

REPORT ON HOLT TOWN COUNCILS MEETING 8TH MAY 2017

Holt Town Council met on 8th May for the Annual Town Council meeting.

Cllr Duncan Baker was duly elected to serve as Mayor for the coming Council year with Cllr Maggie Prior elected as Vice Mayor.

PC Gower-Smith was present and was delighted to report that the crime figures for this year, so far, are similar to previous years. There are still some problems with vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the toilets at Church Street but these are being targeted by the Police who are collating evidence so they can action some banning orders in Holt. Also with the better weather arriving outside areas such as Spouts Hills will be on the police radar. Priorities were reported as wildlife and rural crime.

Mayor Baker welcomed our new County Councillor to the meeting. Cllr Sarah Butofiker was in attendance and stated she will try and attend all Town Council meetings and take our issues back to County Hall. Cllr Baker was also delighted to read in the Holt Chronicle how some good citizens of Holt were cleaning road signs and planting up planters, he stated this made him feel not only good but proud. He also mentioned that he had recently visited the Community Café and was delighted to report this is going from strength to strength.

Cllr Smith, in his capacity of Chamber representative, reported that the Chamber are going to write to the District Council regarding car parking. The Chamber has also agreed to donate £500 to the Holt in Bloom campaign, for which the Town Council is very grateful.

In response to questions from the public, it was explained that the Neighbourhood Plan is for development in the future and not for anything that has already been approved. The plan is going from strength to strength and we are hoping to have a consultation day in June. This hopefully will be in the High Street and accessible to everyone.

The Town Council was delighted to receive news that NCC are hoping to refurbish the subway. This has really got very dirty and a lick of paint and a clean-up should hopefully improve things.

The Town Council also had to consider some street names for the new development after much discussion it was agreed to go with the theme of bird names including Tawny, Barn, Pheasant and Wren.

After much discussion, it was agreed to still have a meeting in August. A lot of Councils find this a quiet month and opt out of meeting. It was agreed to work towards making this a shorter meeting for this month to relieve some of the Town Council workload.

The Town Council next meet on 13th June at 7.00 in the Community Centre and we look forward to seeing YOU there.