



**Minutes of the meeting of Holbeach Parish Council, Open Spaces Committee,
Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 17:30 at Coubro Chambers, Holbeach**

	In attendance	Apologies given	Non Attendance
Holbeach Parish Council, Open Spaces Committee	Cllrs: R Flood, S Hutchinson, L Jordan Clerk: Jan Hearsey Deputy Clerk: Becky Brothwell	Cllrs: P Howden, C Turner	
Public including Councillors	2 Public Members		

Chair Cllr R Flood opened the meeting at: 17:32

OS-2023/4-080 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: C Turner, P Howden.

OS-2023/4-081 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 R Flood declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 2023/4-083 & Cllr S Hutchinson declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 2023/4-086a / 2023/4-092

OS-2023/4-082 Minutes

- a) It was **resolved** to approve as a correct record the notes of the meetings of the Council held on 31st October 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign the official minutes.

OS-2023/4-083 Clerks report

- a) To receive a report from the Clerk to include update on all areas – appendix a

OS-2023/4-084 Carters Park

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the Bowls Club maintenance to be covered by the Park team and to check chemical stocks.

OS-2023/4-085 Nature Reserve

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward with approaching a local angling club to decline usage of area at this present time.



OS-2023/4-086 Cemeteries

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward with the land adjacent to Park Road cemetery – agreed to be moved into closed session.
- b) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward with the closed Churchyard & tubs to replace broken tubs and maintenance to the area.

OS-2023/4-087 Allotments

- a) To receive an update on the waiting list – see appendix b
- b) It was **resolved** to agree for a 2m x 3m polytunnel on BFG11 permission given.
- c) It was **resolved** to agree for a shed and fruit trees on BFG12 permission given with maximum of 2 fruit trees in line with the percentage policy of the area.
- d) It was **resolved** to agree for fruit trees on BFG53 permission given with maximum allowed in line with the percentage policy of the area.

OS 2023/4-088 Budgets

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree to recommend to Full Council the budget for 2024/5

OS-2023/4- 089 Work scheduling

- a) It was **resolved** to agree that Cllr R Flood will represent the committee at the work scheduling meeting on the 6th December at 10.00am.
- b) It was reviewed the winter work list to do required maintenance of shrubs and trees.
- c) It was reviewed the tree work once authorisation has been given from SHDC.

OS-2023/4- 090 Meetings

The next meeting of the committee is on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 17:30

To resolve 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 19:22
Closed meeting opened at 19:23*

OS-2023/4-086 Cemeteries

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward with the land adjacent to Park Road cemetery offer to be submitted.

OS-2023/4-091 Grass cutting

- a) It was reviewed and **resolved** to agree the way forward and to keep records of maintenance.

OS-2023/4-092 Park Road Cemetery

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the graves and to write letters and place signage to enforce the rules and regulations of graves in the cemeteries.

Closed Meeting closed at 19:47

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

Appendix a

Park Road Cemetery
Awaiting consent from SHDC to start winter work

Carters Park
Work underway to remove sandpit. Work starting tomorrow to install replacement play equipment.

All Saints Churchyard
Team to repair damage from tele handler

Netherfield
Nothing to report

Hall Gate
Complaints about dogs of the lead and fouling, signs ordered

Nature Reserve
Nothing to report

Holbeach Bank Playing Field
Nothing to report

2 members of the public attended meeting – raised concerns about anti-social behaviour from Holbeach Bank Playing Field after Saturday football matches – Foul language, drinking and drug abuse, aggressive behaviour, loud music and fireworks illegally being set-off on field area – Cllr R Flood to investigate and communicate feedback with the football club.

Appendix b

Callows is being let, awaiting FBT lease to be drawn up.

Still some to be let at Battlefields and Plank Hook