

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF HOLTON LE CLAY  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, PINFOLD LANE, HOLTON LE CLAY AT  
7PM ON 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor S. Pratt (Chairman), Councillor H. Reynolds (Vice-Chairman), Councillor A. Green, Councillor E. Beech, Councillor D. Searle, Councillor M. Boon, Councillor M. Starr, Councillor P. Rowntree, Councillor P. Webster.

P.C Richard Precious

Councillor Hugo Marfleet – Lincolnshire County Council

Councillor Phyll Smith – East Lindsey District Council

6 members of the public

**1. Chairman's Welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance.

**2. Introductions:**

Councillor Pratt introduced PC Precious and Councillors Marfleet and Smith to those present.

**3. Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor Terry Aldridge sent his apologies.

**4. To Approve The Minutes of The Annual Parish Meeting 2018:**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes for the annual parish meeting 2018 be approved as a true record.

**5. Chairman's Annual Report 2018/19 & Looking Forward To 2019/20:**

The Chairman gave an overview of the parish council's activity for the previous year including:

- Maintenance and inspection of the playing fields
- Installation of a WW1 Tommy at the A16 War Memorial
- Installation of a new noticeboard at Peppercorn Walk to replace the old one
- Created a Community Wildlife Garden on the Junior Playing Field
- Continued consultation with the planning department at ELDC
- Cemetery maintenance

## **6. Presentation From Holton Le Clay Junior School:**

Unfortunately the Junior School children were unable to attend the meeting. The clerk presented a project that she has been working on with the children from the student council. They have created doggy bag dispensers using lemonade bottles for residents to use if they have forgotten theirs when out walking their dogs. The bottles will be attached to lamp posts around the village.

## **7. Report From Lincolnshire Police:**

PC Rich Precious began by showing on a map of Lincolnshire the area that he and his team now cover. The area covers Louth and Louth Rural which means that Holton Le Clay, North Somercotes, Manby, Donnison, Bain, Ludford and Binbrook are also included. This is covered by Richard and just four PCSOs – with one PCSO due to retire.

He explained that this is a very large area for a small team to manage and that his team is very stretched by the lack of resources.

After the large number of residential burglaries in 2018 there has been a dramatic decline in numbers in recent months.

The burglaries occur at dwellings where the owners are on holiday or if elderly residents are away from their property in respite care. The criminals are very forensically aware and take such strong precautions when entering properties that it has so far made it impossible to identify them.

The Lincs Alert system has now been cancelled due to redundancy of staff. A Louth Police Facebook page is now being set up. PC Precious stressed the importance of residents calling 999 or 101 when incidents occur.

## **8. Report From District and County Councillors:**

Councillor P. Smith introduced himself to the group and encouraged people to contact him if they have any issues.

Councillor Marfleet informed the group that the Highways Manager has now retired and his replacement will be in post from September this year. There will be a new contract in place for repairs and the highways online reporting system will be reviewed.

## **9. Report From Village Hall Committee:**

The Village Hall continues to receive lots of bookings and hosts many activities on a daily basis. Activities include daily classes, elections, children's parties, and afternoon tea to name a few. This has enabled the

village hall committee to raise enough funds to renovate the first floor of the building so that more rooms will be available for hire.

The Scarecrow Festival will be held again this year with the winner being announced at the Summer Fayre.

**10. Public Forum (30 Minute)**

**The public forum opened at 8.30pm**

One member of the public expressed her disappointment at the parish councils' response to a planning application for 43 Tetney Lane. She asked for her comments to be submitted to the planning department at East Lindsey District Council. The resident stated that she did not receive any correspondence from the district council regarding the application and that planning notices that were placed on lamp posts were taken down within 2 days.

**The public forum closed at 8.50pm**