

**Holt Town Council met on 10<sup>th</sup> April** for its monthly its monthly Town Council meeting. Cllr Duncan Baker as Mayor welcomed the three new councillors to the council they are Richard Neech, Glenys Singleton and Phil Wright. All have varied experiences and skills to offer the council and we are all looking forward to working with them in the future.

Cley Road car park is to start very soon, everything is in place and we are just waiting for a final signature before we give the go ahead. It is hoped this long term cheaper facility will ease the parking situation in town and we all wait for its construction with joy.

The Clerk reported we are still waiting some action on the subways which are in a poor state. Cllr Michael Baker promised to see what he could do to hurry any hoped for work along. This may be one of the last things he does as our County Councillor as he is not re-standing for election in May.

It was good to have two of our young people to come and talk about their progress in getting a “youth club” together. They were very impressive with their ideas of getting flyers together and talking to the pupils at Sheringham school to get this project up and running. The Town Council asked them to keep them informed of progress and what else could be done to help them.

It was reported that some of the rules and regulations of the cemetery are not being adhered to. This is a very sensitive issue and we are concerned that it is handled with sympathy and care, however some sentimental items are being placed on the grave and it is causing real issues when mowing. We will try and speak to individuals and put notices up in the cemetery but we are going to have to find a way of making the grass cutting easy and more efficient.

It was also agreed to continue to make the cemetery a peaceful oasis. We are trying to encourage butterflies and wildlife by siting suitable plants, bird feeders and bug hotels. It is hoped that this area will become an oasis for remembering dearly loved relatives and friends who are no longer with us. For a nominal price brass plaques can be purchased to place in the gazebo. This could be in memory of someone who is buried a long way away or indeed in Holt it is just a way of remembering and respecting memories of dear ones. If you would be interested in this please give the Clerk a ring on 01263 712149.

Work is still progressing on the Holt Owl Heritage trail and it is hoped that progress will be made after the next committee meeting in May.

Preparations for the 1940s weekend on September are well underway. The Town Council will have Crazy Bananas the balloon modeller working up and down the high street where she will put on activities for the children and have them marching in the street and making soldier balloons etc. It is then hoped that the Town Council will be able to put on a 1940s fete complete with fancy dress parade, the Mayor in the stocks and cake competitions along with much more!

Holt in Bloom is also promising to be full of colour and different ideas. ON 19<sup>th</sup> May we will launch the scheme with a community B B Q at the Community centre, starting at 3.00, there will be planting activities for children and a chance to give us your ideas for this year's scheme. Please come along and get involved with this and make Holt even more beautiful.

This year will also see a front garden competition and there will be more about this in the coming days.

The Town Council next meet on May 9<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Town Council meeting. We do look forward to welcoming residents to the meeting who are always invited to “have their say”. See you there!!