

Minutes of the meeting of Holbeach Parish Council on Monday 15th January 2024 at 19:00 at Methodist Church, Albert Walk, Holbeach.

	In attendance	Apologies given	Non-Attendance
Holbeach Parish Council,	Cllrs: P Savory, R Flood, S Hutchinson, I Hutchinson, T Wiltshire, R Stevens, L Jordan, S Bailey & N Newman Clerk: Jan Hearsey Deputy Clerk: Becky Brothwell	Cllr: P Ward	
Public including Councillors	4 Members of the Public & 2 members of the press Cllr Paul Barnes & C Cllr Peter Coupland	D Cllrs: T Carter & A Beal	

Vice-Chair Cllr T Wiltshire opened the meeting at 19:00

2023/4-142 – Chair

- a) Following receipt of two requests to the Clerk; to resolve to agree a vote of no confidence in the Chair of the Council – This agenda item was not required as the Chair, Clive Turner had resigned from the Council earlier in the day. Cllr T Wiltshire passed on his thanks to the former Chair.

2023/4-143 - Apologies for absence

To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting. - Apologies were received and accepted under the delegated powers of the Clerk from: Cllr: P Ward

2023/4-144 - Declarations of interest.

To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations in respects of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in Agenda items. Cllr L Jordan declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 2023/4-148 (b)

2023/4-145 - Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve as a correct record the notes of the meetings of the Council held on 11th December (it was **resolved** to agree the amendment) & 14th December 2023 (Cllr S Hutchinson voted against) and 3rd January 2024 and to authorise the Chair to sign the official minutes.

2023/4-146 - Clerk

- a) To receive a report from the Clerk – see appendix a
- b) To receive an update on vacancies – see appendix a
- c) To co-opt any interested parties. – no papers submitted
- d) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward with the Devolution of Greater Lincolnshire document in that this Council was not accepting the proposal.
- e) It was **resolved** to agree the suggestions to put forward to the police for their next quarter “neighbourhood priorities” as, more visibility in the town, parking on pavements and traffic offences not being monitored and to note that the reporting of crimes procedure deters the public from reporting crimes. Clerk to organise a meeting with the local police. Consider a leaflet drop.

2023/4-147 - Finance & Admin Committee

- a) To receive the report from the Chair of the Committee – no meeting was held and no report
- b) To note the Bank balances as of 31st December 2023 as follows:
Account ending **4844** £3,465.24 Account ending **5394** £15,874.28
Account ending **01PC** £308,132.95 – see appendix b
- c) It was **resolved** to agree to the payments for December 2023 of £68,813.65 and to note the income for December 2023 of £4,948.03 – see appendix c
- d) It was resolved to agree to write back regarding the grant application and ask the organisation to submit again with a lower figure to comply with our policy.
- e) It was **resolved** to agree the insurance renewal and to index link the policy.
- f) It was **resolved** to agree the LALC training scheme
- g) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward with the materials for the sandpit following the email received as to have a Goods Received policy.

It was resolved to agree to exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

The public, press and Clerk/RFO left the meeting at 19:39

2023/4-148 HR, Health and Safety and Data Protection Committee

- a) It was **resolved** to agree to defer the Clerk’s salary for 2024/25 following legal advice due to Standing Orders
- b) It was **resolved** to agree to defer the Deputy Clerk’s salary for 2024/25 due to Standing Orders.



Public and press to return. -The Public, Press and Clerk/RFO returned to the meeting at 19:49

Following the Council's decision for agenda item 2023/4-148 (a) and (b), the Clerk/RFO pointed out that the Council were in breach of its Financial Regulations.

2023/4-149 Precept

- a) After removing the £1,000 allocated for Chair's expenses, it was **resolved** to agree the precept for 2024/25 of £330,079.96, noting the percentage increase for a Band D property of 5.19% and to request the Chair to sign the Precept – see appendix d

2023/4-150 - Open Spaces Committee

- a) To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee – Work had taken place to remove a dead tree
- b) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward with the outfield in that the Clerk write to the Club involved and ask not to use the outfield.

