



Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 13th March 2023 at 19:00 at the Methodist Hall, Albert Walk, Holbeach

	In attendance	Apologies given	Non Attendance
Holbeach Parish Council,	S Hutchinson, R Stevens, I Hutchinson, Clerk: Jan Hearsey	P Howden, T Wiltshire, S Lewis, R Flood, C Turner & J Moore	
Public including Councillors	20 members of the public. County Cllr T Carter & District Cllr N Worth		

Chair of Holbeach Parish Council, Cllr S Hutchinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. *Apologies given by P Howden, T Wiltshire, S Lewis, R Flood, C Turner & J Moore*
2. *The Clerk read out the minutes of the 2022 meeting which were **agreed***
3. *No matters arising*
4. *Any other Business*

A member of the public asked about the drainage drawings that were promised following the Boston Road sink hole meeting, Cllr S Hutchinson explained they had still not been received.

A member of the public queried that the precept had gone up over 50% in ten years but the number of councillors has dropped. It was explained that there were more projects now than ten years ago and if the precept was calculated by the rate of inflation, year on year over the last ten years, then it has kept pace with inflation. With the increasing costs of energy, this has caused a rise in budgets. Delivering large scale projects, they could be sponsored. This year there has been an underspend which will go back into reserves which is needed. It was explained what the reserve levels should be.

A member of the public asked what is being spent in the villages, the reply was that the villages have not asked for anything. There was a request for a planter and by working together, this had been achieved.

A member of the public asked if the bench at one of the villages could be repaired, the Council's Clerk will look into this.

A member of the public asked about a report in the Spalding Voice that said that you can "get all this for 2.6p"? It was explained that this represents the projects based on a band D property, they asked what is the chart?, it was explained that it showed how much we spend, it includes income, the full



details are on the Council's website. The options for setting the precept were not in the Council minutes, it was explained that Council minutes should only record decisions unless a request is made.

Cllr S Hutchinson explained that this is not a Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed 19:16

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