



**Minutes of the meeting of Holbeach Parish Council on Monday 8th July 2024 at 19:00
Methodist Hall, Albert Walk, Holbeach.**

	In attendance	Apologies given	Non-Attendance
Holbeach Parish Council,	Cllrs: P Savory; R Steven;, R Flood; T Wiltshire, P Howden; I Hutchinson; P Ward & S Hutchinson Clerk: Jan Hearsey Deputy Clerk: Becky Brothwell		
Public including Councillors	2 public Cllr P Coupland	Cllr T Carter	

Chair Cllr R Stevens opened the meeting at 19:01 and instated Standing Orders

2024/5-036 - Apologies for absence

To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

None

2024/5-037 - 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.

Cllrs; I & S Hutchinson non-pecuniary agenda item 2024/5-047 (b). Cllr R Flood non-pecuniary agenda item 2024/5-047 (a). Cllr P ward non-pecuniary agenda item 2024/5-042 (b)

2024/5-038 - Minutes

- c) It was **resolved** to approve as a correct record the notes of the meetings of the Council held on 10th June 2024 and 19th June 2024 and to authorise the Chair to sign the official minutes. *(Cllrs: R Stevens; T Wiltshire; P Savory; P Ward; P Howden; I Hutchinson & S Hutchinson voted for, Cllr R Flood abstained)*



2024/5-039 - Clerk

- a) To receive a report from the Clerk – see appendix a
- b) To receive an update on vacancies – see appendix a
- c) To review paperwork submitted for co-option(s) and resolve to agree to co-opt – None submitted

2024/5-040 - Finance & Admin Committee

- a) To receive the report from the Chair of the Committee see appendix b
- b) To note the Bank balances as of 30th June 2024 as follows:
Account ending **4844** £2,886.34 Account ending **5394** £5,122.05
Account ending **01PC** £515,065.38 – see appendix c
- c) It was proposed, seconded and **agreed** to move this agenda item into closed session To resolve to agree to the payments for June 2024 and to note the income for June 2024 (*Cllrs: R Stevens; T Wiltshire; P Savory; P Ward; P Howden; & R Flood voted for ; Cllrs I Hutchinson & S Hutchinson abstained*)
- d) It was proposed, seconded and **agreed** to move this agenda item into closed session To resolve to agree budget movements as recommended by the committee (*Cllrs: R Stevens; T Wiltshire; P Savory; P Ward; P Howden; & R Flood voted for ; Cllrs I Hutchinson & S Hutchinson against*)
- e) It was **resolved** to agree the direct debit to PWLB
- f) It was **resolved** to agree to appoint LALC as the internal auditor.

2024/5-041 - Open Spaces Committee

- a) To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee – see appendix
- b) To elect members to the committee – Cllr P Ward was proposed, seconded and **agreed** as elected

2024/5-042 - PPES Committee

- a) To receive the report from the Chair of the Committee - see appendix e
- b) It was **resolved** to agree the feedback form to Meridian Solar see appendix f

2024/5-043 - Events & PR Committee –

- a) To receive the report from the Chair of the committee – see appendix g
- b) To elect members to the committee – none were elected

2024/5-044 – Meetings

- a) The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 12th August 2024 at Holbeach St Johns Village Hall at 19:00

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 19:37

Closed meeting opened at 19:44

2024/5-040 - Finance & Admin Committee

- c) It was **resolved** to agree to the payments for June 2024 of £22,826.60 (one payment subject to a meeting tomorrow) and to note the income for June 2024 of £4,618.11 see appendix h
- d) It was **resolved** to agree budget movements as recommended by the committee – see appendix I (*Cllrs: R Stevens; T Wiltshire; P Savory; P Ward; P Howden; & R Flood voted for ; Cllrs I Hutchinson & S Hutchinson against*)

2024/5-045 - HR, Health and Safety and Data Protection Committee

- a) To receive a report from the Chair of the Committee
- b) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward with a Data Protection issue and the additional costs as to give the Clerk delegated powers subject to informing members by email. (*Cllrs: R Stevens; T Wiltshire; P Savory; P Ward; P Howden; & R Flood voted for ; Cllrs I Hutchinson & S Hutchinson against*)

