

HOLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2026 AT 7-00PM AT THE KENYON HALL, HOLT.

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr J Cubitt, Mr S Lewis, Mr J Hughes, Mr D Bithell Mrs G Jones, Ms A Shone, Mr D Powell, Mr D Munnerley, Mr G Mitchell, Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mr J Pridding, Mr A Jones, WCBC Councillor M Morris

The meeting was formally opened by the Chairman, Mr J Cubitt. There were no reports of a recent death of either a Holt resident or a person with Holt connections.

POLICE REPORT: The Clerk had distributed the Police Report for March and there were three reported incidents for the Holt area for the month.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: There was no requested amendments from the minutes of the March meeting and accordingly, the minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record.

Proposed Mr S Lewis, seconded Ms A Shone, agreed by all.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1.COMMUNITY GARDENERS AND OTHER RELATED NEWS: The Clerk advised that there had been no communication from Holt Community Gardeners since the last meeting. The Clerk had received a message from Councillor Bithell regarding a tree in Holt Copse which had split, had a large branch hanging over the hedge, and was in danger of falling onto the bypass; also following the recent strong winds, a tree had fallen in the cemetery; the Clerk had contacted Mr Joe Hughes who had come the next day and removed both trees. Mr Bithell had requested that large pieces of wood could be left and these have been used around the village, in the Copse and in Rebecca's Garden at Holt School.

2. ALLOTMENTS: The Clerk advised that he now had 6 names on the waiting list for an allotment.

3. JOINT MEETING WITH FARNDON PC: The Clerk reported that he had submitted to CWaC, on behalf of Holt Community Council, and the residents of Holt, an objection to the construction of 400+ houses on land off Sibbersfield Lane, and the 40 houses on a field down Crewe Lane in Farndon

4. Finances: The Clerk had distributed the Finance Sheet and Narrative for March, month 12 and year end. Income for March was £362.88 and Expenditure was £3144.26; Income comprised of Cemetery £35, Toilet Doors £111.25, Allotments £20 and Bank Interest of £196.63; Expenditure included salary and wages, General Admin £107.80, Clerks Expenses £183.41, Hillfield POS £812.60, Toilets and Village General £282.36, WCBC Trade Waste £583.50 VAT £19.51.

The Clerk gave a report on the years finances, end of year balance, money spent to date on the Muga and Hillfield POS, and the actual bank balance discounting the money held on account for the Muga and POS.

Proposed by Mr D Bithell, seconded by Mr J Hughes, agreed by all, that the Finance Report for March 2026, and year end, be accepted.

5. The Clerk had received reports that there were still cars parking on the Dee Villas pull in space off Bridge Street, which were partially blocking the pavement; it was agreed that the Community Council had done all they could and it was now up to North Wales Police to ticket any vehicles found to be causing an obstruction.

6. Councillor Morris had sent an email to the Clerk advising that he had been in contact with WCBC regarding the concerns and experiences that some residents had with the new road layout on the junction of the A534 and the Holt turnoff; Councillor Morris had asked if some "new road layout" signs could be erected to give drivers warning, and WCBC agreed and had erected the signs on the A534 within a few days.

7. (From AOB) Mr A Jones, who had not attended the previous meeting, had sent a message clarifying that the missing sign was actually the one that said BORRAS. The Clerk to contact Streetscene.

Mr D Munnerley said that the grass on Dee Park play area was growing very quickly and asked whether it could be cut by the end of the week and then every 2 weeks; the Clerk advised he would contact WCBC to find out their schedules but made Councillors aware that one of the main factors affecting when WCBC cut the grass was the weather. It was proposed by Mr D Munnerley, seconded by Mrs G Jones, that HCC worked, where possible to grass cuts on the Dee Park play area every 2 weeks during the summer months.

Mr S Lewis said that he had been contacted again by a resident about the HCC website, asking if the blocks on the front page could be updated. Clerk will ask for this to be sorted.

ITEM 2: CORRESPONDENCE:

8. The Clerk advised that he had received the annual renewal from Zurich Insurance, with a new quote of £849.12, an increase of £75.07. It was commented that it was important to ensure that the CC has the appropriate insurance, Proposed Mrs G Jones, seconded Ms A Shone that the quotation be accepted.

The Clerk had received an email regarding an invite to the Wrexham Mayors End of Year Charity Ball, a fundraising occasion to raise funds for a mini bus for Dynamic Wrexham.

One Voice Wales had sent out a notice regarding the launch of the "One Voice Wales Civility and Respect Pledge"; this is a pledge for the CC to agree to show "politeness and courtesy in behaviour, speech and the written word". It was agreed by all that this was something that the CC carried out at all times, and did not have to sign a pledge for something that was common courtesy and good manners.

The Clerk had been contacted by CWaC Councillor Adrian Waddelove about an idea from Mr Tim Kenney, (of Farndon Soapbox fame) to set up a business plan to pitch for funding (£106) from any future major housebuilding projects in Farndon, and to use the funding to set up a community asset for the benefit of both villages. The Clerk advised he would try to get more details to either send out or bring to the next meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a) **Erection of Fence, Land South of Dee Park, Holt (this is to securely fence off the area by the garages off Dee Park (NO OBJECTION)**

The Clerk had also received notification from Wrexham County Borough Council of the “Withdrawal of a Local Development Plan (LDP)”. The development plan for Wrexham now comprises the “Future Wales: the national development plan 2040 and the Wrexham Unitary Development Plan 1996-2011, adopted 2005.

ITEM 3: AGENDA

9. Pride in Place Impact Funding (PiPIF); The Chair had not attended the March meeting when options for the PiPIF were discussed and agreed; PiPIF was discussed again and it was confirmed that the options agreed at the last meeting would, in the opinions of the Councillors, best support and where possible, improve local assets, while also meeting some of the needs of the village and residents for the foreseeable future. It was also agreed that the options chosen best meet the various conditions as laid down in the PiPIF guidance from WCBC. The Clerk advised that he had started completing the necessary forms with the intention of submitting them before the end of the month.

ITEM 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr D Munnerley asked if WCBC could be contacted regarding the hedge at the Dee Park end of the play area, and the hedge at the back of the old garage, both of which are quite overgrown.

Accounts: Approved for payments for April 2026

PAYMENTS FOR March 2026

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| 3224 – Avow, Salary, Wage, Charge, Annual Fee, Backpay 25/26 | £1202.47 |
| 3225 – J&L Garden Services, Replacement Cheque for 3223 | £NIL |
| 3226 – Kenyon Hall Committee, Hall Hire, Jan/Feb | £60.80 |
| 3227 – J&L Garden Servs, Hillfield POS Feb, Renew Woodchip Bord | £812.60 |
| 3228 – G Mitchell, Clerks Expenses 2025-26 | £188.41 |

PROPOSED PAYMENTS FOR April 2026

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| 3229 – Avow, Salary, Wage, Charge, Annual Fee, Backpay 25/26 | £979.88 |
| 3230 – Monument Landscapes, Grass Cuts Castle and Vill Entrance | £371.81 |
| 3231 – Mr S E Jones, Hedge Cuts, Cemetery Entrance Way | £560.00 |
| 3232 – J H Tree Surgery, Trees Cut, Copse and Cemetery | £650.00 |
| 3233 – Mega Electrics, Street Light Fault, Car Park | £122.77 |
| 3234 – Shane Coupland, Bowling Green Maintenance, March/April | £597.50 |

THE NEXT MEETING OF HOLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS THE AGM AND WILL BE HELD AT THE KENYON HALL, HOLT ON TUESDAY 26th MAY 2026 AT 7-00PM

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