2023/4-151 - Planning, Properties, Emergency Planning and Speeding Committee

- a) To receive the report from the Chair of the Committee – see appendix e

2023/4-152 - Events & PR Committee –

- a) To receive the report from the Chair of the Committee – see appendix f

2023/4-153 – Meetings

- a) The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 12th February 2024 at 19:00 at Methodist Hall Albert Walk, Holbeach

It was resolved to agree to exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Open meeting closed at: 20:06

Closed meeting opened at 20:12

2023/4-154 Properties – It was proposed seconded and agreed to re-order the agenda and take item b before item a

- b) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward with legal review of documentation associated with Leases within Carters Park in that the Clerk will contact three legal firms for a price and report back to Council on the 22nd January 2024.
- a) It was **resolved** to agree the rent increase for the Football club following, the Clerk to write to them before the 17th January 2024.
- c) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward with a council property in that each Committee should look into options and report back to Full Council.

- d) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward with a received complaint in that the Clerk write to the complainant and say that the Council is not able to take it any further.

2023/4-155 Waste

- a) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward with hazardous waste removal in that Wasteking will remove the chemical which our staff are not licenced to handle.

2023/4-156 - HR, Health and Safety and Data Protection Committee

- a) To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee – Cllr R Flood updated members.
b) It was resolved to agree to ratify the appointment of a member of staff, a temporary position.
c) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward with a staffing matter.

Meeting closed at 20:56

Signed Chair.....Date.....

Appendix a

I used my delegated powers to pay the Barclaycard bill of £2,170.88 as per the Council’s Financial Regulations point 5.5.

May I remind members that when discussing budgets in open session, they must not discuss staff salaries.

Vacancies

Town Ward = 4
Hurn Ward = 1
St Johns Ward = 1
Drove Ward = 1

Appendix b

Bank Accounts - Details and Current Balances Start of year 01/04/23

Account Type : Ordinary

Account Name	Account Type	Account Number	Sort Code	Last Reconciled Date	Last Reconciled Balance £	Current Balance £
1 Barclays Current Account	Ordinary	****4844	20-80-78	31/12/23	3,511.48	3,465.24
2 Barclaycard	Ordinary	*****2372		31/10/23	0.00	0.00
3 Barclays Saver account	Ordinary	****5394	20-80-78	31/12/23	15,874.28	15,874.28
4 CCLA	Ordinary	*****0001PC		31/12/23	308,132.95	308,132.95
TOTAL						£327,472.47



Appendix c

**Holbeach Parish Council
Expenditure transactions - approval list**

Start of year 01/04/23

Supplier totals will include confidential items

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
645	bcard240110	£38.04	4801/525	22/11/23	Amazon - Christmas activities	KX3AEUI
		£38.04	Amazon - Total			
576	bcard240110	£4.97		27/11/23	Boyes - Elastic & labels	
	1	£2.00	4455/220		Elastic	
	2	£2.97	4801/525		Labels	
		£4.97	Boyes - Total			
548	bcard240110	£20.27	44551/420	20/11/23	Branch Bros - Postmix	HIN046092
607	bcard240110	£77.40	4455/200	29/11/23	Branch Bros - Topsoil	HIN046302
646	bcard240110	£24.01	4801/525	02/12/23	Branch Bros - Grit	
		£121.68	Branch Bros - Total			
654	240116ct	£0.02	4801/525	31/12/23	Crusader Traffic - Re xmas fayre	
		£0.02	Crusader Traffic - Total			
618	bcard240110	£37.90	4455/200	08/12/23	CRW UK Ltd - PVC Curtain roll, Pavilion	394371
		£37.90	CRW UK Ltd - Total			
84	240116dts	£620.00		31/12/23	DTS - Locking up December	23
	1	£310.00	4405/275		Locking up Dec	
	2	£310.00	4405/250		Locking up Dec	
		£620.00	DTS - Total			
619	bcard240110	£24.83	44351	19/12/23	Emapsite - Plan re Bowls Club	914686
		£24.83	Emapsite - Total			
551	bcard240110	£370.00	4220	21/11/23	Fixings & Powerool Center - Stihl FS94	S321696
		£370.00	Fixings & Powerool Center - Total			
650	240116gal	£12,076.65	4070	02/01/24	Gallagher - Council insurance	10295869
		£12,076.65	Gallagher - Total			
622	240116gr	£150.00	4125	21/12/23	Grants - Grant to St Polycarp's	211223
		£150.00	Grants - Total			

