**Holford Road Safety Working Group**

**Request for authorisation of use of Parish Online software**

Dear Councillors

To aid our efforts in investigating whether ’Quiet Lanes’ would be appropriate for our Parish we have been working with Kilve who are adopting a similar approach.

We will need to have the support of the residents of any lane we consider suitable and to that end we need to create a detailed map of Holford Parish where roads can be identified as well as the location of any proposed signs.

To do this we need Parish Council authorisation to use Parish Online software for Holford Parish. The Suffolk Quiet Lanes group have now used the software to map each of 70 parishes – link below.

<https://sites.google.com/view/quietlanessuffolk/map>

The software is being used by many PCs for day to day activities related to mapping assets, planning, local issues e.g. hunting rights etc. and will be of great use to Holford Parish Council in the future. Somerset County Council have made all their mapping data available to Parish Online. The annual subscription for Holford is £54 but the Road Safety Working Group is happy to pay this if they are the only users. Once we have mastered it we would be happy to train any member of the Council.

Links below illustrate some uses small Parish Councils are making of the software.

<https://parish-online.co.uk/news/parish-online-news-youtube-live-questions>

<https://www.parish-online.co.uk/examples/item/71-compton-dundon-use-parish-online>

<https://www.parish-online.co.uk/examples/item/60-wellow-map-out-their-neighbourhood-plan>

<https://parish-online.co.uk/map-data>

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