



HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date, Time and Location:

13 January 2020, 19:00 @ Holford & District Village Hall, Holford, TA5 1SD.

Holford Parish Council	Initials (XX)	Attendance
Emma Cavendish Chairman	EC	✓
David Talling Vice Chairman	DT	✓
Hema Stanley Clerk/RFO	HS	✓
Angela Drummond	AD	✓
Erl Plomgren	EP	✓
Maureen Young	MY	✓
Mike Copleston	MC	✓
Stephen Campbell	SC	✓
Somerset West & Taunton Councillor		
Chris Morgan	CM	
Somerset County Council Councillor		
Hugh Davies	HD	
Police Community Support Officers		
Sue Thompson	ST	
Sue Marks	SM	
Public Path Liaison Officer		
Sue Edwards	SE	

Key:

Proposed: P:XX

Seconded: S:XX

(XX initials of members)

- Minute 001/20: Apologies for absence.
 - HD; CM
- Minute 002/20: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations.
 - None.
- Minute 003/20: Previous meeting minutes – Approve and matters arising.
 - Minute 087/19
No response from CM.
DT - Below link received from SWT Council after informing them clarity was needed on their planning committee policy, otherwise the issue would be raised at the forthcoming Area Panel Meeting.
<https://democracy.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/documents/s6249/Terms%20of%20Reference%20Planning%20Committee.pdf>
 - DT – SWT Planning approached regarding personal data being displayed on various applications.
 - P: EC; S:DT
- Minute 004/20: Chairman report – EC.
 - 20200113 See Chairman report.
- Minute 005/20: Somerset County Council report – HD.
 - 20200113 See SCC report.
- Minute 006/20: Somerset West and Taunton Council report – CM.
 - 20200113 See SWT report.
 - Unitary Authority – All Cllrs agreed it was necessary that the Parish Council would be consulted. HS to write to SCC - importance of consultation for 'unitary' authority.
 - Planning meetings for West Somerset Area should be held in Williton - EC to write to SWT Planning & DT to raise matter at the Area Panel meeting.
- Minute 007/20: Police Community Support Officer report – ST/SM.
 - None.
- Minute 008/20: Planning applications.

- None.
9. Minute 009/20: Parish maintenance.
- Village Green – EC reported a bollard maintenance. HS to contact Wood-land South West.
10. Minute 010/20: Councillors – All.
- MY
 - i. Traffic calming.
 - Speedwatch project on-going. 3 members trained/qualified.
 - MY to forward training weblink to all Cllrs.
 - MC advised Kilve Parish Council also interested in the project.
 - EP asked if an Illuminated speed sign could be installed. Due to costs reasons it was agreed to give the Speedwatch project a chance.
 - MC
 - i. Quiet Lanes update.

Following a less than enthusiastic response from Somerset County Council I pursued the matter with the Department of Transport, and Fiona O'Neill very kindly forwarded to me links to the detail of the legislation and the guidance to County Councils circular, THE QUIET LANES AND HOME ZONES (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2006. I forwarded this to Robin Miles, Business Support, Highways Group, Somerset County Council, Somerset West and Taunton Area Office, who has copied in the various officers who have advised him. 'Let's see what comes out from SCC as a firm policy decision' was the last information I received.

I am also in contact with Liz Burr | Head of Network and Safety/Traffic Manager and Vicky Duff FIHE, Network Assurance Group Manager, of Essex County Council. Essex has a current implementation of Quiet Lanes and Vicky has indicated she is very willing to assist as she also has knowledge of the Norfolk implementation.

I would recommend the next stage, while SCC considers its policy, would be to contact other Parish Councils in Somerset, and the AoNB, to provide them with information on 'Quiet Lanes' and their benefits as well as how they have contributed to tourism and small businesses in Norfolk.

P: EC; S: MY. All Cllrs in favour.
 - ii. Hunt.

A definitive map of the areas around Holford village where Hunting Rights are reserved is well underway with contributions from The League Against Cruel Sports (LACS), The National Trust, Somerset Conservation and Magic (Defra and Natural England). I have asked Christies, who are acting for the owners of Alfoxton, for a definitive position and Jo Cheswell of Natural England is finalising the details of permitted tracks for motor vehicles for 2020 and will send me an update shortly.

Stephen is now taking the lead on this and will update the Council.

SC – Recent meeting with police was very informative and suggested a separate meeting with the Stag/Fox hound hunting parties.

Proposed the idea of a Hunt Forum in future.
 - iii. Dog Pound.

We now have a registered title. The change to the Land Registry Register is underway but taking longer than necessary due to a degree of obfuscation on their part. I made a formal complaint about

the process of the application to Land Registry but have not yet received a reply.
HS confirmed Wildlife Woodlands had now been contacted by HM Land Registry in the process.

- iv. SSSI within Holford.
Reported the SSSI in Holford were in a terrible state and proposed writing to Natural England requesting details on the last survey and what they can do regarding the current state. EC to write letter.
- v. Quantock Landscape Project.
MC shared budget and project plans and Bill Jenman invited to attend March meeting.

- EP

- i. Hinkley.

12 meetings/year. All meeting minutes available on their website. Community Forum & Transport Forum Meeting minutes can be found at:

<https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/hinkley-point-c/local-community>

- ii. Memorial trees.

New trees planted with sturdy tree guards. Informed Kilve PC will contribute £300.

- DT

- i. Play Area.

- Refer to letter from Falcon Rural Housing.
 - DT - asked if it was a planning requirement.
 - EC – advised that they would need to apply for a change in planning condition.
 - DT advised that the condition change should follow the formal planning process so that parishioners could comment on the application if they wanted to.

P: EC; S: AD. All Cllrs in favour with planning conditions in place.

- EC

- i. Lengthsmans' grant.

Proposed to move lengthsmans' grant into Parish maintenance. DT objected grant was for equipment and hopes the lengthsmans' project will be instigated in future.

- ii. Road names.

All involvement in the matter to be closed. All Cllrs in favour.

- iii. Public consultation.

Proposed questionnaire to all parishioners. EC asked all Cllrs to review what projects to include.

- iv. Disrepair of roadside bank from Church to the Triangle. EC to write to National Trust.

- v. Discussion Forum.



Checked with SALC and ok. Proposed the idea of an informal discussion forum between meetings so that all Cllrs were up-to-date on all matters. DT strongly disagreed and not in line with transparency.

11. Minute 011/20: Finance matters - HS.

- Approve outstanding invoices:
Wood-land South West £650.40; P:EC S: AD
Clerk Pay £577.97; P:EC S: MY

12. Minute 012/20: Requests via email correspondence – HS.

- Website accessibility and compliance. Time/effort to be analysed.
- Clowns request for Grant. All Cllrs agreed that the Parish Council will not get involved in such requests and that the organisation should contact Holford News and Views instead.

13. Minute 013/20: Any other business for next agenda.

- None.

Meeting closed: 20:58.