

## Holbeach Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 11 March 2013 at the Reading Room, Church Street, Holbeach commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

As per the register.

Eleven members of the public were in attendance together with County Councillor Nick Worth, Carol Parker from "Transported" Arts Project, a guest speaker, the Police and the Press.

Prior to the commencement of the Annual Parish Meeting the Chairman delivered a statement which referred to a question which had been raised by a member of the public of the eligibility and legality of the Parish Council Meeting to follow. It had been suggested through a series of e-mails that the Parish Council had not given sufficient notice of the meeting; the member of the public alleging that five clear days notice should be given. The Chairman stated this was not the case as that applied only to principal authorities and not Parish Councils. The period of notice in this case required was three clear days and this had been complied with. The Chairman also confirmed that the appropriate checks had been made and the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils had confirmed this was correct.

**1. Apologies:**

The Clerk reported that she had received no apologies.

*The person due to attend from Lincs Fire and Rescue service had advised of the required cancellation of item 3 on the agenda.*

**2. Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12 March 2012 were read out by the Clerk.

**Agreed:** The Minutes as read were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**3. Lincs Fire and Rescue presentation re. Home Fire Safety Checks:**

The Clerk advised this presentation had been cancelled but was to be rescheduled.

**4. Any Other Business:**

The Chairman had permitted Carol Parker as Lead Consortium Member and representative of Lincs Artist Forum as a guest speaker to be present at the Annual Parish Meeting to give details of a new Arts Project for the area entitled "Transported".

The Chairman welcomed Carol Parker to the meeting and she gave a resume of "Transported" with input from County Councillor Nick Worth.

Carol Parker explained that the area had been awarded £2.6 million for Arts engagement and the funding would span three years but may carry through over a ten year period. Holbeach had been chosen for the launch of this new Arts project due to its central geographic location between Boston and Spalding.

With the Parish Council's permission which would be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting to follow they were looking at launching the project on Sunday 5 May 2013 in Carters Park, Holbeach.

Carol Parker explained it would be a high profile event with much media coverage and they were hoping to engage the whole community and were relying on the public to participate in the event and become engaged in the project. Carol went on to explain that in the run up to the launch event on 5 May she would be working in the community and would be available to the public in various venues within Holbeach including the Library, local cafes and shops and would be walking the High Street area to promote the event.

County Councillor Nick Worth outlined his full support of "Transported" and stated it was a wonderful opportunity to promote the town of Holbeach and Carters Park and the surrounding area. He stated it could give the opportunity to use a few empty shop premises in the town as part of the project and said there would be increasing participation in the project; it was not just an event to watch. A lot more detail would follow in due course.

Carol Parker concluded that innovative ways would be used for the launch of the project including the use of iconic ice cream vans and many events would follow. All events connected with "Transported" would be followed by gathering of feedback which would be used over the following two years of the project.

County Councillor Nick Worth concluded that the support of the Parish Council was needed for the event launch in Carters Park on Sunday 5 May 2013.

Mrs. Carol Rudkin as a member of the public asked if the County and Parish Councils could assist through this project in putting Holbeach back on the map. She wished this opportunity could assist in tidying up the town.

County Councillor Nick Worth responded that he agreed the project could provide an opportunity to assist with this and invited Mrs. Rudkin to send him an e-mail outlining her concerns.

The Chairman then invited any other business but there being no further matters that members of the public wished to raise the Annual Parish Meeting was declared closed so the Meeting of the Parish Council could commence.