2024/5-046 – Properties

- a) Following receipt of two requests to suspend Standing Orders, it was **resolved** to agree the way forward with Council properties as to move the offices to another Council owned property and look at the disposal of the current offices over a period of time. (*Cllrs: R Stevens; T Wiltshire; P Ward; P Howden; & R Flood voted for ; Cllrs P Savory; I Hutchinson & S Hutchinson against*)

2024/5-047 – Open spaces

- a) It was **resolved** to agree the cost of pest control as £1,140.00 from Jack Russell Environmental.
- b) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward with a property purchase as to follow the legal advice given by the Council's solicitor. (*Cllrs: R Stevens; T Wiltshire; P Savory; P Howden; & R Flood voted for; Cllrs P Ward; I Hutchinson & S Hutchinson abstained*)

2024/5-048 – Equalities' Act 2010 s.149

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward with the Council's Public Sector Duty in that communication was required, an occupation health assessment for a member was refused.
- b) To resolve to agree the way forward with Councillor resignations – due to Councillor disruption (Cllrs: I & S Hutchinson left the meeting at 21:00) it was **agreed** to defer this item to the next meeting.



Meeting closed at 21:02

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

Appendix a

Delegated decisions:

On the 12th June 2024 with the full backing of the Events & PR Committee, I used my delegated powers to postpone the Carters Park Centenary & 80th Anniversary of D-Day Event.

On the 26th June, with written consent from two members of the Open Spaces Committee, I have used my delegated powers to order parts for the play equipment.

Parish Clerk

Just an observation from my attendance at the Parish Meeting 10 June at Holbeach Hurn. Some of the time allotted to open forum was unfairly taken over by a councillor making a lengthy statement on what appeared to be a council issue, thereby denying local members of the public time to ask further questions .

Town Ward = 4 – plus 1 awaiting the 10 day elector period & 2 awaiting the notice from SHDC
Hurn Ward = 2
Drove Ward = 1

Appendix b

Finance Chair report

Nothing to report with the exception of monitoring fuel costs.

Budgets were reviewed and discussed and some will be moved around.

Appendix c

Bank Accounts - Details and Current Balances Start of year 01/04/24

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	30/06/24	2,937.82	2,886.34
2 Barclaycard	Ordinary	*****2372		31/03/24	0.00	0.00
3 Barclays Saver account	Ordinary	****5394	20-80-78	30/06/24	5,122.05	5,122.05
4 CCLA	Ordinary	*****0001PC		31/05/24	535,065.38	515,065.38
TOTAL						£523,073.77

Appendix d

Open Spaces report

It was agreed to try a combination lock on the tennis courts, obtaining the code via a mobile held by members on open spaces in turn, will be operational once signage and phone purchased.

It was agreed to change date for local group using Carters Park for Race for Life to the 8th August.

Agreed to go back to scorching a line to help with keeping new graves in a better line in Hall Gate Cemetery, also discussed was looking into creating an area for child burial.

Appendix e

PPES REPORT JULY 2024.

Speeding.

The SID locations for July were agreed for Boston Rd North and Foxes Low Rd Holbeach. The hidden 30mph sign at the junction of Jekils and Joys Bank HSJ was reported via Fixmystreet and was moved to a visible position the same week.

Two static 40mph signs have been put up on Boston Rd North.

Additional District and County Councillors have been approached to help fund a 3rd SID. We have been informed by LCC that a request to reduce the speed limit on Jekils Bank, HSJ, between New River Gate bend and Fox Headings from 60 to 40mph has been approved.

Properties.

A survey on Park Rd Cemetery Chapel spire has been completed and we are awaiting the report.

Emergency Planning.

Following the meeting at Holbeach Hurn in June one volunteer has signed up. We are trying to arrange a meeting at Holbeach St Marks.

Planning.



