

REPORT ON HOLT TOWN COUNCILS MEETING 9th OCTOBER 2017

Holt Town Council met on 9th October for the monthly Town Council meeting.

One of the first items on the agenda was the announcement of the winners of the front garden competition, and the results were as follows: -

1st 19 Lodge Close

A good degree of planting knowledge was shown. It was extremely pretty with a good mix of colours and plants

2nd 8 Town Close.

This garden had a lot to look at and the judges were very impressed with the pretty grasses that had been used to good effect

3rd 19 Swann Grove

The judges commented that the garden was very orderly and was a good use of space, informal but a good range of colour even in September.

The Mayor who duly handed out the certificates, prizes and cup commented on the high standard of the gardens and how hard it was to decide on the winners. Thanks to all who entered this competition and we all look forward to next year's competition.

The Police had send in a report of the crimes in Holt over the last month and the meeting was informed that the Police Crime Commissioner Lorne Green will be attending our meeting in January, hopefully with a chance for you all to ask some questions.

Cllr Baker thanked the Police for all their efforts over the 1940s weekend in relation to the road closure.

Cllr Prior reported that Holt has been selected as a place for the Go Go hares. This is a similar scheme to the Apes and Elephants in Norwich and it is hoped that this will stimulate footfall into Holt. Cllr Prior also reported that she had attended the 1940s weekend and thought it was a fantastic weekend for the town. She was also delighted to announce that Holt had been awarded a Silver Gilt for their Anglia in Bloom display and a special silver award for the cemetery. The whole council was delighted that Holt had been successful once again, roll on next year and let's hope for Gold!!

The Council expressed real concern that Holt does not appear to be creating any jobs. It is a matter of urgency that areas of employment are created as new houses are built. The Council agreed to have a working group to look at this and see how things can be moved along.

County Councillor Butikofer is still working with NCC to try and resolve the issues at the new Lovell roundabout on the bypass. She also reported that NCC is having to make further significant savings now and in the coming months.

Cllr Baker reported that the Owl Trail is very nearly completed. 24 brass plaques are to be installed and hopefully by the end of the year we will have a trail for residents and visitors alike. This has been made possible by generous donations from the Big Society, Town Council, Chamber of Trade and Holt Society and everyone who walks the trail is bound to learn something new about the town and discover that hidden part they have not seen before.

The Town Council next meeting on 13th November at 7.00pm, in Holt Community Centre.