

REPORT ON HOLT TOWN COUNCIL'S MEETING 13.03.17

Holt Town Council met on 13th March 2017 for its monthly meeting.

A minutes silence was held in memory of Michael Brown, who recently died. Michael was well known in the town and did serve as a Town Councillor.

The Police were present but due to a new ruling are now unable to give crime figures for Holt. They now produce statistics for a whole sector which includes Holt. This is to protect any vulnerable people in smaller communities.

Cllr Baker reported that the Maintenance team are getting on well and commented on how good the Memorial Gardens and Cemetery are looking. A lot of painting, staining, pruning and general maintenance has been happening in the last few months and we are now beginning to see the fruits of that work. The Town Council was delighted to see that work is taking place on the old Cottage Collectables building. This has looked an eyesore for some time but with the work that is going on at the moment it is hoped that this entrance to the town will be greatly improved.

It was agreed that the Town Council would not take over cutting of the verges for this coming season. This is the responsibility of Norfolk County Council and although in the future we might take it on, for a fee it was agreed the maintenance team need to 'bed in' and see how the summer maintenance schedule plans out.

After much discussion, it was agreed that a Chair of a working committee or subcommittee doesn't need to be a Town Councillor. All decisions made by these committees and all money spent has to be sanctioned by the Town Council anyway, so it was agreed not to change the constitution at this time.

There was good news about the provision of a new post box, located near the old Post Office, The Town Clerk has met with the Post Office and although Holt doesn't meet the criteria for an additional box, they have accepted the need. They will look at putting it near the old Post Office but it may be difficult to place due to a lot of underground cables so they are also looking at locating it near the Millennium Bus Shelter. This all looks hopeful and as long as the finances work out for the P.O it looks set to arrive. This will take a few weeks as planning permission etc. has to be obtained.

It was reported that we had a good number of applicants for the vacant Town Councillor positions. We are delighted to announce that Richard Neech, Glenys Singleton and Philip Wright have been co-opted onto the Town Council. The calibre of all the candidates was exceptional and it was a hard choice to pick only three. But thanks to everyone who applied and well done to the new Councillors who will attend the April Town Council meeting on the 10th April, which will be held in the Community Centre and start at 7.00pm. All residents will have a chance to 'have their say' and we look forward to seeing YOU!