

Holme Hale Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Minutes for Holme Hale Parish Annual meeting (meeting of electors) held on 11th April 2022 at 7.00pm at Holme Hale Village Hall in the Tony Evans Centre.

Attendance: S. Broke (Chair of P.C. & elector), M. Buttolph (rep. H.H.P.F.T. & elector), A. Lyndsay (elector), G. Tranter (rep. St. Andrew's church & elector) and A. Scarlett (rep. H.H.F.A.T. & elector)

C. Prentice (Clerk to H.H.P.C.) and Revd. S. Thorp (rep. St. Andrew's Church)

1) Chair's opening Remarks

Chair welcomed all and reiterated that this meeting is the annual 'parish' meeting.

2) Apologies

J. Griffiths (rep. Highways), N. McBrien (elector), W. McNeil (elector) and Cllr N. Wilkin (District Councillor)

3) Approval of Minutes

Approved. Signed by chair

4) Reports (for information only)

1. Chairman's report

Welcome again. It has been a busy year coping with the various forms of covid and more importantly coping with the rules and regulations regarding meetings such as masks and keeping things moving. I am pleased that we can meet properly this evening and update you on so many matters that affect the village and parishioners.

First of all, I must congratulate and thank all those that were mobilised by N. McBrien to work on looking after vulnerable residents during the worst of the covid months by being good neighbours, getting food delivered and showing good community spirit.

Secondly, it is nice to have the new bigger, better moonraker back in circulation, long may it thrive.

We have kept the precept at £8000 which shows on the council tax, there has been no increase for many years. Council funds remain healthy and there are plans to spend funds on speed signs and traffic calming, in a bid to tackle speeding issues causing concern to residents in Station Road and Cook Road.

It has been a busy year on planning matters not least Vattenfall and potential further substations at Necton. It is interesting that there will be more visible to those in Holme Hale than the residents of Necton itself. With all planning matters they are discussed fully in council meetings or if they are requiring a quick response the council holds extraordinary meetings to ensure the interests of the village are fully heard by Breckland Council planning department.

Permissive footpaths and bridleways in the parish which are regularly and well used are now part funded by the council, as D.E.F.R.A. has withdrawn all such funding.

Finally thanks goes to all councillors for their interest and attention in all matters of the parish. There are two councillor positions available if any one is interested.

Last but not least, thanks go to C. Prentice who is doing great work and bringing the council into the 21st Century.

2. To receive a report from Highways

None received

3. To receive a report from County Councillor F. Eagle

None received

4. To receive a report from District Councillor N. Wilkin

None received

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5. To receive a report from Holme Hale Fuel Allotment Trust

Dr. Scarlett gave thanks for the opportunity to report at this meeting. The H.H.F.A.T entered 2021 (during a time of Covid) completing a grant or rather the second part of a grant to a total of £12000 to Holme Hale Playing Field Trust. This went partly to the resurfacing of the car park and partly to the heating in the hall.

Subsequently in this year, conscious of the increasing costs of energy for parishioners, the trust was able to return to it's actual core purpose – namely making grants to those experiencing fuel hardship. With that in mind, last month grants were made to ten parishioners totalling over £2000.

We expect to potentially repeat a call for hardship grants in Autumn for this year, as energy prices will continue to cause issue.

Dr. Scarlett gave thanks to the other committee members for all their work.

6. To receive a report from St Andrews Church

Published separately. Read by Revd. S. Thorp

7. To receive a report on Church funds/finances

Published separately. Read by G. Tranter

8. To receive a report from Holme Hale Playing Field Trust

Published separately. Read by M. Buttolph

9. To receive a report from Necton Primary School

None received.

10. To confirm end of year Parish Council account balances

Published separately. Read by C. Prentice

5) Questions

None

6) Matters for consideration at next meeting

None

7) Time and date of next meeting

Annual P.C meeting Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.00pm

Next annual parish meeting to be decided by Holme Hale Parish Council at a later date.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____