

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF HOLTON LE CLAY PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, PINFOLD LANE, HOLTON LE CLAY AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2019

Present: Councillor S. Pratt (Chairman)
Councillor P. Warrener
Councillor H. Reynolds
Councillor P. Rowntree
Councillor M. Boon
Councillor E. Hatley
Councillor A. Green

In Attendance: Emma Harris (Clerk to the Parish Council)
1 member of the public
Steve Brookes – Lincolnshire Broadband Programme Manager (LCC)

Public forum opened at 7pm

Steve Brookes from LCC gave a talk on the Gigabit Voucher Scheme that has been set up by the Government in order to allow residents to benefit from gigabit speed broadband.

Only some sections of the community have good broadband speeds as they have been upgraded already but there are still some pockets of the community that haven't received any upgrades. The third phase of upgrades starts in March 2020, for those who are eligible. Out of 30,000 properties only 15,000 will benefit from the upgrade. All upgrades are done directly in people's homes. In order to pay for the upgrades there are two schemes currently available:

1. Gigabit Voucher Scheme

If premises are currently receiving less than 100mb/s then up to ten residents can claim up to £500 each and one small business can claim up to £2,500.

2. Rural Gigabit Connectivity Scheme

Residents can claim up to £1,500 each if they are receiving less than 30mb/s.

A community lead will need to be appointed so that a list of names, addresses, business etc can be collected. A preferred supplier is then chosen from the Government website – the most popular choice being BT

Openreach. With the Gigabit Scheme a small business must be involved whereas with the Rural Gigabit Scheme there is no requirement for small businesses.

Once it is known how many residents wish to be involved in the scheme and a supplier has been chosen, a quote is then obtained. If residents are low on vouchers to cover the cost Steve has the authority to authorise payments on the shortfall if necessary. Virgin does not participate in the voucher scheme. If properties already have Virgin then they will not be eligible to take part.

Open forum closed at 7.55pm

168. CHAIRMANS WELCOME:

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

169. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Sinclair sent her apologies. Councillor Starr was absent.

170. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None received.

171. TO AGREE UPON A QUOTE FOR NDP CONSULTATION WHICH IS NEEDED TO BRING THE PLAN TO COMPLETION:

- **QUOTE 1: CLIVE KEBLE CONSULTING £2,700 (UP TO 6 DAYS WORK AT £450 PER DAY INCLUDING TRAVEL**
- **QUOTE 2: STEVE HALL at TOTALISE £350 PER DAY**
- **QUOTE 3: CAROL PLANNING – DECLINED TO PROVIDE A QUOTE**

It was decided that each quote would be scored between 1-5 based on experience and price.

	Quote 1	Quote 2	Quote 3
Price	5	3	0
Experience	5	1	0

Although Quote 2 was cheaper by the day rate there was no indication of how long the plan would be expected to take to complete. Therefore, it was decided that Quote 1 would be the best option and the contract will be given to Clive Keble Consulting.

VOTE: All in favour

172. TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED CONTRACTS AND MAKE ANY CHANGES AS NECESSARY:

The contract for Clive Keble Consulting was reviewed prior to the meeting and all those present were satisfied with it. The contract was signed by the Chairman – Councillor Steve Pratt.

173. PLANNING MATTERS:

Application reference N/085/02134/19 has been received and is now being considered. Your observations are requested no later than 13/12/2019.

Planning Permission - Change of use of part of agricultural land (arable) and pony paddock to extend existing private nature reserve.

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It was recommended by the Planning Committee that this application be approved.

174. TO DISCUSS THE OPTION OF ADOPTING THE GIGABIT VOUCHER SCHEME AND IF NEEDED, WHAT MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE BY THE PARISH COUNCIL:

This item was discussed at length and it was decided that Councillor Hatley will take the lead on the project.