Holton Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 10th January 2022 starting at 7.30 pm in Holton Village Hall main hall

Present:
Chairman Robert Barter
Councillor Andy Murray
Councillor Roger Farrow
Parish Clerk Sonja Barter

Also present:

1. Apologies: Brian Pridmore, Allan East. Tim Bearder.
1a. Declarations of interest: None

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Monday 13th December 2021 which had been circulated to all councillors before the meeting.

Proposed by Andy Murray
Seconded by Roger Farrow **All agreed**

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3. District and County Councillor Reports – None

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:
Orchard Hedging/Fencing. The roadside boundary measures approx. 88 metres. On inspection there is no space to plant a hedge and it was agreed to instruct Richard Taylor to cut back the vegetation to the fence line (post and wire not complete or in a good state). Later in the year to erect a post and rail fence along the boundary (3 rail) and attach stock fencing. Quotes to be obtained.

5. Traffic, Road and Highway Matters
Waterperry Road – road edge next to pavement – sprouting weeds need clearing and/or weed kill. Richard Taylor has been asked if he could clear the mud and weeds from the kerbside. Richard will be carrying out the work this month. Richard Taylor to cut back straggling branches alongside the hedge from the Waterperry T junction to Garden Cottage and from the bend beyond Park Cottage.

The Hollies – The Clerk met Mrs Mclean from the Hollies and discussed the ditch and the drainage. The McLeans will be digging out and reinstating the ditch to connect with the existing roadside ditches.

6. Financial Matters

a. Accounts submitted for payment

Clerk's Salary January	432.00
R. Taylor Orchard December	tba
R. Taylor Churchyard December	tba
R. Taylor Village December	tba

b. Bank balances after paying above amounts and monies received

Deposit £21,469.84
Current £1,227.31

It was proposed by Andy Murray and seconded by Robert Barter that the Clerk's Report be accepted and the accounts paid. All Agreed

7. Churchyard

David Bendor Samuel was contacted today and advised the Parish Council that he and the Rev. Nigel Hawkes (Wheatley) had answered all the queries regarding usage of the land, put to them by the Diocese and were awaiting a response and a move onto the land transfer. He would be contacting the Diocese for an update.

8. Playground Proposal

No report. Information about the project was printed in the January HWW News. A letter regarding issues around the playground has been received from Clare Wright. Acknowledgement sent.

9. Planning applications:

None

10. Planning Decisions (South Oxfordshire District Council):

None

11. Reports

Enforcement SE20/188. Holton Field Groundworks Land adjacent Wheatley Park School, Holton. OX33 1PZ. The case officer Anne Wilkinson visited the site on 25 August and will prepare a report and notify the Parish Council. Awaiting report. The Clerk has tried to make contact with Enforcement and the officer will respond on her return from leave tomorrow.

Holton Village Hall Meeting – Film Night on January 21st and bookings holding up but there have been some cancellations due to Covid.

The Village Hall Management Committee have been informed that Brian Pridmore is now the Parish Council representative on the Hall Committee.

Holton Orchard - Andy Murray. No meetings to report.

Brookes Liaison Group – Robert Barter and Brian Pridmore – The group has been informed by Kevin Heritage that there is likely to be a planning application for development of the two houses and land by the Waterperry Road on the eastern part of the campus. No application has been received to-date. Kevin Heritage wishes to remain as the link with Wheatley Park School along with the new Site Manager.

Brookes Residents' Meeting – Roger Farrow –no meetings to report

Neighbourhood Plan (Wheatley) – Roger Farrow – No reports.

Wheatley and Holton Good Neighbour Scheme – Deb Bale. No further report.

Dr Rogers Trust – Holton Parish Council approved the re-appointment of Carol Johnston as secretary and trustee to the Trust for a further 3 year term.

12. Publications/Letters and forthcoming events

Oxford Play Association requested funding for the proposed Wheatley and Holton Play and Activity Day to be held on July 16th. The Parish Council agreed to donate £250.00 towards the day.

13. Items for discussion and/or referral to a future meeting

R and S Barter removed the string lights and 5 star lights from the tree on the Green. The string lights were broken and thrown and the 5 star lights are stored away for next Christmas. More star lights have been ordered (half price in the sale). The Cherry Tree to be pruned in the summer and dead branches removed.

14. Date of next meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held **o**n Monday 14th February 2022 starting at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.