

**HOLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
22ND JANUARY, 2013 AT 7P.M. AT THE HOLT COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

PRESENT: Councillors J. Pridding, G. Jones, A. Shone, S. Lewis, J. Evans, J. Cubitt, P. Gaade, L. Roberts & D. Roberts. PCSO Luke Dobby was also present.
APOLOGIES: Councillor P. Lewis and Councillor M. Morris.

CHAIR: Mr. J. Pridding, the Chairman, took the Chair, welcomed everyone to a New Year and then a silence was held in respect of the late Mrs May Jones (Llanypwll)

MINUTES: A. Shone proposed the minutes of the last meeting be signed and approved as a true record, P. Gaade seconded, all agreed.

ITEM 1 – POLICE MATTERS – PCSO LUKE DOBBY.

Luke wished everyone a Good Evening and handed out the crime sheets for the past month. There were a few more incidents than usual i.e.

Burglary 4 – 2 charged to date! Criminal damage 5 but 4 of these related. 1 domestic.

Advice has been put on the website regarding Fuel Tanks and a Crime Prevention Evening is to be held on Monday, 25th February, 2013 at 7.30p.m. at the Kenyon Hall. Luke hopes that members of the public will attend to discuss any issues or worries, informally with himself and police representatives. Refreshments provided and the Community Council agreed to fund half the cost.

Luke was thanked and left the meeting.

ITEM 2 – MATTERS ARISING:

1.DOG FOULING: This is still very bad and the clerk is to write to one dog owner whose dog has been seen fouling and another sign is to be purchased to stop dog owners taking dogs through the cemetery from the allotments! There are signs on the other gates.

2.WALL AT DEE VILLAS: This has now been completed and a ‘residents parking only sign’ erected. This was intended for residents of Dee Villas so a watch will be kept on this.

3. PROPOSED FENCING AT PLAY AREA – THE GREEN:

Martin Howarth from WCBC has contacted the Clerk and there is no chance of WCBC financing this. He has looked at this and suggested an alternative scheme. Clerk to arrange a meeting the 1st week of March with Martin, Carla Hughes, Mike Morris and Ray Parry if possible and to let some members know.

4.WREXHAM COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING: The Clerk had attended this, on 4/12/12 and gave a brief feedback. The main issues were affordable housing and the Local development plan.

5.WREXHAM POWER LTD:PROPOSED ENERGY PLANT.

Thanks were given to John Cubitt who helped the council by providing an in depth list of concerns and questions regarding this as feedback.

6.FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO HOLT COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Councillor Morris and the Clerk had written expressing concern at the suggestion of the Community council either contributing 20% towards the cost of upkeep or possibly taking over the running of the centre. The suggestion was made that the education pay towards the upkeep as the school use the facility! Acknowledgement has been received but this is still under discussion.

7.WALES IN BLOOM: A meeting is to be held and J. Cubitt is to attend. He will contact B. Campbell regarding this.

8.WASTE PAPER SKIP: There has been a lot going on with this and the work is now to go ahead with re-positioning the lock. Derek was concerned with safety of support bar and will liaise with Brian Pane.

9.CHAPEL HOUSE: An enforcement notice has been served and comes into force on 19th February, 2013, the owners will then have 28 days to remove the fence or appeal.

ITEM 3. – CORRESPONDENCE:

10.FOOTPATHS: Letter from Steve Tilston – Ramblers Footpath Secretary for WCBC. To send this to Brian Payne for information.

11.ELECTRONIC MINUTES: The members expressed an overall wish to stay with the existing method of a paper copy of the minutes via the post!

12.PLANNING: As the planning usually allows 21 days to send any comments it was decided that if a planning application would be out of time by the next meeting then the Chairman would ask WCBC for extra time and if this was not forthcoming would then confer and send comments back!

3 Smithfield Drive, replacement of conservatory with sun lounge – granted.

Westleigh, Smithfield Green, removal in stages of 1 willow tree protected by Holt Conservation area – pending.

The Fisheries, Buck Road, Commonwood – proposed toilet and shower block provision – Concern expressed with this and it was felt that if allowed they should either form an extension to the café building or be located behind the hedge!

Cornish Farm, Francis Lane – erection of Signs in retrospect. The members feel these are to large and a bit unnecessary and are not happy they are in retrospect!

The Magpies, Smithfield Green, Holt – Single storey extensions to rear and side of building – There were some concerns with the design and the fact that it leaves less than half a metre between the boundary with Westleigh! Is this development appropriate for a Conservation area/

ITEM 4 – AGENDA:

13.BOWLING GREEN – CONSIDERATION OF EXPENDITURE:

A letter received from the bowlers had been circulated to all members for consideration. The Clerk had prepared a Financial sheet on the costs of the Green upkeep and estimated costs e.t.c. for 2013.

The Financial sheet is to be sent to the bowlers and a representation of members are to be invited to meet councillors at 6.30p.m. on 26th February, 2013, before the next monthly meeting!

14. REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON HOLT TOWN TRUST:

2 representatives to serve on the above from March 2013, will need to be elected at the February meeting. The present members are Mr. Paul Gaade and Mr. Richard Varley.

ITEM 5 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

15. GENERAL MATTERS TO REPORT:

Lights out of order. Give way sign in hedge obscured by The Poplars!

Parking of vehicles from garage. Trees cut in Castle grounds – did WCBC do this?

Francis Lane – soil tipped. Playing Field has been spiked. Are we charged for this?

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th February, 2013.

Accounts approved for payment – proposed by J. Cubitt seconded by J. Evans. All agreed.

1923	Mrs J. Pierce	salary January	£247-66
1924	C. Edwards	grasscutting & treatments	£1771-94
1925	WCBC	street lighting	£367-89
1926	Dee Valley	water – toilets	£388-59