

## HOLME HALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Pavilion, Holme Hale on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm.

Attending the meeting: Simon Broke (Chairman); Ron Graham (Parish Clerk); parish councillors Andy Scarlett, Geoff Tranter, Wendy McNeil (late arriving), and Julian Pearson; Fabian Eagle (County Councillor); Mike Buttolph (HHPFT); and four members of the public.

1. Welcome and to accept any apologies for absence: The Chairman welcomed those present and apologies for absence were received from Stephen Thorp and Wendy McNeil (arriving late).

2. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017: it was proposed by Mike Buttolph and seconded by Terry Bowman, that the minutes be accepted and signed as a true and correct record of the meeting. All voted in favour.

3. Matters arising: none raised.

4. Chairman's report – Simon Broke: sad to report the death of Mrs Pat Kerr, who had been a parish councillor for many years, and had made many contributions to village life. Welcomed Julian Pearson as a co-opted member of the PC, leaving two vacancies to be filled. The PC had entered into a parish partnership agreement with NCC for a new road in the village, and was erecting new village signs (with thanks expressed to Geoff Tranter for his work on this matter). With regards to planning matters, the PC had pushed for the two passing bays to be provided in Lower Road, but the biggest issue was the plans by Vattenfall to build a new sub station at Necton. A full planning application had yet to be submitted to the Secretary of State, and the timescale for this development had yet to be established. The Necton Action Group had spoken to the PC about the environmental problems that would be caused by the proposed development. The scale of the impact on Holme Hale was difficult to assess, and the PC had not yet taken a position on this application. The village hall has received some help this year, with the Robertson Bequest Fund being used to supply a new cooker. Thanks go to Ron Graham for his work as parish clerk, and to all the councillors for their efforts on behalf of the village.

5. To receive a report from Highways – David Jacklin: not submitted.

6. To receive a report from the County Councillor – Fabian Eagle: a copy of the detailed annual review for 2017-18 had been forwarded to the parish clerk. The key points dealt with by NCC were:

- the plans to deal with the problems of broadband and mobile phone coverage
- to continue the campaign for dualling the A47
- the completion of the improvements to the Norwich airport route
- to look at air pollution levels in Swaffham town centre
- to take further action to deal with the budgetary problems
- to reduce the high costs of Adult Social Care
- to maintain the improvements made in the provision of Child Social care.

7. To receive a report from the District Councillor – Nigel Wilkin: not submitted.

8. To receive a report from First Responders: unable to find an appropriate contact name or number.

9. To receive a report from the Holme Hale Fuel Allotment Trust – Andy Scarlett: progress with the management of the Trust had been hampered by delays in transferring the authority to the new committee. Two new members had been co-opted and there was still room for one more on the committee. The Trust will be looking to utilise its resources for the benefit of the village in the short, medium, and long term, and requests that parishioners send their ideas to the committee.

10. To receive a report from St Andrews Church – Stephen Thorp: an emailed copy of the Annual Report and financial statement of the Parochial Church Council for 2017 was submitted, and demonstrated how the church was fairing. Grateful thanks were expressed to Mrs Delia Broke, whose generosity made it possible to improve the roof lights in the parish church, thus improving the ambiance by which the church can hold services and other social functions. The Rector also wished to thank all the regular members of the church congregation, whose sterling efforts alongside well wishers from the broader community, are invaluable.

11. To receive a report on Church funds/finances – Geoff Tranter: A small army of volunteers keeps things going eg. Andy Scarlett got a helper regarding the winding of the clock. Without the help provided by visiting clergy, the PCC would be in trouble. Particular thanks were expressed for the help given by Eric Evans. The PCC had only managed to pay 87% of the parish share for the Rector. Gift Aid has been a big factor in increasing the money raised from donations.

12. To receive a report from the Holme Hale Playing Field Trust – Mike Buttolph: The past year had been very hectic, with the completion of the decoration of the Tony Evans Centre, and the new cooker being fitted in time for Christmas. Thanks go to Solly Bowers and the Robertson Bequest Fund for the purchase of the cooker. Bookings are increasing and private events have gone well, but there has been no response to appeals for help from the village with running outside events. Car park issues have been a continual problem. Thanks go to the hard working committee, plus those who distribute the Moonraker magazine, and those who run the Munch and Mardle.

13. To receive a report from the Necton Primary School: No report submitted. The School has a temporary head teacher, and is on Easter holidays, so the Clerk has requested a copy of their March Newsletter.

14. To discuss the Parish Council accounts: The parish clerk presented the income and expenditure accounts of the PC for the 2017-18 financial year, which showed an excess of income over expenditure of £70.16. The closing balances on the three accounts held by the PC were reported as being £11,135.26 in the Current account; £4,788.90 in the Savings account; and £1,702.16 in the Robertson Bequest account. The precept would remain the same as last year, and further planned expenditure will be incurred on building a base for the new village sign on Station Road (£650), and sharing the cost of building a village trod under the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme (£4,300).

15. To discuss any other village matters: Concerns were raised over Vattenfall's plans to build a large electric sub station in Necton. It was agreed that some councillors from Holme Hale should attend the forum meeting being organised by George Freeman in Necton on 20th April 2018 to discuss these proposals.

16. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting: to take place in April/May 2019.

With no further matters being raised, the meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm. \_