The PPES Committee was unanimous in opposing the Meridian Solar Farm and will continue to support MAG. We will continue to attend local meetings and Webinars.

Appendix f

Views on solar

1. What are your views on solar farms as part of the renewable infrastructure needed to meet the UK Government's commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050?

Supportive
 Supportive, but I have some concerns
 Unsupportive, but I would like to find out more

Completely against
 Unsure

Please explain why.

The Council is not opposed to renewable energy but not on grade 1 agricultural land

Site layout

3. Which areas of the Scheme do your comments relate to? Please refer to the map provided on page 4 -5 in the newsletter.

Parcel A, Cloot Drive – yellow
 Parcel B, Queen's Bank – light blue
 Parcel C, Martins Road – purple

Parcel D, Langary Gate Road – dark blue
 All of the above

4. We are in the early stages of developing our proposals. We are seeking your feedback to further develop and refine our plans. Do you have any comments on the potential layout for the land parcel(s) you have selected? This could be in regard to matters such as panel location, environmental considerations, or use of land.

Loss of farming & employment

Connection corridor

The electricity generated by Meridian Solar would be required to be transferred to the national grid. The planned grid connection for Meridian Solar is National Grid's proposed Weston Marsh Substation near Spalding. Our proposal currently assumes that we will connect to the grid via an overhead line. This would likely be lattice towers carrying 400 kilovolt (kV) lines. We may investigate placing infrastructure underground if required to mitigate impacts.

5. Which connection corridor do your comments relate to? Please refer to the map provided on page 6 in the newsletter.

North eastern
 South eastern
 North western

South western
 All

6. Are there any specific local environmental constraints, or local issues, or concerns that you wish to make us aware of and that require consideration for the proposed connection to the national grid?

The Council is not opposed to renewable energy but not on grade 1 agricultural land

The local environment and landscape

We are currently preparing our Preliminary Environmental information Report (PEIR), which will provide an initial appraisal of the Scheme's potential impacts and opportunities for the environment.

7. What environmental issues relating to the proposals are most important to you? Please tick your top three.

agricultural land and soils
 air quality
 climate change
 heritage and archaeology
 glint and glare
 landscape and visual amenity

noise and vibration
 socio-economics and health
 traffic and transport
 water bodies and hydrology
 Other (please detail)

8. Please provide any further comments on why these topics are most important to you.



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Community Benefits

DRD is committed to making a positive contribution in South Holland and beyond. Our consultation is important in helping us to understand what local schemes or projects could be supported to benefit the communities located closest to the Scheme.

Recent examples from other projects include providing rooftop solar installations, installing electric vehicle charging points, providing permissive paths, and creating science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and employment opportunities.

9. Do you have any suggestions on what community benefits would be appropriate and/or are currently lacking in the local area?

£5,000 per mw to distribute to local Parish Councils

Our consultation

Thank you for taking the time to share your views on Meridian Solar.

10. In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

<input type="checkbox"/> Resident of the local area	<input type="checkbox"/> Local business owner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected representative (Parish Council, Community Council, Local Authority or MP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local interest group

11. Please rate the information we have published in terms of how clearly it was presented and how easy it was to understand.

<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Very poor
<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure

12. Do you have any further comments about our consultation process or anything we can improve about our consultation?

A more balanced view

Appendix g
Chair's Report 04.07.24
Events Committee

The planned Park Centenary / D-Day event could not take place due to high winds, however, this has now been re-scheduled to Sunday the 28th July. As it is so long after June 6th, this will not have a D-Day element to it, and will focus solely on the Park Centenary. The Rock School Bus already had a booking for this re-scheduled date, and so organising the music event will now be done in-house. That said, this looks like being quite



an exciting event, with a lot of fun content for all the Family. Let us hope the weather is kind.

Planning continues on the Family Fun day in Netherfields in August, and the Halloween Event in the Park.

We are already discussing a framework of larger events for next year to build on our successes this year. Events are very well received by the Public, and our intention expand and develop this, with our Team acting as enablers and force multipliers, for groups wishing to run their own events using our facilities. We are building these networks as we speak, so these are very exciting times indeed.

