

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HOLTON LE CLAY**  
**13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 6pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, PINFOLD LANE,**  
**HOLTON LE CLAY. DN36 5DL**

In attendance: Emma Portas

8 Members of the Public

**1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME**

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Mik Boon welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

**2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2022**

The minutes were approved as a true record.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS**

Guest speakers PCSO Jo Drake, PCSO Luke Jacklin, PCSO Emily Willoughby introduced themselves as members of the police force. Lee Kilner from Lincolnshire County Council Highways gave his introduction.

**Item 7** was brought forward to allow the police team to leave the meeting and return to their duties.

**7. UPDATE FROM LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE – PCSO JOANNA DRAKE,**

**PCSO LUKE JACKLIN AND PCSO EMILY WILLOUGHBY**

PCSO Drake introduced her new colleagues, PCSO Jacklin and Willoughby. Not a lot to report other than the force will be cut by 40% by August/September this year. She is unsure as yet as to how the Louth and Rural Areas will be covered as things are still yet to be decided. As always, any non-emergency incidents are to be reported on 101 and any emergencies to go through 999.

**4. CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT 2022 TO 2023 AND LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023/24**

The chairman of the parish council delivered the following report: the council has enjoyed another successful year and has continued to manage the grass cutting for the village, cemetery maintenance, weed spraying, installing new equipment and maintaining the two play parks and keeping the village free of litter.

The A16 Memorial has been refurbished and a new memorial bench in tribute to the late Queen has been installed. Two new speed signs have been installed in the village. The parish council has brought the village magazine back into production with the help of volunteers and the village hall committee. Looking ahead – the precept will remain the same as last year which is good news for residents. The parish council will continue to provide a clerking service, maintain the cemetery and provide a burial service, carry out weed spraying, maintain the play parks and will continue to liaise on planning matters and highways issues.

## **5. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The village hall enjoyed a great 2022 and things are getting back to normal following the pandemic. All classes are back up to and running and bookings for classes and parties are almost at full capacity.

Afternoon teas continue to be well attended and the Queens Jubilee Afternoon Tea was a true celebration with a street party atmosphere.

The summer fayre last year felt much more normal and everybody attending seemed relaxed and enjoyed the event. It was good to see so many residents supporting local events and having fun.

The final piece of the jigsaw is to have the Blood Donor sessions back on a regular basis.

The committee has started a quarterly Quiz Night run by John Marshall from Lincs FM. The evenings are always fun and well attended.

As a group, the committee has increased in size with the addition of Barbara, Karen and Stuart to the 'family'.

Teresa and Alison have also fitted in well and contribute greatly to the running of the village hall – it is always good to have new ideas, enthusiasm and energy from all of the new recruits.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the founder members who have dealt with everything that has been thrown at them over the years and together they have learnt what makes the Hall a success.

Thanks also go to the three caretakers who keep the running of the hall seamless by taking the pressure off the committee with regards to opening and closing the hall for classes and parties and keeping the hall clean and inviting.

The committee is looking forward to another successful year providing fun events for residents and friends to enjoy.

## **6. REPORT FROM LEE KILNER – WASTE AND RECYCLING, LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Lee Kilner gave a brief introduction and explained the purpose of and importance of using the correct bins for recycling waste. He explained that the district council receives heavy fines whenever a high volume of

recycling bins is rejected for contamination reasons. Last year it was fined around £1.6 million due to contaminated bin rejections – and this cost is then passed on to residents through their council tax increases. This is why it is so important that residents take care over which bin they use for their waste and choose the correct option.

If residents have a larger than average household – such as six people or more – or if there are any members of the family that are registered disabled - then they may be entitled to have another recycle bin delivered to them.

## **7. PUBLIC FORUM (15 MINUTES)**

One member of the public mentioned that despite the speed signs being installed there are still quite a few cars speeding on Louth Road at certain times of the day.

One member asked whether the grass verges will be reseeded and levelled off once Cadent has finished working in the village.