

HOLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Holbrook Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 18th January 2010 at 7.30pm.

(1) Present: Mrs Maureen Abbott, Mr David Ashlee, Mrs Julia Carter, Mr Bob Brown, Mr Graham Cook, Mr Jim Gitsham, Mrs Maureen Harvey, Mrs Angela Mowles, Mr Simon Page. Mr David Tallin.

(2) Apologies; Mr Dave Meekings, County Councillor David Wood and District Councillor David Rose.

(3) Discussion with Ms D Pritchard, Head of High School.

Ms Pritchard outlined how the new OFSTED framework impacts on the work of the school. She mentioned two specific issues;

Safeguarding- one issue is the extent to which people feel safe. There are footpaths which cross the site but these are used responsibly. Also the children are educated to look after themselves and to be vigilant. Ms Pritchard agreed to produce a short article for the village magazine.

Community liaison was mentioned and Ms Pritchard stated that she would like to see use made of the greenhouse and surrounding area perhaps as allotments. Jim Gitsham will mention to allotment holders and it will also go in the magazine.

(4) Declarations of Interest: None.

(5) Approval of Minutes of the last meeting: It was proposed by Graham Cook and seconded Maureen Abbott that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st December 2009 be approved. All in favour.

(6) Public Recess;

(7) Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Reade Field Management:

The Clerk reported that the District Council playworker had stated that the pavilion would be used for another term for the youth club.

It was agreed to approach the owner of \heath house to remove the old ivy which had been cut down. The Clerk will ask Roy Mortimer to remove the other tree cuttings from around the field.

It was noted that dog fouling has become a problem again. The Clerk to check on the status of District Council bye laws.

Affordable Housing;

It was agreed to meet the coordinator on 26th January. The Clerk, David Tallin and David Ashlee to meet.

Notice Board;

The owners have ask about the style of the noticeboard. The Clerk will provide details.

Parish Website;

The Chairman reported that he had made contact with One Suffolk and now had the basic layouts to work on. There were a few issues to resolve which he had contacted them about.

Parking outside the Coop;

The Clerk reported that he had left this matter on hold because of the adverse weather.

Annual Parish Meeting;

Several suggestions for a theme were discussed and also a number of issues that the Chairman can raise at the meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to Marian Leeson about another photo display

Pettwood gardens access;

The Clerk read a response from County highways which stated that it would not be practical to try to widen the splay. It was suggested that for the few houses involved the Clerk should write to householders for them to inform anyone making deliveries or collections. This was agreed.

Telephone boxes;

It was noted that the District Council had supported the Parish Council's view not to remove these boxes and that BT had agreed to this for the foreseeable future.

Emergency Plan;

The two options for improving the implementation of the plan were discussed and it was agreed to go with option two. It was suggested that the Clerk and Dave Meekings be the two nominated persons.

(8) Roads and Footpath issues;

A letter was received from County highways supporting the decision to close The Street. However they did apologise and agreed that better notification should be given in future. It was agreed to write to Strutt and Parker regarding the condition of Five Acres.

(9) Correspondence:

A communication was received from the Tree Warden who had queried the damage caused to a hedge along the church boundary by the new house. It was noted that this was not a protected hedge.

It was agreed to write to Featherstone construction and Schofield and Lait regarding use of church green for access rather than the new access.

A letter was received from the District Council giving details of the section106 fund available. It was thought this could be put to use for the Clench road play area.

(10)Parish Papers;

The next issue is on target. More articles are required.

(11) Finance

The Clerk reported that the current account balance stood at £6300 and that the reserves were as reported to the last meeting. There would be a significant improvement shortly now that the VAT enquiries are complete.

It was proposed Bob Brown and seconded Julia Carter that the following payments be signed. All agreed.

1520-A Masters-salary-£563-73; 1521-S Page-chairman's allowance-£62-50; 1522-C Welham-cleaning shelters-£60; 1523-Holbrook village hall-hire-£195; 1524-Suffolk C.C-lighting-£1526-72

(12) Planning matters-none

(13). Matters raised by members present;

It was agreed to ask Mark Cornock to look at the damage to the compasses bus shelter.

The meeting closed at 9-16 pm.