

**HOLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2014 AT HOLT COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Mrs G. Jones, Ms. A. Shone, Mr. P. Lewis, Mr. J. Evans, Mr. J. Cubitt, Mr. S. Lewis, Mr. J. Pridding, Mr. D. Roberts, Mr. P. Gaade. Councillor M. Morris, Sgt. McLeod, PCSO P. Peters.

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs. L. Roberts.

**CHAIR:** Mrs G. Jones, the Chairperson, opened the meeting with a welcome. A silence was held in respect of the late Mr. Lionel Trash.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Gaade proposed the minutes of the last meeting be signed and approved as a true record, Mr. S. Lewis seconded this. All agreed.

**ITEM 1. POLICE MATTERS: PCSO PETERS AND SGT MCLEOD.**

The list of incidents i.e. burglaries, anti social etc was quite low for the past month which is good. It was agreed to get some new signs for the CCTV at toilets and it was reported teenagers had been in girl's toilets. Parking issues were also reported again and will be looked into. Sgt. McLeod then brought up the issue of the anti fracking camp which has been set up at Borrás. The police are liaising with the people here and to date they are co-operating with the landowner. This matter led to a lengthy discussion and the members were assured a close eye is being kept on this. At present the police are facilitating what is a peaceful protest. Thanks were given to the police for their attendance and they left the meeting.

**ITEM 2 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES,**

**1.DEFIBRILLATOR:** Mr. S. Lewis is monitoring this and the information on it will be in the Church newsletter in about 2 weeks.

**2. DIFFICULT DECISIONS:**

The meeting on this, was held by WCBC and thanks were given to Mr. S. Lewis for attending in behalf of Holt. The clerk had written to Mr. Hugh Jones regarding our great concerns regarding the future care of the Holt Castle and we were assured by his reply that we would be consulted on any plans for this.

**3. TOILETS/VILLAGE.**

It was agreed to close the toilets at 6p.m. during the winter months. Mr. Gaade and the Clerk had met with the Cross/village caretaker and explained what is required. A check is to be made on the situation. Clerk to ask for the bins on the Cross to be emptied more frequently and also for another visit of the sweeper!

### **ITEM 3 – CORRESPONDENCE.**

#### **4. REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS ON TRUNK ROADS.**

This is being done by the Welsh Government. The comment was made from a member that the present Speed Limits are not enforced especially on the 483!

#### **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

Long Meadow, Hugmore Lane, Llanypwll – erection of new detached dormer bungalow.

No objections.

#### **5a. BOWLING GREEN – QUOTE FOR 2015.**

This was received from Mr. Mark Jones who has done the work this year. The quote was £800 for 3 treatments (no increase on this year). This was accepted and it was agreed that should any extra be needed the council will be approached to consider this.

### **ITEM 4 – AGENDA ITEMS.**

#### **6. GRANT ALLOCATION.**

A list of applications received during the year was given to each member and the following grants were allocated:

Royal British Legion £150 (Mr. Gaade thought it would be a nice idea to have the large poppies on the posts on the main street through the village) Mrs Jones proposed £150 be allocated for this and Mr. Cubitt seconded. All agreed, clerk to look into this.

Kenyon Hall £1500 for upkeep (this is agreed annually!) £25 for refreshments provided in the hall after the Remembrance service.

St. Chad's £350 for grasscutting in the Churchyard. Mr. Roberts proposed £350 which is an increase of £50. Mr. Gaade seconded this.

Nightingale House £150, Hope House (children's hospice) £150, Starlight £50 (1 member objected to this)

The grants were agreed individually but then proposed as a block with agreement that should any local charity applications be received in the year they would be considered. Mr. Gaade proposed, Mr. Cubitt seconded.

#### **7. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE.**

The police confirmed that there will be 3 representatives to control traffic and that a wreath will be laid by Sgt. McCleod. James Cubitt who is in the Farndon Band will play the cornet. The clerk has arranged the barriers, wreaths and Mr. Gaade has kindly put up the notices from last year pre-warning motorists about the road closure for the service. Thank you to all involved.

**ITEM 5 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**8. GENERAL MATTERS:**

Manor Park – Conker Tree (conkers on pavement ) bins being left out on pavement. Back Lane, Commonwood – steep drop in the ditch about 500yds from the road .A couple of lights were reported and the clerk will phone them to WCBC. The sign for Holt has been defaced and needs cleaning. Manhole cover by the Old Police station on the Cross is loose and very noisy when cars pass over it. It was mentioned that doctors surgeries are reducing their catchment areas but nothing official has been received on this! Hedge by Dee Villas needs cutting and rubbish has been dumped on Francis Lane (both sides of the by pass) Clerk is to write again to a dog owner who is using the playing field to exercise dogs .A sign is to be requested to tell HGVs not to follow sat navs whilst the work is being carried out on the Post House roundabout. Clerk to ask Morey Simpson from WCBC to look at the birch tree on the right in the cemetery. Clerk to ask regarding wild flowers at the entrance to village. If WCBC aren't allocating them free then we will look into purchasing them as a resident has kindly offered to plant them again. Thanks to him for the offer .Apologies were given for the next meeting by Mr. Cubitt and Mr. P. Lewis.The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

**ACCOUNTS PROPOSED FOR PAYMENT BY MR. P. GAADE AND SECONDED BY MR. P. LEWIS.  
ALL AGREED.**

2096 – Mr. D. Kettle	grasscutting	£150-00
2097 – Mrs J. Pierce	salary October	£297-92
2098 – Dee Valley	water supply	£391-14
2099 – Mr. M. Jones	autumn treatment	£250-00
2100 –Mrs K. Rawlinson	toilets & expenses	£216-50
2101 – Mr. R. Crofts	Cross/Village	£195-00
2102 – Mrs J. Pierce	salary November & exp	£349-42
2103 – WCBC	street lighting – maint.	£274-36
2104 – WCBC	repairs	£ 25-19
2105 – St. Chads	grant	£350-00
2106 – Kenyon Hall	grant	£1525-00
2107 – EDF	Street Lighting – energy	£583-54
2108 – Border Fire	service of extinguisher	£ 22-50
2109 – Nightingale House	grant	£150-00
2110 – Hope House	grant	£150-00

