Annual

Parish

Meeting

Monday 22nd April 2024 at 6.00pm.

VILLAGE HALL, PINFOLD LANE

Holton le Clay Parish Council plays a vital role in representing the interests of the residents of

Holton le Clay.

The Parish Council is committed to delivering services to meet local needs and improving the quality of life in the village.

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Parish Council

ANNUAL REPORT

As of March 1st 2024 the Parish Council held funds of:  **General Account:** £50,654 (of which £13000 compulsory reserves)

**Burial Account** £8881 (For Cemetery upkeep)

The 2023/24 Annual return will be published online in early June, following which it will be available for inspection at the Council offices by appointment.

Exact Publication and Inspection dates will be advised via the Council Notice Board.

At the Full Council meeting on the 18th December 2023 Holton le Clay Parish Council set the precept request for 2024/25 at £76,772

The Parish Council has carefully considered the needs of Holton le Clay when setting the precept amount but due to rising costs in utilities and salaries it was felt that a 6% increase was necessary.

The Parish Council has had to make some very tough decisions and make budget cuts where possible to lessen the financial impact on residents. The necessary budget for 2024/25 is £90,434 the £13,662 shortfall will be met by the income from solar Panels on the Village Hall, existing Council funds and a contribution towards utilities by the village hall committee.

During 2024/25 the Council will be made up of the following people, who volunteer their services in order to carry out the duties of the council:

Current Council Membership for 2023/2024 is:

Councillor Mik Boon (Chairman)

Councillor Helen Reynolds (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Anne Wheeler

Councillor Matt Starr

Councillor Paul Rowntree

Councillor Patrick Warrener

Councillor Teresa Dodge

Councillor David Springett

Councillor Chris Lyons

Councillor Steve Smith

One vacancy for Councillor

The Council’s affairs were administered and undertaken by the following staff members:

Emma Portas Clerk to the Parish Council /Responsible Financial Officer and Clerk to the Burial Board.

Paul Notley Maintenance Operative.

Holton-le-Clay was also represented by Councillor Hugo Marfleet of Lincolnshire County Council and Councillors Terry Aldridge and Stephen Lyons of East Lindsey District Council.

During 2023-24 we have:

Held Monthly meetings and public forums.

Continued to maintain and inspect the Junior Playing Field

Maintained amenity grass and the grass at both playing fields.

Carried out weed spraying of the Village

Installed a historic WW2 artefact and information table at the war memorial

Maintained three defibrillators

Consulted with East Lindsey Council on Planning Applications.

Installed a second speed bump at the village hall

Consulted with developers in regard to planning applications.

Liaised with Lincolnshire County Council in regard to highways issues including the reporting of faults.

Supported the continuing development of the Village Hall.

Maintained the Cemetery and provided Burial services.

Continued the general maintenance of the village by the maintenance operative

Installed bug houses, bird boxes and hedgehog homes at the junior playing field

Planted more than 700 spring bulbs around the village

Installed posts at the cemetery to protect grave spaces from vehicles

During 2024-25 we aim to continue to provide all these services to Holton-le-Clay residents as well as engaging with residents to identify and address other issues and areas of concern in the Village.

## HLC P.C 2023 & 2024