



Holkham Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held at the Estate Office Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 1900

Present Jane Berwick, Paul Bloomfield, Elisa Bray, Harvey Gunhouse, John Hall, Derek Jarvis (Chairman),
& Emma Sargent
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Marie (& Mike) Strong (NCC)

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| 1) Apologies | None |
| 2) Declarations of Interest | None |
| 3) Minutes of the Meeting held 10 January 2017 | Agreed and signed |

4) Reports

a) Norfolk County Council

MS provided a written report after the meeting which is available on the website. At the meeting she said that 55,000 birds had been culled in Suffolk following the avian flu outbreak. There was, however, no danger to humans. In the event of any queries (poultry keepers) Trading Standards are handling the issue. MS chairs the new Flooding Committee, which will deal with inland as well as sea-surge flooding issues. The first task will be to ensure that all the various bodies dealing with flooding; Environment Agency, Police, Fire and Rescue etc. work well together. Mobile telephone operators are cooperating to try to ensure that all areas without any provider's signal will obtain one soon. Telephone signal boosters can be obtained from the separate companies, for people that are in "fringe areas". Vulnerable people (old, young, chronic sick etc.) can be registered with the electricity companies to ensure that in the event of power cuts, their re-connection is dealt with as a priority. There are moves to revert to the cabinet system at County Hall. The current committee system allows more input from individual Councillors, not just those from the majority party.

d) Parish Clerk

The road from New Holkham to Golden Gates will be closed from 20 March to 14 April to allow the junction with the "dry road" to be re-aligned. It is assumed that the new junction will be connected to the dry road using two-way working, as no plans have been published to close it. With the help of Mike Strong, KL has deposited a considerable amount of archive material into the Norfolk County Records Office. This includes minutes, financial records, etc. With regard to police, they have said that they will no longer issue crime statistics for individual Parishes although they may still visit on an occasional basis. Crime Statistics are now issued by email for the whole area, and will be forwarded on to individual Councillors with email.

5) To discuss any planning matters to hand.

There were no new applications to discuss.

Permission had been given for the alterations to the cricket pavilion and to Hill Farm.

6) To consider appeals from local organisations

It was agreed that the total annual budget of £100 be sent to the Burnham Market Community Car Scheme. This organisation has a group of volunteers who use their own cars to convey people without transport to surgery and hospital, and similar medical appointments. They cover a wide local area that includes the Parish of Holkham.

7) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

A copy of the current bank statement and spreadsheet had been circulated and was approved.

The following payments were agreed:

Burnham Market Community Car Scheme	charity donation	£100.00
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8) Minor Matters

Marie Strong advised that she intended to stand for a further four-year term in the forthcoming County Council elections on Thursday 4 May. Councillors greeted this news with approval.

9) To confirm date of next meeting

Tuesday 9 May 2017 – 1900 at The Estate Office.

The meeting closed at 1947