

HOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 7pm in Holton & Blyford Village Hall.

1. Chair welcomed all attendees to meeting.
2. The minutes of 2019 Annual Parish Meeting were circulated and approved. (No meeting was held in 2020 due to Covid)
3. **HOLTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. 2021**
This report covers almost 24 months as no Annual Parish Meeting was possible last year as a result of COVID restrictions so this is my first report since I took on the role as Chair of the Parish Council.

During this period progress has been possible on a number of projects, by far and away the largest being the work commissioned at the childrens' play area. This involved a significant amount of fund raising by volunteers in the village (HoPE) for which the Parish Council are extremely grateful as well as generous donations from local business, which are acknowledged at the site. Grants were also accessed by application by the Parish Council and work was completed late last year.

The bus shelter, which had seen better days and had become the subject of vandalism has been removed and replaced by a bench. This was dedicated to the late David Johnson, who served the village for 40 years in various roles within the Parish Council.

The Parish Council have been actively seeking ways to combat speeding in the village and have obtained agreement to siting speed monitoring devices at various sites from time to time. These will provide information via vehicle registration numbers to the police who will take action where appropriate. These will be in place within the next few months.

The Parish Council have made donations to several local charitable and deserving causes and these include Holton and Blyford Post, Holton and Blyford Village Hall, The Airfield Museum, Food bank administered by Halesworth Town Council which provided help to Holton residents, Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service, and Royal British Legion.

The Parish Council continues to respond to planning applications, approximately 30 responses have been made since the last report and a section of each Parish Council meeting is set aside for parishioners to air views, challenge Councillors or ask questions. We actively encourage everybody to use this facility.

Richard Day
25/5/21.

4. Holton Parish Council Financial Report: Funds held at bank at end of financial year totalled £13,043 (31/03/2021) and draft accounts have been prepared and forwarded for audit. In line with statutory requirements these are available for

public inspection upon request and dates and process for this are explained within notices on website or via contact with Clerk.

A VAT reclaim was submitted for £7,008.81 and has since been received.

Within the funds held sums are committed or specifically earmarked for future expenditure. These total £5,500 (Reserve for renewals) for example playground equipment/capital expenditure and £8,500 (General reserves)

5. Date of next meeting May 2022.

Meeting closed 7.25pm