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No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
620	240116gre	£357.48	4215/250	02/01/24	Greenzone - Waste collection - P/R	401129
		£357.48			Greenzone - Total	
624	240116jwk	£357.60	4205	12/12/23	JWK Electrical - Heater Pavilion	9687
		£357.60			JWK Electrical - Total	
639	240116ms	£50.00	4801/505	11/11/23	ME Simons - Bugler	111123
		£50.00			ME Simons - Total	
627	240116meth	£30.00	4075	10/11/23	Methodist Church - Hall Hire 111223	101123
		£30.00			Methodist Church - Total	
628	bcard240110	£37.08	4100	03/12/23	Microsoft - 365 admin	E0800Q2YLO
629	bcard240110	£70.20	4100	03/12/23	Microsoft - 365 cllrs	E0800Q2WRN
		£107.28			Microsoft - Total	
577	bcard240110	£2.40	4690	22/11/23	One Stop - Sugar & milk	221123
630	bcard240110	£2.25	4690	06/12/23	One Stop - Bleach	61223
		£4.65			One Stop - Total	
653	240116pas	£120.00	4435/350	27/12/23	Personnel Advice & Solutions Ltd - HR services	
		£120.00			Personnel Advice & Solutions Ltd - Total	
97	240116plat	£156.00	4685	11/12/23	Platinum Cleaning - Cleaning Coubro	
		£156.00			Platinum Cleaning - Total	
647	bcard240110	£1,170.54	4801/502	05/01/24	PPL PRS - Music licence	
		£1,170.54			PPL PRS - Total	
631	bcard240110	£10.57	4801/525	30/11/23	QD - Batteries and cable ties	301123
		£10.57			QD - Total	
571	bcard240110	£5.00	4085	27/11/23	Smarty Mobile - SIM digital board	271123
		£5.00			Smarty Mobile - Total	

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No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
559	bcard240110	£67.00	4801/525	21/11/23	South Holland District Council - Street trading licence	
		£67.00	South Holland District Council - Total			
636	240116sss	£1,037.76	4415	15/12/23	Sports Surfacing Solutions - Tennis court treatment.	1979
		£1,037.76	Sports Surfacing Solutions - Total			
651	240116sh	£830.00		09/01/24	Steve Hornsby - Changing locks	
	1	£546.32	44551/400		Locks	
	2	£51.84	44551/420		Locks	
	3	£31.84	44551/430		Locks	
		£630.00	Steve Hornsby - Total			
578	bcard240110	£90.00	4801/525	21/11/23	Tesco - Christmas trees	211123
		£90.00	Tesco - Total			
563	bcard240110	£60.25	4680/275	10/11/23	Wave - Water Carters Park	12775203
564	bcard240110	£24.63	4680/250	10/11/23	Wave - Water PR cemetery	12776426
565	bcard240110	£33.54	4680/255	05/11/23	Wave - Water Hall Gate	12754742
		£118.42	Wave - Total			
638	240116weg	£113.00	4460	11/12/23	West End Garage - Diesel	13955
		£113.00	West End Garage - Total			
637	240116wic	£24,519.94		01/09/23	Wicksteed - Replacement play equipment	
	1	£3,600.00	4242		Play equipment	
	2	£9,600.00	4410/275/1		Play equipment	
	3	£3,600.00	4410/275/1		Play equipment from reserve	
	4	£2,067.50	4410/275/1		Reside from reserve	
	5	£5,652.44	4410/275/2		Play equipment	
		£24,519.94	Wicksteed - Total			
		£26,424.32	Confidential			
Total		£68,813.65				

