



HOLMER AND SHELWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7.00pm in the Holmer Parish Centre.

Present:

Councillors: Frank Cornthwaite (Vice Chair), Sue Clack, David Cooper, Neil Duggan, John Phipps & Paul Stevens.

In Attendance:

Richard James - (Parish Clerk).
Mark Millmore – (Ward Member)
1 x Member of the Public

1. To consider employing a new Clerk.

Resolved - *The chair proposed to exclude the public including the Ward Member and Acting Clerk from the meeting for discussion of a confidential item. Following debate, it was agreed to offer the position of Clerk to Mr Richard James who duly signed the contract.*

2. Apologies for absence – Councillors: Marc Mohan & Andrew Coultas

3. Declaration of Interest - There were No declarations of interest.

4. Open Session.

4.1. Ward Member reported the following.

- *The Parish Council website sever has been to a more secure supplier due to Russian & Chinese hacking issues.*
- *Advised the Parish Councillors to move to Dot Gov emails with a 10GB storage on security grounds.*
- *Raised drain cover in Attwood Lane has been repaired.*
- *Herefordshire Council Children's Services is unfit for purpose follow an independent inspection and had to be propped up by using £22M funds out of reserves.*
- *The Herefordshire Council were looking at an increase in Council Budget of 4.99%*
- *The Herefordshire Council Green Run Council is having a detrimental effect on planning within the County, and he feels that Herefordshire County has the lowest Carbon Footprint.*

4.2. Member of the Public.

Q1. - *Asked why there were No Dog Poo Bins about especially around the new estate.*

A1. - *Parish Council said it would investigate this and see if Dog Poo Bins could not be installed as part of planning agreements or by using S106 funding.*

5. Minutes of the 12.01.23.

Resolved - *The minutes were adopted as a true record and were then signed & dated by the Chair.*

6. Meeting Dates.

Resolved – *The Clerk would book the Hall for the whole year and if possible, to secure the 2nd Thursday of each month as the regular meeting date.*

7. Finance.

- 7.1. – The budget for 2023/24 was presented, they were concerned that there was not enough information available. However, these were the figures before Council which they would make their decision upon.

Resolved – *The Budget of £20,000 was Approved which was in real terms a reduction from the previous year.*

- 7.2. – Payroll provider was discussed

Resolved – *The Clerk should contact the payroll provider which his other Parish Council uses for a quotation.*

- 7.3. - Quotations to service the Brush Cutter.

Resolved – *No action to be taken at this time.*

- 7.4. – HALC membership was discussed in some detail, with 1 councillor asking whether the subscription fee could be reduced and what did Holmer & Shelwick Parish Council get for their money.

	Payment	Net	Vat	Total
7.4	HALC - Subscriptions	1423.64	284.73	1708.37

Resolved – *It was Agreed the pay the subscription for another year but ask if Lynda Wilcox (CEO) of HALC would come and address the Parish Council at a future meeting.*

- 7.5. – Invoices for Payment

	Payment	Net	Vat	Total
7.5.1	Holmer Church Parish Centre (Hall Hire)	341.00	0.00	341.00
7.5.2	HALC (Clerk Cover)	443.60	88.72	532.32

Resolved – *Approved to pay all the Invoices.*

8. Planning.

- 8.1.1. – **P224308/F** - Land to the East of The Rambles Shelwick Hereford - Application for variation condition 2 of planning permission 174395 (Residential development of four dwellings)- to change the approved materials and layout of unit 3 to include detached garage.

Resolved – *Support this application.*

- 8.1.2. – **P224270/F** - Land to the north of Hedgerow Way Holmer Hereford Herefordshire HR4 9RG - Proposed erection of 105 dwellings alongside access, and associated infrastructure including the widening of the northern footpath to 3 metres along Hedgerow Way.

Resolved – *Object to this application for the following reasons.*

Non-compliance with the Core Strategy Policy HD4 - Holmer West was allocated for 500 homes with 35% affordable. This application creates an over development of 65 homes above (460 approved to date) the 500. Therefore the 65 homes should be considered as an exception site and be all affordable.

The 105 homes exceed the 35 dwellings per hectare.

Core Strategy 4.2.53 and 4.2.54 no transition between the built form and the open fields with landscaping or green corridor.

Core Strategy 4.2.58 surface water management no provision for the enlargement of the balancing pond.

Although the application site falls within the Holmer and Shelwick NDP it has disregarded the NDP parking standards despite being requested to adhere to it in the response to the pre planning application. It is evident that the short fall of parking on the existing Holmer West site is causing problems with considerable on street parking on evenings and weekends which creates friction to householders and obstacles for emergency vehicles.

There is no specific Section 106 agreement accompanying this application and therefore it is not possible to evaluate the burden of this proposal on our Parish and the surrounding area.

8.2. – Property / Barn Conversation at Shelwick Grange.

Resolved – *The Clerk to contact Planning enforcement to find out if there has been planning permission granted for the barn conversation.*

8.3. – S106 Update.

Resolved – *2 Councillors were dealing with this matter, which should continue, and they will report back at the next meeting.*

9. Highways & Environment.

9.1. – Traffic Calming Scheme for Holmer and Shelwick

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9.2. – Road Widening along Church Way

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9.3. – Flooding along Church Way & Attwood Lane.

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9.4. – Pond clearing.

To Note – *The Vice Chair was going to speak with a local resident about this work and report back to Council.*

10. Graveyard

To Note – *No report*

11. Working Groups.

Resolved – *The Clerk will come back to Council with information.*

12. Training.

Resolved – *The Clerk to contact HALC about training they offer.*

13. Recruitment.

Resolved – *The Clerk to put an article on the website about a Footpaths Officer & Tree Warden.*

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed: Date: 9th March 2023