept fully informed of developments in the speed restriction proposals.
2. Stowey Lane lay-by. It was reported that some white lining had been carried out in accordance with requests following the site meeting. A plan to delineate the area of the lay-by is being drawn up and will be submitted in due course. The Chairman undertook to follow this up.

3. The 'way' from the road by the 'triangle' to the road to Alfoxton was said to be blocked by cars at times. The Chairman undertook to find out the number of cars owned by residents in this area.

Minute 39/02 EROSION ON THE QUANTOCK HILLS

Cllr. Upson reported that damage (in the areas of Hare Knap, Longstone Hill & Bicknoller Post) caused by 4 by 4 and two wheeled vehicles had occurred - mostly at weekends and on hunting days, i.e. from 14/02/02 to 29/04/02 this year. It was stated that not all hunt followers are adhering to the new code of conduct. It was agreed to send the letter drafted by Cllr. Upson to the Chairman of the JAC, with a copy to the AONB Service, supporting the code and encouraging efforts to preserve the terrain of the hills.

Minute 40/02 SAVE THE PLOUGH INN, HOLFORD CAMPAIGN

Cllr. Gibbins reported on comments in a letter from Rachel Ashman (Somerset Rural Development Association) to Roger Laidler in which she expressed concern at the lack of financial support for the campaign from Holford Parish Council. In discussion which followed, it was noted that the Parish Council had been specifically not asked for funds. Cllr. Gibbins also read a copy of a letter from HRH Prince of Wales to Mrs. M. Young in which support for the project was expressed.

Minute 41/02 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Rights of Way Network - Chairman reported that Mrs. C. Taylor had generously volunteered to assist with the survey.
2. Exmoor Grid Reference - Orange card Scheme. A co-ordinator/contact person is needed for Holford.
3. Terms & Conditions of Employment for Clerks. The Chairman, Cllrs. Gibbins & Turpin + the Clerk will look into this and report to the PC in due course.
4. Other reports and circulars were passed into circulation via the Chairman.

Minute 42/02 ITEMS TO REPORT

1. Concern was expressed that horses are running loose on the A39. It was said that action concerning stockproofing is envisaged in the near future. It was agreed this should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council
2. The problem of rubbish in the bus shelter was raised. Suggestions included a rota of volunteer cleaners and putting up a notice inviting users of the shelter to use the litter bin.
3. Rights of Way Network. It was clarified that only a sample of these are included in the survey.
4. New Play Area. This was said to be used by teenagers and some damage has occurred. Cllr. Turpin undertook to speak to WSRHA about the need for a notice stating the area is for 'children' only.
5. The seat on Hare Knap was said to be damaged. A replacement is being sponsored by the Millennium Group.
6. A formal declaration of a casual vacancy on Holford Parish Council was made.

Open Discussion

1. Re: Decommissioning of Hinkley Point A Station talk. A request was made that meetings of this kind be open meetings and that members of the public be encouraged to attend.
2. The Editor of Holford News & Views offered to include an item encouraging appropriate use of the children's play area.
3. Garage site development. The opinion was expressed that the new house has a roof which is too high
4. Proposed speed restrictions. The need for these to include Portway lane was emphasised.
5. Play Area. It was said that safety is compromised by holes in the hedge. The Chairman undertook to view the problem.
6. Subsidence was reported in the bridleway in Holford Glen (WL10/5). The possibility of this being attended to by the Ranger Service was raised.
7. Erosion on the hills. The comment was made that water is responsible for much of this.
8. Save the Plough Inn, Holford Campaign. It was suggested that the PC opposes the appeal by letter. This was agreed and an offer was made to assist in the drafting of a letter.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.43pm.

Notes for Resigning as Chairman

I have been directly involved with this PC. for the last ¼ century . My wife served on the PC, From the late 70s Through the 80's and for my part for the last 12yrs , (as councillor vice chair and chairman) Most of it I have enjoyed, helping the village and the community but I am now considering my position as a councillor, however I resign as chairman and will not be standing for re, election.

I should like to thank both WSD. councillor Mr. Turpin and the clerk Mr. Brimsom, for their help, for their support and for their experience in council matters which I have been able to use to benefit this community.

It was Sir Isaac Newton who said , "If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants". A succinct explanation of the way in which we add to our existing knowledge.