

REPORT ON HOLT TOWN COUNCILS MEETING 2017

Holt Town Council met on 10th July for the monthly Town Council meeting.

Cllr Duncan Baker chaired the meeting and reported on events throughout the last month. The Royal Norfolk Show had a Holt marquee and the Town Council had a stand in it, manned by Town Councillor volunteers Glenys Singleton and Phil Wright. Although the first day was wet they gave out leaflets and promoted Holt as the place to come.

Also, he reported on the Neighbourhood Plan consultation event which was held on the 24th June. This was a well-attended event with lots of comments and questions. These are being analysed at the moment and we will have the results shortly so we can go onto the next stage of getting a Neighbourhood Plan for Holt. Lastly, he reported that we have had a good response to the Holt Owl trail. Traders are beginning to donate towards this and we are hoping to have some stickers on the pavement showing how the trail will look. This will be a trial run for the trail and should be in place for the Festival week.

The Police had sent a report in to the Council and we were pleased to see that some youths have been dealt with regarding criminal damage and we are awaiting some court appearances.

County Councillor Butifoker reported that she, along with Town Councillor members, are looking at the site for the new school. The Town Council still believes the better site for the community is at the bottom of Lodge Close, referred to as the Gladman site. They are continuing to push for that site. Cllr Butifoker also reported that Holt fire station is not being cut and the Holt fire service crew are not expected to attend cardiac arrests, unlike some other stations.

Grants were duly awarded as follows to Holt Community groups, there will be another round of funding at the end of the year, if anyone missed the boat on this occasion.

Holt CAB	£ 350.00
Holt Playing Fields Association	£1200.00
Holt 1960s Club	£ 400.00
Holt Friday Club	£ 400.00
Whyfy newly formed youth group	£ 25.77

It was good news that work has begun on the Gresham's car park and the site foreman has also realised the problems with traffic going through the town and has taken steps to reduce it.

After much debate and comment from the public it was agreed not to support the NWT in carrying out a wildlife survey on Spout Common. Residents are very proud of this area and the volunteers were very definite in wanting to carry out the management by themselves.

The Town Council agreed to purchase light weight road barriers for street events throughout the year, this would cover the Remembrance Poppy parade, the Christmas lights, the 1940s weekend and so on.

It was also agreed that the Town Council will not record meetings in the future as the signed minutes are the record of the meeting.

The next Town Council meeting is on 14th August 2017 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.