

## **REPORT ON HOLT TOWN COUNCILS MEETING 12th FEBRUARY 2018**

Holt Town Council met on 12th February 2018 for its monthly Town Council meeting.

Helen B from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust gave a short presentation about the role of NWT and CWS status. NWT are very keen to work together with landowners to help make the best of the land.

There is a group of volunteers who work on Little Hills and Spouts Common, they are always looking for more volunteers. They meet the last Saturday of the month in the morning and Wednesday afternoons. If this is something you may be interested in then give the Clerk a ring on 01263 712149.

The Police were unable to be present at the meeting but had sent a report in on the crimes that had occurred in the month. Particularly disappointing was the theft of a donation box from the library. There has also been reports of a white van acting suspiciously whose occupants seem very interested in unoccupied sheds. So be aware.

County Councillor Sarah Butikofer joined the meeting and reported that there were some serious cuts coming from Norfolk County Council. Children's Centres will experience this in the coming months, but after a petition the subsidy for rural bus routes and the gritting routes have not been cut.

Questions were asked about the siting of a new primary school. It appears NCC favour the Lovell site and it was agreed that we need to spur into action if we want to see the Gladman's site used.

About 34 residents attended the meeting and were interested in the Hub. Cllr Prior explained that nothing more can be said at this time due to commercial sensitivity but Holt Town Council are very keen to see the continuation of the Tourist Information Centre in Holt. Cllr Prior stressed, once again, that there will be a public meeting once we have details and negotiations have finished.

The Town Council decided on Castle Close as the street name for the new Gresham's development.

A policy on vexatious complainers/correspondents was agreed by the Town Council to protect the Council and its staff.

It was also agreed that the Town Councils maintenance team would take over the verge cutting next year. This is a brave move but it is believed that it will keep Holt looking good and well looked after.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 12th March, at 7.00pm, we look forward to seeing you there. The Annual Towns Meeting is due to be held on 26th March 2018, more details to be provided soon, so keep your eyes on the website and the noticeboard.