Appendix h



Holbeach Parish Council Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/24

Supplier totals will include confidential items

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
947	bcard240709	£9.98	4080	10/06/24	Amazon - Accident books	GOABEI
948	bcard240709	£76.00	4455/200	17/06/24	Amazon - Tablet case & watering cans	LFABEI
949	bcard240709	£31.36	4455/200	04/06/24	Amazon - Strimmer cord & heads	521102
974	bcard240709	£38.22	4690	20/05/24	Amazon - Blue towel	
975	bcard240709	£24.93	4085	18/06/24	Amazon - Tablet case	
		£180.49			Amazon - Total	
962	240709ch	£13.14	4455/1430	30/05/24	Chislett Hire - Triple Extension Ladder Hire Chapels Survey 19.06.24	226318
		£13.14			Chislett Hire - Total	
961	240709dts	£800.00		30/06/24	DTS - Locking up	29
	1	£300.00	4405/250		Locking up	
	2	£300.00	4406		Locking up	
		£600.00			DTS - Total	
905	bcard240709	£214.31	4801/501	29/05/24	Elite Industril Supplies - Hi-viz for events	220744
		£214.31			Elite Industril Supplies - Total	
916	bcard240709	£18.69	46701/435	05/05/24	E-ON - Electric Park Bungalow	173630809
		£18.69			E-ON - Total	
964	240709gr	£386.10	4215/250	30/06/24	Greenzone - Bins Park Road	419645
		£386.10			Greenzone - Total	
942	240709harg	£47.94	4455/200	17/06/24	Hargreave - Sockets	152331
		£47.94			Hargreave - Total	
943	240709hvh	£36.00	4075	15/06/24	Holbeach Hum Village Hall - Meeting 10-06-24	JW164
		£36.00			Holbeach Hum Village Hall - Total	
966	240709kn	£1,660.80	4435/350	28/06/24	Knights - Legal costs re Data Protection issue	901915
		£1,660.80			Knights - Total	

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967	240709lcm	£1,951.20		30/06/24	Lincolnshire Commercial Maintenance - Grass cutting June 24	
	1	£326.40	4275		Grass cutting June 24	
	2	£360.00	4270/285		Grass cutting June 24	
	3	£300.00	4270/280		Grass cutting June 24	
	4	£216.00	4285		Grass cutting June 24	
	5	£326.40	4280		Grass cutting June 24	
	6	£422.40	4270/255		Grass cutting June 24	
		£1,951.20			Lincolnshire Commercial Maintenance - Total	
926	bcard240709	£76.44	4100	03/06/24	Microsoft - 365 clrs	E0800SDBEN
927	bcard240709	£37.08	4100	03/06/24	Microsoft - 365 admin	E0800SD41S
		£113.52			Microsoft - Total	
907	bcard240709	£2.10	4690	21/05/24	One Stop - Milk	210524
944	bcard240709	£1.30	4690	12/06/24	One Stop - Milk	120624
		£3.40			One Stop - Total	
968	240709pas	£120.00	4435/350	24/06/24	Personnel Advice & Solutions Ltd - HR advice June 24	16159
		£120.00			Personnel Advice & Solutions Ltd - Total	
951	bcard240709	£139.99	4085	06/06/24	Phonesmart Ltd - Samsung tablet	18275
		£139.99			Phonesmart Ltd - Total	
953	240709plat	£208.00	4685	30/06/24	Platinum Cleaning - Cleaning June 24	407
		£208.00			Platinum Cleaning - Total	
970	240709fw	£390.00	44551/400	01/07/24	R F Welding Limited - 2 x Support poles 2 x 24 inch square plate 2 x 12 inch square plate Bowls Club Roof Repair	04522
		£390.00			R F Welding Limited - Total	
976	bcard240709	£8.10	4060	17/06/24	Smarty Mobile - SIM tablet	170624
		£8.10			Smarty Mobile - Total	
911	bcard240709	£21.00	4801/502	17/05/24	South Holland District Council - TEN's CP centenary	

