

## Holbeach Parish Council Extends Gratitude to Dedicated Volunteers

Holbeach Parish Council wishes to express heartfelt thanks to Cllrs Sandra Ball and Jenny Sharman for their exceptional effort in restoring the planters around the Holbeach War Memorial. Their dedication and hard work have brought new life to this important landmark.

Additionally, the Council extends sincere appreciation to Cllr Isobel Hutchinson for initiating the much-needed improvements in the Jubilee Garden at Carter's Park. Her commitment to enhancing our community spaces is deeply valued.

These remarkable ladies have generously volunteered their time and energy to beautify our Parish, demonstrating an inspiring level of community spirit.

Thank you, Cllr Sandra Ball, Cllr Jenny Sharman, and Cllr Isobel Hutchinson, for your invaluable contributions.



## "Understanding Closed Session

### Meetings: A Guide for Our Community"



Parish Councils hold closed sessions in meetings for several important reasons. These sessions, also known as "confidential sessions," are typically used to discuss sensitive or confidential matters that are not suitable for public disclosure. Here are some key reasons why closed sessions are held:

- **Confidential Information:** Discussions involving personal data, legal matters, or sensitive information that could breach privacy laws or confidentiality agreements are conducted in closed sessions to protect the individuals or entities involved.
- **Staffing Matters:** Issues related to employment, such as hiring, disciplinary actions, or performance evaluations, are often discussed in closed sessions to maintain confidentiality and protect the privacy of employees.
- **Contract Negotiations:** When discussing terms of contracts, tenders, or negotiations, closed sessions ensure that sensitive financial or strategic information is not disclosed to the public, which could potentially affect the council's bargaining position.
- **Legal Proceedings:** Matters related to ongoing or potential legal proceedings are discussed in closed sessions to maintain confidentiality and protect the council's legal interests.
- **Sensitive Community Issues:** Occasionally, topics that could cause distress or controversy within the community, such as complaints against the council or disputes, are handled in closed sessions to ensure a fair and unbiased discussion.

These closed sessions are conducted in accordance with legal procedures and regulations to ensure transparency and accountability while protecting sensitive information.



## Dog Park Update



Holbeach Parish Council would like to extend our appreciation for your patience and understanding as the dog park continues to be closed for much-needed maintenance. The grass seed has been sown, and we eagerly await the rejuvenation of the grass, with the spring weather accelerating this process.

As of now, we cannot provide a specific reopening date, but rest assured, we will keep you informed with regular updates. We understand the inconvenience this temporary closure may cause and sincerely apologise for any disruption it may bring to you and your furry friends.

Your support and cooperation are crucial in ensuring the dog park is restored to its best condition, providing a safe and enjoyable space for our community. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to welcoming you back to a revitalised dog park soon.