

HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Date, Time and Location:
08 March 2021 19:00 @ Holford via Zoom Video Communications.

Holford Parish Council	Initials (XX)	Attendance	Somerset West & Taunton Councillor	Initials (XX)	Attendance
Emma Cavendish Chairman	EC	✓	Chris Morgan	CM	✓
David Talling Vice Chairman	DT	✓	Somerset County Council Councillor		
Hema Stanley Clerk/RFO	HS	✓	Hugh Davies	HD	
Erl Plomgren	EP	✓	Police Community Support Officers		
Stephen Campbell	SC	✓	Sue Thompson; Sue Marks	ST; SM	
Michala Crossley	MC	✓	Jamie Munro	JM	
Vacancy			Public Path Liaison Officer		
Vacancy			Sue Edwards	SE	

Key:

Proposed: P:XX

Seconded: S:XX

(XX initials of members)

3 members of the public present.

Summary from Have your Say

- Strawberry Fields Planning Application.
Member of the public informed 13 months deadline ending this month.
EC to request update from Council for Strawberry Fields planning application.
- Parish Online Software.
Member of the public provided an overview, cost and benefits of the software.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1. Minute 018/021: Apologies for absence.
 - HD – Not available, in meetings at Watchet & Taunton Dean, sent in report.
 - SM – sent in PCSO newsletter.
2. Minute 019/021: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations.
 - SC – Holford Road Safety Working Party.
3. Minute 020/021: Previous meeting minutes – Approved & accepted. P: EC; S: DT.
 - Matters arising – Falcon Housing (details in Chairman’s report).
4. Minute 021/021: Chairman report – EC.
 - <https://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/20210308-Chairman-report.pdf>
5. Minute 022/021: Somerset County Council report – HD.
 - <https://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/20210308-SCC-report.pdf>
 - One Somerset
 - i. DT informed that the electorate will not be given a chance to vote on the proposal because David Forthergill of SCC stated he did not need

to put it to the electorate. They are going through the motion of consulting but their mind is already made. Stronger Somerset is doing no consultation as far as he knows.

- ii. EC re-iterated that parishes should be consulted, that is democracy.
 - iii. EP agreed with EC.
6. Minute 023/021: Somerset West and Taunton Council report – CM.
- Re-iterated there will be no consultation re. One Somerset.
 - Highlighted UK's nuclear waste disposal programme
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/5-million-research-project-supports-the-uks-nuclear-waste-disposal-programme>
 - Commented - Planning meetings were at present taking a very long time.
7. Minute 024/021: Police Community Support Officer report – SM.
<https://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Notice-Newsletter-AW052-March-002.pdf>
8. Minute 025/021: Planning applications EC.
- None to report.
9. Minute 026/021: Parish maintenance.
- EC discussed model on wild verges. All Cllrs in favour of the idea and will decide in the May meeting what parish maintenance area/s to be left uncut.
 - Parish Maintenance contract to be renewed with Wood-land South West Ltd for the coming year based on cost and service in the past. P:EC; S: DT All Cllrs in favour. HS to check and confirm with service provider.
10. Minute 027/021: Councillors – All.
- All – Community Speed Watch; Quiet Lanes; Holford Road Safety Working Party.

EC read a transcript of telephone conference with Katherine Tyson, Traffic Engineer, SCC.

<https://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/20210225-EC-telephone-conference-with-Katherine-Tyson-transcript.pdf>

EC shared conversation details with Cllr Hugh Davies.

<https://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/20210308-EC-conversation-with-Cllr-Hugh-Davies.pdf>

EC mentioned being approached by parishioners about traffic flow to be changed in the village – one way system.

Some local people were strongly opposed to changes to the current system.

Concerns were expressed that making one way systems results in an increase in speeding.

DT – recommended Back Lane to be left as is, much safer with 2-way traffic.

EP – re-iterated 'leave one way well alone' reduce road speed limit instead.

Councillors discussed the SCC offer of a 'no through road' sign at the lay by towards the village from Nether Stowey. It was pointed out that this was in fact inaccurate as it is not a no through road and should therefore be rejected. The possibility of putting a sign up at the triangle is still to be decided.

All Cllrs agreed signage to be left as is for now.

DT Proposed Holford Parish Council carry on with research and discussions with established parties and disband the working party.

P:DT; S: All Cllrs in favour.

Representatives for Road/Traffic – SC & EC

- All - Representatives on outside bodies & local responsibilities.

Representatives on outside bodies:

Somerset Association of Local Councils – EC, SC
Hinkley – EP, DT
Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee – SC, EC
Holford & District Village Hall Committee – tbd
Watchet, Williton and Quantock Area Panel – DT, EC

Local responsibilities:

Roads & Traffic – SC, EC
Planning – MC, EC
Parish Maintenance – EP, MC
Hunt – SC

- EP - Hinkley.
Praised their professionalism and communications to keep all informed.

11. Minute 028/021: Finance matters - HS.

- Approve outstanding invoices
<https://holford-pc.gov.uk/fiscal-year-accounts-2020-2021/>
P: EC; S: DT – All approved.
- 2021-2022 Insurance – To be renewed with current service providers.
P: EC; S: EP – All agreed based on past year and flexibility during the year.
HS to check and confirm with service provider.
- Clerk pay to be increased by 1.5% inflation rate.
P: EC; S: All Cllrs in favour.

12. Minute 029/021: Requests via email correspondence – HS.

- Request to purchase Parish Online software.
<https://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/20210206-Parish-Online.docx>
DT – At present request not urgent with current research into speed limit reduction.
HPC to revisit need for the software in the July meeting.
P:EC; S: All in favour.
- 20210306 HRSWG report.
<https://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/20210306-HRSWG-report.docx>
DT – Too short notice - More time needed to review the report. To be discussed at the May meeting.
DT – Requested any agenda items to be sent to the PC with enough notice to allow any necessary research.

13. Minute 030/021: Any other business for next agenda.

None

Meeting closed 20:50