HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date, Time and Location:

19 July 2021, 19:00 Holford & District Village Hall, Holford

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| **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** |  |  |
| Michala Crossley | MC |  |  | Sue Thompson; Sue Marks | ST; SM |  |
| Stephen Campbell | SC | **✓** |  | Jamie Munro | JM |  |
| Michael Copleston | MDC | **✓** |  | **Public Path Liaison Officer** |  |  |
| Vacancy |  |  |  | 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)

6 members of the public present.

1. Minute 059/21: Apologies for absence:
   * MC – Short staffed.
2. Minute 060/21: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations. None.
3. Minute 061/21: Previous meeting minutes (Annual Parish Council meeting & Annual Parish meeting) – Approve and matters arising.
   * P: EC; S: DT; All in favour.
4. Minute 062/21: Chairman report - EC.
   * <https://holford-pc.gov.uk/am-2021-may/>
5. Minute 063/21: Somerset County Council report – HD.
   * <https://holford-pc.gov.uk/am-2021-may/>
6. Minute 064/21: Somerset West and Taunton Council report – CM.
   * Recycling collection delays due to lack of operatives
   * Government reform – Unitary good for some and not others; geographical area coverage is large.
   * Planning – Alfoxton Park Buddhist retreat similarity with St Audries which was home to Amitabha Buddhist Centre in more recent history.
   * Hinkley update – Hinkley B - behind schedule, running 2023. Hinkley C – Ramping up activity. Consideration for Hinkley D/Fusion Station on site where current campus is, operation 2040.
   * SC asked when recycling centres are scheduled to be fully operational. CM to check and advise.
7. Minute 065/21: Police Community Support Officer report – ST/SM.

Cold callers - individuals working in the area at the moment offering gardening services. Their usual  method is to cold call & offer to cut hedges etc. They will give a quote, then once the work is done, will say that it was a bigger job than initially  expected, & demand further payment.

They will usually target more elderly residents whose gardens may look overgrown & untidy, thus preying on the vulnerable.

Please be vigilant, & look out for elderly /vulnerable members of the community.

If you are looking for gardening services or property maintenance, please do not succumb to these unscrupulous people- no matter how professional & friendly they may appear. Always go to a reputable firm, or someone who has been personally recommended.

1. Minute 066/21: Planning applications.
   * Portway planning application. <https://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Notice-31621007.pdf>

Below response received from Falcon housing on 06/07/2021:

“I am unable, as at this moment in time, to give you a plan of dates etc. when works will take place to the playground. It will be on our list of priority jobs to do this year but I cannot give the Parish Council any more information as currently, I do not have it.

We are still trying to catch up with all of the jobs that we were unable to complete over lock-down and I am sure that Parish Council can appreciate that the maintenance of our properties comes first. All I can assure the Parish Council is that we will be there to undertake the works as soon as we can – I just cannot confirm when that will be at the present time. I will of course, endeavour to let you know when we have got a plan of timescales in mind.

I am sorry that I cannot be more precise but will try to contact you again shortly with an update.”

* + Dye house planning application. <https://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Notice-31621006-The-Dye-House-Back-Lane-Holford-TA5-1RY.pdf>

A number of planning issues including a Rights of Way path where works have been proposed. DT spoke with owner who is now thinking of internal changes only and selling on the property.

1. Minute 067/21: Parish maintenance.
   * Notice boards. To be left as they are until next replacement. P:EC; S: DT, All in agreement.
   * Village Green car park pot holes refilled.
2. Minute 068/21: Councillors – All.
   * EC – Re-wilding. Plant life plan – Cut end of August; Take grass way; Flowers grow in low nutrient soil. MC requested grass cut by the Village sign in the Layby.
   * DT – Email communication.
     1. No private/personal email accounts should be used for Parish Council matters.
     2. Items to be brought up in meetings for approval.
     3. All formal external communication to go via Clerk/Chairman. All SIDs (Speed Indicator Device) communication to be shared with all.
   * MDC – Broadband.MDC proposed contacting Airband & Project Manager of Connecting Devon and Somerset to progress works. P: MDC; S: EC. All in agreement.
   * MDC – Traffic. SID update.
     1. Hinkley positive; Variety of SIDs around; A number of steps to be considered i.e Position; Battery/Solar power; Quantity – each way?; Relocating regularly.
     2. EC – CIL grant could be a possibility. All councillors to look into this possibility.
     3. DT asked why we need them. MDC to reduce speed of traffic coming into the village.
     4. SC Speed watch team has been successful. SIDs much more sophisticated nowadays.
     5. MDC to share SIDs emails with the rest of the councillors.
     6. MDC to contact SCC for quotes.
     7. MDC to circulate proposals for SIDs prior to next meeting.
   * EC – Traffic Group Sub-Committee.
     1. MDC proposal at Annual Parish Meeting in May.

<https://holford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/20210524-Annual-Parish-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.

* + 1. EC proposed traffic questionnaire to determine the views of Parishioners on traffic in the Parish. Draft questionnaire to be circulated and all councillors to decide if the content is appropriate.
    2. EP suggested to consult via questionnaire on local views of traffic matters initially before any decisions were made and all councillors agreed on this course of action.

Sub-committee decision deferred.

P:EC; S:EP. All in favour.

* + EP – Hinkley. Up to date information available on both the Parish Council and Holford Village websites:
    1. <https://holford-pc.gov.uk/notices/magnox-hinkley/>
    2. <https://www.holfordvillage.com/news.htm>
  + SC – Hunt. Intention to meet in public for discussion early November.

1. Minute 069/21: Finance matters - HS.
   * Shared Account summary, Budget for 2021-2022

<https://holford-pc.gov.uk/fiscal-year-accounts-2021-2022/>

All invoices received since last meeting to meeting date approved.

P: EC; S: DT; All in favour.

1. Minute 070/21: Requests via email correspondence – HS.
   * CSW report July
2. Minute 071/21: Any other business for next agenda.
   * Footbridge.
   * CIL grant.
   * Defibrillator.

Meeting closed: 20:50