## HOLT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 p.m. ON THURSDAY 17 JANUARY 2019

Present :- P. Winney (Chairman), P. Mobbs, J. Bowker (Vice Chairman), G. Wotton, C. Lightfoot (Clerk).

## Absent:- J. Harper, S. Jones

## In Attendance:- District Councillor Mrs. P Cumming, County Councillor Mr P. Grove, Clare Johns (Parishioner), Jane Essery (Parishioner), Will Curral (Parishioner)

1	<b>Public Question Time.</b> The Chairman welcomed Parishioners Jane Essery and Will Curral to the Meeting. Ms Essery and Mr Curral explained that they lived at Holt Castle Drive and expressed their concerns at the number of vehicles using the bridleway as a cut through to avoid the traffic at the School Lane roundabout. Parish Council expressed their sympathy at this situation. County Councillor Mr P. Grove agreed to consult Hannah Davies of County Highways on this issue and see whether Highways could provide signs to discourage motorists from using it as a cut through.	PG			
2	To consider apologies and approve reasons for absence.				
	The Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Parish Councillor Mr J. Harper. Parish Council approved the reasons for absence.				
3	<ul> <li><u>Declarations of Interest.</u></li> <li>a) Register of Interests.</li> <li>There were no changes to the Register of Interests.</li> <li>b) Registration of Personal Interests.</li> <li>There was no registration of Personal interests.</li> <li>c) Registration of Prejudicial Interests.</li> <li>There was no registration of Prejudicial interests.</li> <li>d) Written requests for the Council to grant a dispensation.</li> <li>There had been no written requests for dispensation.</li> </ul>				
4	<b>Co-option of new Parish Councillor.</b> The Chairman welcomed Mrs Clare Johns to the Meeting. The Clerk reported that she had circulated copies of the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to Mrs Johns prior to the Meeting. Mrs Johns confirmed that she had read these and signed the Declaration of Office in the presence of the Clerk. The Clerk then explained she would provide MHDC with details of the co-option and then Mrs Johns would be required to fill in a Declaration of interests form to be held on file at the District Council. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Johns to the Parish Council. The Clerk explained to all Parish Council that elections would be held for Parish and District Councils in May this year. Further details would be provided at the next meeting of Parish Council.	CL			
5	County and District Councillors reports for information.				
	<ul> <li>County Councillor Mr P. Grove reported the following matters of note:-</li> <li>i. Worcester and Kidderminster Improvement programmes. Improvement programmes consisting of planting and updated street furniture are due to take place in Worcester and Kidderminster city centres.</li> <li>ii. Council tax 2019/20.</li> </ul>				

	Council tax has been set at a 4% increase for the 2019/20 financial year with				
	WCC still needing to make substantial savings.				
	iii. Local Highways issues.				
	County Councillor Mr P. Grove reported on the work carried out to install the				
	dropped kerb by the entrance to Broomfields and resurfacing of Cherry				
	Orchard.				
	County Councillor Mr P. Grove apologised that the siding out of the footpath to				
	Broomfields and School Lane had not yet been carried out and promised to	PG			
	raise this issue with Hannah Davies of County Highways. Parish Council further				
	raised that the footpath from Ockeridge Lane to the Red Lion also requires				
	siding out.				
	District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming reported the following matters of note:-				
	i. Waste collection over the Christmas period.				
	District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming reported that this seemed to have worked				
	well over the festive period.				
	ii. SWDP.				
	District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming reported that a planning application for				
	Lower Broadheath for 1400 new homes had been approved under the SWDP.				
	A submission has been made by a number of parishes including Holt stating				
	that further homes should not be built without improvements to the infrastructure				
	to support them.				
	iii. Biodiversity.				
	The District Council are looking at ways to improvement biodiversity by planting				
	more wild flowers.				
	The Chairman asked District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming whether she had received				
	notification of the potential relocation of Holt Post Office. District Councillor Mrs P.				
	Cumming confirmed that she had not.				
6	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOLT PARISH COUNCIL HELD				
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## **10** Correspondence for Information.

All correspondence of note had been circulated prior to the Meeting.

44	Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last Meeting					
11	<ul> <li>a) Village Hall Committee – update on current position. The Chairman reported on a meeting he had with the current Village Hall committee. The current committee have agreed to stay in position for 6 months whilst a succession plan is formulated. The Chairman is currently in consultation with Nicky Dupays regarding the possibility of sourcing grant funding for the Village Hall.</li> </ul>	PW				
	<ul> <li>b) Proposed changes to Village Post Office – update on current position. The proposal to close the Post Office at Cottage Stores and relocate it to Holt Fleet Convenience Store was discussed by Parish Council. Parish Council were exceedingly concerned about this proposal as it was considered that it would detrimental to the village for the Post Office to relocate. Concerns were expressed about the lack of accessibility on foot or by vehicle to the new location and the impact of it would have on the village shop. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Harriett Baldwin MP to inform her of the situation and the concerns of the Parish Council. Parish Council also agreed to highlight the situation to local businesses who use the post office on a regular basis. The Clerk was also asked to keep District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming and County Councillor Mr P. Grove fully appraised of the situation.</li> <li>c) Dangerous parking on The Heath – update on current position. The Chairman raised the issue of parking on The Heath development. The current situation resulted in problems for the emergency services recently in gaining access to one of the properties. The Clerk was asked to write to Fortis Housing to raise awareness of the issue.</li> </ul>	CL				
12	Councillor's reports and items for future agendas. a) Holt website.					
	The Clerk was asked to contact the Holt website administrator to arrange training for Parish Councillor Mr P. Mobbs.	CL				
	<ul> <li>b) Holt Castle housing. The Clerk was asked to approach County Highways to ask about the possibility of a concealed entrance sign to highlight the location of Holt Castle housing to motorists.</li> </ul>	CL				
13	Date of Next Meeting					
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	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2019.					