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BUDGETS 2024/5

		Budget 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	DIP/R*
1100	Litter Precept	-£ 2,340.00	-£ 2,340.00	-£ 3,230.00	-£ 2,500.00	P
4245	Litter Picker Equipment	£ 254.00	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	P
4250	Sacks Litter Picker	£ 160.00	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	P
220	Battlefields					
1200	Allotment Rent Received	-£ 2,790.00	-£ 2,790.00	-£ 2,773.00	-£ 2,773.00	D
4305	Drainage	£ 230.00	£ 203.00	£ 220.00	£ 140.00	D
4310	Allotment Rents paid	£ 1,719.00	£ 1,739.00	£ 1,739.00	£ 1,739.00	D
4455	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 750.00	£ 200.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	D
225	Dog Grove					
1200	Allotment Rent Received	-£ 1,234.00	-£ 1,234.00	-£ 1,231.00	-£ 1,231.00	D
4455	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 250.00	£ 160.00			
230	Northons Lane					
1200	Allotment Rent Received	-£ 1,087.00	-£ 1,087.00	-£ 1,071.00	-£ 1,071.00	D
4305	Drainage	£ 230.00	£ 93.00	£ 100.00	£ 100.00	D
4310	Allotment Rents paid	£ 800.00	£ 780.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	D
4455	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 250.00	£ 160.00	£ 250.00		D
235	Plank Hook					
1200	Allotment Rent Received	-£ 1,882.00	-£ 1,882.00	-£ 1,788.00	-£ 1,788.00	D
4305	Drainage	£ 230.00	£ 164.00	£ 175.00	£ 175.00	U
4455	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 250.00	£ 160.00	£ 250.00	£ 100.00	D
240	Bass Site					
1200	Allotment Rent Received	-£ 1,500.00	-£ 1,500.00	-£ 1,450.00	-£ 1,450.00	D
4305	Drainage	£ 230.00	£ 119.00	£ 130.00	£ 130.00	U
4455	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 250.00	£ 160.00	£ 250.00	£ 100.00	D
245	Callovs Site					
1200	Allotment Rent Received	-£ 2,307.00	-£ 2,307.00	-£ 2,102.00	-£ 2,102.00	D

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		Budget 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	DIP/R*
4305	Drainage	£ 230.00	£ 193.00	£ 205.00	£ 205.00	D
4455	Repairs & Maintenance	£ 250.00	£ 160.00	£ 250.00	£ 100.00	D
	Allotment deposits received					
250	Park Road Cemetery					
1300	Cemetery Fees	-£ 9,060.00	-£ 9,060.00	-£ 10,000.00	-£ 11,000.00	D
1305	Sale of Holly	-£ 650.00	-£ 650.00	-£ 500.00	-£ 500.00	P
4215	Waste Services	£ 4,200.00	£ 3,300.00	£ 3,300.00	£ 4,500.00	P
4680	Water & Sewage	£ 100.00	£ 165.00	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	P
4400	Tree Work	£ 5,700.00	£ 1,250.00	-	£ 2,000.00	
4405	Locking/Unlocking	£ 3,007.00	£ 4,150.00	£ 3,650.00	£ 3,670.00	P
4670	Electricity	£ 120.00				
255	Hallgate Cemetery					
1300	Cemetery Fees	-£ 2,340.00	-£ 2,340.00	-£ 4,000.00	-£ 5,000.00	D
4055	Business Rates	£ 420.00	£ 580.00	£ 800.00	£ 1,100.00	P
4215	Waste Services	£ 550.00	£ 700.00	£ 600.00	£ 1,000.00	P
4270	Grass Cutting	£ 2,816.00	£ 2,816.00	£ 2,640.00	£ 2,640.00	P
4680	Water & Sewage	£ 200.00	£ 165.00	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	P
4360	Loan Repayment	£ 5,865.00	£ 5,865.00	£ 5,865.00	£ 5,865.00	P/R
270	Churchyard					
4235	Horticultural Supplies		£ 400.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	P/R
4400	Tree Work	£ 4,000.00			£ 2,000.00	
275	Carters Park					
4235	Horticultural Supplies	£ 680.00	£ 600.00	£ 600.00	£ 600.00	P/R
4680	Water & Sewage	£ 1,030.00	£ 1,130.00	£ 1,700.00	£ 1,200.00	P/R
4400	Tree Work	£ 700.00	£ 1,250.00		£ 2,000.00	
4405	Locking/Unlocking	£ 2,083.00	£ 4,150.00	£ 3,650.00	£ 3,670.00	P/R
4420	Play Equipment Inspections	£ 200.00	£ 183.00	£ 200.00	£ 400.00	D



