

HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date, Time and Location:  
04 June 2021, 10:00am, Zoom, Holford

Holford Parish Council	Initials (XX)	Attendance
Emma Cavendish Chairman	EC	✓
David Talling Vice Chairman	DT	✓
Hema Stanley Clerk/RFO	HS	✓
Erl Plomgren	EP	✓
Michala Crossley	MC	
Stephen Campbell	SC	✓
Michael Copleston	MDC	✓
Vacancy		

Somerset West & Taunton Councillor	Initials (XX)	Attendance
Chris Morgan	CM	
<b>Somerset County Council Councillor</b>		
Hugh Davies	HD	
<b>Police Community Support Officers</b>		
Sue Thompson; Sue Marks	ST; SM	
Jamie Munro	JM	
<b>Public Path Liaison Officer</b>		
Sue Edwards	SE	

Have your say – Community issues / concerns.  
Duration and content at Chairman's discretion.

**Key:**

Proposed: P:XX

Seconded: S:XX

(XX initials of members)

No member of the public present.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

1. Minute 055/21: Apologies for absence. None.
2. Minute 056/21: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations. None.
3. Minute 057/21: Planning applications.

**Planning application 3/16/21/007 – Variation of Conditions**

[https://www1.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=details&keyVal= WSC DCAPR 31527](https://www1.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=details&keyVal=WSC DCAPR 31527)

Portway Play Areas, Portway Lane, Holford.

Variation of Condition No. 08 of application 3/16/99/014 to re-design the play areas to become a community recreational space and a multi-age play area.

**HPC Comments:**

The Parish Council made a site visit on May 27<sup>th</sup> and met with Kerri, Senior Housing Officer from Falcon Housing. Local residents were all invited by mail drop to make their opinions known and were advised how they could speak to any of the Parish Councillors with their concerns and all were given the details of how to access the West Somerset Planning portal. As far as I am aware no-one contacted any of the councillors about the planning application but they may have put their concerns on the planning portal.

We were greatly impressed that Falcon Housing had taken on board all the past discussions with the Parish Council in an attempt to address the problems with the Playground. It was disheartening to hear how much time and effort had been invested by the charity in attempting to keep the Play Area a usable and safe place for local children. As a result of which a great deal of money had had to be spent to constantly repair and replace vandalised equipment and structures.

The application for a variation of condition No. 08 of application 3/16/99/014 seems both entirely reasonable and effective in making this space more accessible and valuable an asset for village children. The use of durable materials and a more open and usable place for families to meet and chat while being able to keep an eye on their children seems entirely appropriate.

The Parish Council believes the plans are entirely as we would wish going forward and also welcome the chance for Falcon Housing to have one more, last attempt to keep this play area in use. If this is unsuccessful we would suggest that any more expenditure by the charity would be a waste of valuable resources better spent on providing affordable housing elsewhere.

**Planning application 3/16/21/008 - Full Planning Permission**

[https://www1.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=details&keyVal=WSC\\_DCAPR\\_31530](https://www1.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=details&keyVal=WSC_DCAPR_31530)

The Lodge, Combe Lane, Holford, Bridgwater, TA5 1RZ.

Creation of a timber balcony to rear of house with replacement steps.

**HPC Comments:**

Holford Parish Council has no objections to the works. The work is in keeping and not overlooking any properties.

4. Minute 058/21: Any other business.

- HS Parish Council Insurance 2021-2022 confirmed with Community Action Suffolk.
- HS Notice boards (sanded/repainted/varnished) & car park pot holes(filled). £200 labour cost approved excluding materials (Varnish & ¼ Inch to dust lorry load). All Cllrs approved.

Meeting closed: 10:20am