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		£21.00	South Holland District Council - Total				
971	240709shid b	£888.88		02/07/24	South Holland Inland Drainage Board - Drainage charges 01-04-24 - 31-03-25		
	1	£106.87	4305/230		Drainage charges 01-04-24 - 31-03-25		
	2	£221.50	4305/245		Drainage charges 01-04-24 - 31-03-25		
	3	£137.39	4305/240		Drainage charges 01-04-24 - 31-03-25		
	4	£53.88	4305/220		Drainage charges 01-04-24 - 31-03-25		
	5	£180.46	4305/220		Drainage charges 01-04-24 - 31-03-25		
	6	£188.78	4305/235		Drainage charges 01-04-24 - 31-03-25		
		£888.88	South Holland Inland Drainage Board - Total				
956	240709sc	£23.00	4685	22/06/24	Spalding Cleaning - Windows Coubro	220624	
		£23.00	Spalding Cleaning - Total				
972	240709sja	£137.28	4801/502	11/04/24	St John Ambulance - Beacon lighting	SP24003626	
		£137.28	St John Ambulance - Total				
946	240709lon	£7.99	4801/502	09/06/24	Tonwood - Gas canister re Beacon	3116993	
		£7.99	Tonwood - Total				
913	bcard24070 9	£23.09	4680/278	10/05/24	Wave - CP cemetery	13534945	
		£23.09	Wave - Total				
931	240709weg	£177.00		30/05/24	West End Garage - Petrol, diesel tractor and cans		
	1	£115.04	4460		Petrol, diesel tractor and cans		
	2	£61.96	4461		Petrol, diesel tractor and cans		
954	240709weg	£118.40		19/06/24	West End Garage - Diesel	190624	
	1	£76.96	4460		Diesel		
	2	£41.44	4461		Diesel		
960	240709weg	£25.00		24/06/24	West End Garage - Petrol	240624	
	1	£16.25	4460		Petrol		
	2	£8.75	4461		Petrol		
		£320.40	West End Garage - Total				
973	240709wick	£742.03		26/06/24	Wicksteed - Play equipment parts	425960	
	1	£577.03	4410/0		Play equipment parts		
	2	£165.00	4410/280		Play equipment parts		

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		£742.03	Wicksteed - Total			
957	240709wtm	£1,600.00	4401	10/06/24	Will The Tree Man - T838 Lime Carters Park	pc2462
		£1,600.00	Will The Tree Man - Total			
		£12,971.25	Confidential			
Total		£22,826.60				

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Appendix i

- £10,000 from properties to property project
- £10,000 from Properties EMR to property project
- £ 7,500 from Toilets to properties project
- £ 2,000 from Repairs & maintenance Coubro to property project
- £ 1,000 from safe works to property project

Public session

A member of the public asked when the digital board will be removed, the Clerk confirmed it would be removed this week. They asked for clarification of minute number 2024/5-035 (a) They asked if there was a governing document for the Carters Park Charity, it was explained that this was set out in the conveyancing document from 1928.

County Cllr P Coupland reported that there was a reduction in the speed limit at Saturday Bridge. Ravens Bank was closed whilst the road was rebuilt.

District Cllr S Hutchinson reported that

Holbeach Meadows

Im pleased to say that due to the concerns raised by residents and planning committee members the Tudor Way access has been removed from the proposed Holbeach Meadows development. Other amendments have also been made, and there will be another opportunity to comment on the proposal.

I know everyone is very concerned about the lack of infrastructure, and so am I. But in this case, the housing and contributions have already been agreed, so my main focus now is on getting a good quality development that addresses the concerns of residents.

Damgate Development

Full planning permission has been submitted for 21 houses off Damgate. No open space/play equipment is proposed on site, so i would encourage the parish council to consider submitting a request for s106 money, if you have a project ready to go. If the council would want advice on what needs to be included in a request then please contact the planning department. I would urge the council to keep an eye out for all Full or outline applications, as it is not just housing that is eligible for s106 contributions.