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	Budget 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	DIP/R*
4455 Repairs & Maintenance		£ 666.00	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	P
420 Coubro Chambers					
1400 Rents Received	-£ 10,660.00	-£ 10,660.00	-£ 9,020.00	-£ 3,620.00	P
4055 Business Rates	£ 1,970.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 200.00	£ 1,500.00	P/R
4670 Electricity	£ 1,800.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 4,800.00	£ 3,200.00	P/R
4675 Gas	£ 2,650.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 4,000.00	P/R
4680 Water/Sewage	£ 700.00	£ 700.00	£ 850.00	£ 850.00	P/R
4685 Cleaning	£ 2,370.00	£ 1,800.00	£ 2,800.00	£ 2,800.00	P/R
4455 Repairs & Maintenance	£ 1,360.00	£ 4,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	P/R
4696 Property repairs Coubro-EMR					
4697 Safe repairs Coubro-EMR					
4698 Fire alarm Coubro-EMR					
422 Digital Notice board					
4055 Business Rates				£ 950.00	
425 Band Hall					
1400 Rents Received	-£ 250.00	-	-£ 250.00	-£ 250.00	P
	-£ 105.00			-£ 105.00	
430 Cemetery Chapels					
1400 Rents Received		-	-		
4670 Electricity		£ 120.00	£ 350.00	£ 350.00	P
435 Park Bungalow					
4605 Council Tax	£ 1,455.00	£ 1,600.00	£ 1,700.00	£ 1,700.00	P
4670 Electricity		-	-	£ 600.00	
4680 Water & Sewage		-	-	£ 800.00	

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	Budget 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	DIP/R*
440 Pavilion	-£ 50.00				
1400 Rents Received		-£ 123.00	-£ 200.00	-£ 250.00	P
				-£ 300.00	
445 Football Club					
1400 Rents Received	-£ 250.00	-£ 123.00	-£ 250.00	-£ 250.00	P
450 Holbeach Bank - Prop					
1400 Rents Received	-£ 20.00	-	-£ 20.00	-£ 20.00	P
	-£ 7,990.00	£ 3,163.00	£ 6,200.00	£ 7,195.00	
Events & PR Committee		Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	DIP/R*
505 Remembrance					
4801 Events		£ 1,000.00	£ 170.00		s.137
PR				£ 2,000.00	
4801 Events - wreath remembrance		-	£ 30.00	£ 1,000.00	s.137
	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ 200.00	£ 3,000.00	
		Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	
TOTALS	£ 213,211.00	£ 217,174.57	£ 244,392.80	£ 253,324.96	
Total Income (anticipated)	£ 51,995.00	-£ 52,571.00	-£ 52,545.00	-£ 52,270.02	
Total Expenditure	#####	#####	£ 296,937.80	#####	
Difference (precept)					
		Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	DIP/R*
PROJECTS					
4999 Contingency reserves		£ 10,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 3,000.00	P

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	Budget 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	D/P/R*
4121 CCTV		-	£ 3,500.00		P/R
4260 Projects* see below		£ 10,000.00	-		
		-	£ 5,000.00		P
4457 Improvements Nature Reserve		-	£ 600.00		P
Projects					
4410 Play Equipment	£ 333.00		£ 14,500.00		P
4410 Play Equipment	£ 333.00		£ 1,400.00		P/R
Tractor shed				£ 20,000.00	
Battlefields				£ 12,000.00	
Battlefields 2					
Machinery					
Kick wall				£ 500.00	
Grafetti wall				£ 200.00	
Tree work				£ 5,000.00	
Chess Tables					
Slide	£ 3,000.00				
4455 Repairs & Maintenance chapels	£ 30,000.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 25,000.00		P
Repairs & Maint Coubro	£ 6,600.00				
Property				£ 10,000.00	
Chapels				£ 10,000.00	P/R
Toilets				£ 7,500.00	P
501 General Events					
1600 Events Income		-	-	-£ 600.00	
4801 Events		£ 1,020.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 4,855.00	
Equipment		-	£ 1,500.00	£ 500.00	P
510 Car Show					
1600 Events Income		-	-		P
4801 Events		£ 1,780.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,000.00	
Jubilee Garden					s.144
Coronation		-	£ 1,500.00		

