

HOLME HALE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th April 2023 in the Tony Evans Centre at the Village Hall, Holme Hale.

Present: Mr Simon Broke (Chairman of the Parish Council), District Cllr Nigel Wilkin, Rev'd Stephen Thorp, Mr Gerald Tranter (PCC Treasurer), Mr Mike Nairn (Chairman of Breckland District Council) and five members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mrs Long of Necton Primary School and Mr Daniel Watson of County Broadband.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2022.

Mr Scarlett proposed that the minutes be approved as an accurate record of the meeting, this was seconded by Mrs McNeil and agreed by those present. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

3. Presentation of Plaque by Breckland District Council Chairman, Mr Mike Nairn.



The Chairman of Breckland Parish Council, Mr Nairn, presented the village with a plaque in recognition of the support provided by Holme Hale to our neighbouring community at Ashill during the fire in July 2022. He said that Ashill had highlighted how helpful Holme Hale and the Village Hall had been during the terrible time last year when twelve homes were destroyed and others damaged.

The Chairman accepted the plaque on behalf of the Village and the Village Hall and everyone who had helped at the Hall and provided facilities or other assistance.

Mr Nairn said he had been impressed by how the two villages had worked together, and with other organisations and the emergency services, to help those affected by the fire. This disaster had also had the knock-on effect of other villages now producing an emergency plan in the event of further disasters.

4. Reports.

a) Chairman's Report.

The Chairman presented his report and this is attached.

b) County Councillor's Report.

There was no report received from the County Councillor.

c) District Councillor's Report.

The District Councillor declined to give a report as he was currently in purdah.

d) NCC Highways Report.

There was no report received from Highways.

e) Holme Hale Fuel Allotment Trust Report.

Mr Scarlett said the trust had been created many years ago to assist parishioners who were struggling with fuel costs, more recently they also gave grants to organisations who carried out charitable works for parishioners.

With the escalating energy costs, 21 grants had been allocated in April and November 2022, £4,200 in total. The Trust is currently reviewing the demand for continuing provision.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their work.

f) St Andrew's Church Report.

The Rev'd Stephen Thorp presented his report and this is attached.

g) Church Funds/Finance Report.

Mr Tranter, PCC Treasurer, presented his report and this is attached.

h) Holme Hale Playing Field Trust Report.

The Chairman presented the report and this is attached.

i) Necton Primary School Report.

Mrs Long apologised and had been unable to supply a report.

5. To receive a report from a representative of County Broadband.

Mr Watson was unable to attend but it was hoped he would be able to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

6. Open Forum - this is an opportunity for residents of the parish to express their views on matters of interest or concern relating to the village and to suggest ideas for the future.

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

Signed:

Date:
