

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HOLTON-LE-CLAY HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, PINFOLD LANE, HOLTON-LE-CLAY AT 6.00PM ON TUESDAY 19th MAY 2015

Present:

Holton-le-Clay Parish Council: Councillor P .Rowntree (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. H. Reynolds (Vice-Chairman), Councillor B. Clifton and Councillor W. Wright.

East Lindsey District Council: Councillor S. Weller.

Representatives of local businesses and Clubs: Ann Lee Tai Chi, Asgard Systems, Barrass White Legal, Mowns 'n' Grows, Parchment Craft Club, Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, Holton-le Clay Twinning association, Steve Lyons, Weight Watchers, H-L-C Camera Club, Oscars Cake Company and Aloe Vera forever living.

Lincolnshire Police: P.C.S.O Mick Dannatt

HLC Merc: E. Coulbeck (Chairman)

27 members of the public.

In attendance: Lucy Waller, Clerk to the Parish Council and Paul Notley, Maintenance Operative.

1. Chairman's Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance despite the inclement weather.

2. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Councillor T. Aldridge of East Lindsey District Council and Councillor T. Bridges of Lincolnshire County Council, Councillor T. Bridges had requested that any Lincolnshire County Council issues raised be forwarded to himself.

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2014:

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. H. Reynolds and seconded by Councillor B. Clifton that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED the minutes of the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting as circulated to Councillors and members of the public be approved as a correct record.

4. Chairman's annual report 2014/15 and looking forward to 2015/16:

(The Annual Council report was circulated to members of the public)

The Chairman thanked the previous Councillors in particular Clive Blacklock, former Chairman, and Jean Johnson, former Vice-Chairman and expressed the hope that the new Council would do as well as the previous one.

The Chairman introduced Lucy Waller the Parish Clerk who had been in the role for 6 months.

The Chairman went on to inform the meeting that the Village Hall had now been open a year and was continuing to do well thanks to the hard work of the HLC Merc committee whom he thanked for their continuing hard work.

The Chairman informed those present that the final snagging checks of Phase two of the Village Hall redevelopment were taking place and it was hoped that grant funding would be secured to begin the next phase. The next phase was to be the renovation of the first floor to include some smaller community rooms and a lift.

The Chairman outlined the Parish Council's plans for the provision of two further Bus Shelters in the Village and the addition of a disabled swing at the Junior Playing Field if grant funding could be arranged.

The Chairman also highlighted the installation of a Zip Wire and Clatter bridge taking place at that time at the Junior Playing Field.

The Chairman touched briefly on the need for further work at the 8 acres playing field but informed those present of the difficulties involved in securing the level of grant funding that would be necessary.

The Chairman mentioned issues with the amenity grass cutting in the village and informed the public that the Parish Council were aware and were making every effort to resolve the issues with the relevant contractors. He also mentioned the entry to the Best Kept Village competition and expressed the hope that residents would assist the Council in the presentation of the Village.

The resurfacing of the Highways that was taking place in the village was mentioned and the Chairman emphasised that the Parish Council passed on all comments and reports of Highways Issues to the Lincolnshire Council County Highways department.

The Chairman thanked Mr Paul Notley who was continuing to do an excellent Job as the Village Maintenance Operative.

The Chairman introduced the other new Councillors:

Councillor W. Wright, who had previously been the Chairman of the Finance and Personnel committee.

Councillor B. Clifton, who was working to coordinate the Neighbourhood Plan Development Steering Group and who, along with the team members, were doing an excellent job.

Councillor Mrs. H. Reynolds, who was a long serving Councillor who had been particularly active in procuring grant funding and was the Parish Council representative to HLC Merc.

The Chairman highlighted that there were currently only four Councillors and eleven seats and the Parish Council were therefore in the process of Co-option and welcomed interest from members of the public.

The Chairman informed all present that the Parish Council telephone number was now 01472 234566.

The Chairman thanked the public for listening and stressed that the Parish Council wished to engage with residents and appreciated any feedback.

5. Introduction of new Parish and District Councillors:

Having already introduced the Parish Councillors the Chairman introduced Councillor S. Weller of East Lindsey District who thanked those who had voted for her and indicated that she was looking forward to working with both the public and the Parish Council for the good of Holton-le-Clay.

6. Report from Lincolnshire Police:

P.C.S.O Mick Dannett Shared the reported crime figures for the past year with all present and highlighted that they had reduced since the year before and that the Louth Rural area, of which Holton-le-Clay was a part, had one of the lowest crime rates in the country.

The Public were informed that Anti-social behaviour in the village was at a low level.

It was however highlighted that there had been a spate of scams in the area in the last year, including door to door, as a result of which Sargé Close had been designated a no cold calling zone.

P.C.S.O Mick Dannett also mentioned Lincs alert a new system which the public could join up to and invited anyone who required further information to talk to him at the police stand following the meeting.

The Chairman thanked P.C.S.O Mick Dannett.

7. Report from the Village Hall Committee:

Mr E. Coulbeck delivered the MERC annual report (**Attached as Appendix A to these minutes**).

8. Public Forum

Issues raised by the public were:

- Parking on grass verges, suggest introduction of Byelaw like similar villages in NE Lincs- ***The Chairman informed those present that this had been looked into with LCC Highways- but was not going forward due to financial and logistical problems.***
- Dog Fouling- ***The Chairman encouraged the public to be proactive in reporting pat owners who did not clear up after their pet.***
- Resurfacing in the village , inappropriate timing of work outside Infants School, poor quality of work, and poor traffic direction- ***These issues to be forwarded to LCC Highways department and Councillor T. Bridges of LCC.***
- Was it illegal for company vans to be parked on the street?-***P.C.S.O Mick Dannett explained that it was not illegal, however if a resident felt***

a vehicle was dangerously parked they should phone 101 to report it to the Police.

(The meeting closed at 18.47 and the Public were provided with refreshments and the opportunity to visit the various stands.)

SIGNED.....Chairman
17th May 2016

Holton le Clay Multipurpose Education & Resource Centre

The Village Hall, Pinfold Lane, Holton le Clay

Annual Report 2015

The New Village Hall has now been open for just over a year and is proving to be very successful. We are very pleased with the number and variety of classes and activities which are held here.

We receive nothing but good positive feedback from visitors who say the hall is very welcoming

We have recently celebrated our 'first birthday' with another Casino Night which was great fun.

Although most of the cleaning, opening and closing of the hall is done by committee members we have now employed a part time caretaker to help with the opening and closing to relieve the pressure on the committee. We have a very active and friendly committee who take the running of the hall very seriously. We keep very busy with our fund raising events but we are always looking for new associate members to help us with the big events that we put on. Please come along to our open meeting on Tuesday 9th June to get involved.

We held an Easter event for the children which proved very popular and we hope to hold another event for the children later in the year.

The next major event is the summer fayre on July 4th which will be the first here at the hall.

Our regular afternoon teas are still very popular and we are now trying coffee mornings as an alternative to entice the young mums to call in for a bacon bun.

We have recently put in a bid with Lincolnshire Rural Touring Company to try to provide a different type of entertainment. This will hopefully provide some theatre groups to the village hall. Another new venture for us.

We have again been successful in securing another grant of £10,000 from "Awards For All" to spend on new equipment for the hall. This includes a portable stage, new picnic benches and new equipment for the kitchen.

We welcome any suggestions for the running of the hall, and appreciate all your support with the events we hold.

Once again I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all of our hardworking committee, and their partners, who together run this hall successfully for the benefit of all the parishioners of Holton le Clay.

I must say a special thank you to Lucy, the new parish clerk, for being so helpful and enthusiastic, and supportive of our committee.

I also thank the parish councillors and the church members for their continued support. It is good to see the community working together to provide wonderful social events

Eddie Coulbeck

Chairman

HLC MERC (The Village Hall)