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	Budget 2021/22	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	D/P/R*
4122 Holbeach Calendar		-	£ 500.00	£ 600.00	s.145
525 Christmas Fagge				£ 1,000.00	
1600 Events Income		-	-		
4801 Events		£ 1,200.00	£ 1,800.00	£ 1,200.00	
Projects	£ 39,600.00	£ 27,166.00	£ 63,300.00	£ 76,755.00	
General Expendi	£ 265,206.00	£ 269,745.57	£ 244,392.80	£ 253,324.96	
Total Expenditur	£ 304,806.00	£ 296,911.57	£ 307,692.80	£ 330,079.96	
Estimate per Band D property per year		£ 70.11	£ 86.04	£ 90.51	5.19%
Estimate per Band D property per week		£ 1.35	£ 1.65	£ 1.74	
Based on 3647 band D properties (2024/25)					
EMR - Earmarked Reserve, it is a form of savings and not part of the precept request					
KEY *D = Duty (must carry out function) P = Power (may carry out function) R = Responsibility (have chosen to carry out function)					
s.111 LGA 1972 Power to incur expenditure conducive or incidental to the discharge of Council functions					
s.137 LGA 1972 Power to incur income where no other power granted					
s.144 LGA 1972 Power to encourage tourism in the council's area					
s.145 LGA 1972 Power to provide entertainment and support the arts					



Appendix e

Report PPS Meeting Friday 5.1.2024

The first item was election of the New Chairman of PPS committee and I was duly elected. Following on from the normal committee business we went onto planning applications where there were a number that we did not comment on but there were two that we did:-

1. Part of the development Holbeach meadows where they required access following development of 330 houses in Hall Gate and Fen Road both we raised concerns about and so have residents.

2. Another one was Three Chestnuts Fen Road changing from a Residential to a day school for SEN children. We looked at this and the entrance they propose is on a derestricted road and a potential of 32 vehicles entering/exiting in a short space of time with poor visibility.

We resolved to name SID locations a month in advance and Tim Wiltshire plus a volunteer would place them out, and February locations are Barrington Gate and Wignals Gate.

We agreed to advertise an office for rent at the normal rental amount.

We also agreed to receive an update from the Land Registry and to get the outstanding signatory from the Councillor for the document.

We received an update on the key audit and agreed to place on both our agenda and Open spaces committee a vacating policy guideline.

We discussed the notice board in particular rates and it was agreed the Clerk would speak to the VOA officer re submitting an objection and if not successful writing to our MP

The next meeting was agreed as 2\2\2024

We then went into closed session.

Appendix f

Our program of Events for 2024, was also severely curtailed, most notably by the actions of Councillor Sophie Hutchinson, claiming, entirely wrongfully, that there was no need to hold a Centenary Event for Carters Park, as 2024 is not the Centenary year.

I am relieved to report that we now have conclusive proof that 2024 is indeed the Centenary year of Carters Park, and our planned Centenary Event will now take place, for which the allocated budget that was removed, will now need to be reinstated.

I need hardly remind the Council, that we do not enjoy the positive view of the public generally, however, our Events are very well received, and are also recently, very well attended. The Public greatly enjoy these Events, appreciate the efforts we go to, and indeed, for the first time, are happy to support as volunteers now.

The Public sees "value" in these events, where it does not see value in many of our core responsibilities. We need to capitalise on this.



We have a fantastic program of Events throughout the year, and more will be added as circumstances permit. I now have an excellent Team on events, and am very proud of the commitment shown by each and every one of them, and indeed, the incredible ideas they come up with.

2024, is going to be a "Red Letter" year for Holbeach culturally, in which we will be building on firm foundations to create something truly unique. Holbeach is set to become a "Destination" culturally, which can only impact positively on the town, and the surrounding Parish.

Public session

A member of the public asked about the digital notice board, the Clerk/RFO explained that she had appealed to the Valuation office regarding the, around £700 per annum business rates bill. The board was not currently working due requiring a hard reset and access was not possible at this time.

Cllr Paul Barnes (Fleet Parish Council) asked about the bad state of the road at Dam Gate, County Cllr Peter Coupland who was present explained that this was being looked into by LCC.

A member of the public asked if long serving members of the council could remember an incident involving Crown Land around 2010, they could not.

District

Cllr S Hutchinson said she was still trying to obtain figures re the town centre plans. The Clerk asked, on behalf of a parishioner, why Boston Road car park was not being opened, Cllr Hutchinson said she would investigate and report back.

County

County Cllr Peter Coupland spoke about the many accidents on the A17 between Gedney and Holbeach, he is pushing for an investigation and perhaps a 50mph speed limit and/or speed cameras.