

Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council – Chairmans Report May 2008

Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council was formed by an Act of Parliament over a hundred years ago and is the first rung of democracy, HOSM sits in the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Area.

In May 2007 our election took place as part of the national elections. The current thirteen Parish Councillors were elected by the parish to serve as its representatives for a four year period.

Chris Worrall was elected as Chairman in May 2007, Doreen Engall was elected as Vice Chairman, these positions are held for one year.

The Parish Council raises funds via the precept, this is an annual sum of money raised with the Council Tax and passed to the Parish Council from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. This precept is £22.64 per dwelling for the 2008/9 year and is used to ensure the Parish Council runs efficiently and for the benefit of the parish.

Highways

Holme on Spalding Moor has recently had the 30mph and 40mph speed limits extended and the roundabout adjacent to the Doctors Surgery resurfaced. These are major improvements in a year where Councillors have reported many smaller problems to be rectified. The Parish Council was also involved in partnership with Ward Councillors and neighbouring Parish Councils in blocking the proposed weight limit on Flatgate Howden, this would have resulted in HGVs being re-routed through Holme on Spalding moor

Planning

The Parish Council is a prime consultee on planning applications and has considered 64 applications in the last year.

Councillors also have reported planning contraventions, it is felt that it is not right that some people get away with development/change of use without the proper permission and Councillors ensure that these instances are reported to Planning Enforcement at Beverley

Street-lights

Public safety is important and four new street-lights have been erected on Back Lane, Councillors were lobbied following an incident and reacted quickly. Following these new lights the Parish Council requested a survey of all Parish Council owned street-lights and this has highlighted some problems which are being rectified during this year.

Village organisations

The Parish Council uses part of the precept to grant aid the following;

Village Hall, Playing Field Association, Scouts and Guides plus grants to support grass cutting in the two parish Churchyards.

Parish maintenance

A local contractor is employed to cut grass, tidy areas and do minor repairs. The parish notice-boards, seats and litter bins are regularly inspected and maintained. Two new litter bins have been sited this year. The council agreed to the siting of a new notice board on the Parish Council owned bus shelter

Gallymoor

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council run landfill and recycling site in the parish brings its own problems and the Parish Council has set up regular liaison meetings with its management to ensure problems and complaints are addressed as soon as possible

Christmas

The Parish Council arranged the festive display of Christmas trees and lights on High Street, it is hoped to extend this for Christmas 2008.

Parish Council Meeting and minutes

The Parish Council is very open and transparent, Parish Council meetings always have an open session at the beginning and meeting notices/minutes are on the notice-boards or available electronically from the Clerk. They are also available to down load from the village website www.holmeonspaldingmoor.co.uk. All these factors will help the Council towards achieving Quality Status.

The Parish Council Magazine

The Magazine has had another good year and has attracted several new advertisers, many of them small local businesses, and I hope that they will continue to support us in the coming year.

Once again I am indebted to Rotherhams for their continuing help in the printing, editing and advertising within the Magazine, and to all the other advertisers who have supported us this year. Each Magazine is put onto the village website as it appears, and I continue to receive letters and e-mails from ex-Holme on Spalding Moor residents who are interested in the affairs of the village.

Thanks to the valued advertisers the newsletter is self-funding, if anyone would like to include local information/items of interest please contact the Clerk.

The advertisers support the parish please try and support them.

My thanks once again to all those who deliver the News to the residents, and of course to the regular contributors, without whom there wouldn't be any news!

The future

- ✓ The Parish Council is mindful that public safety is paramount to its work and is looking to introduce a No Cold Calling Zone in the village, it is a well documented fact by the Police that cold calling increases the incidence of burglary in the home.
- ✓ Christmas 2008 will see a tree on the village green to act as a focus in the village
- ✓ Youth provision, the Parish Council is working with the Village Hall to investigate the provision of a youth shelter and is also supporting the Holme Church Fellowship plans for a drop in centre
- ✓ VMS signs have been applied for, these are the signs that flash when vehicles are exceeding the speed limit
- ✓ The Parish Council Plan is being worked on to ensure adoption and to ensure that the issues highlighted in the Parish Plan survey are actioned wherever possible

Parish Councillors

The Councillors have played a very active part in the community, not only in their roles as Parish Councillors but also as Village Hall Committee members, Holme Playing Fields Committee members, Youth Club leaders, on the Youth Bus, in the Scout Group, as School Governors, Trustees on Holme Educational and in need Charity, Marie Curie Cancer Research fund raising, as trustee's on Humber and Wolds rural Community Council, as a Ward Councillor for Howdenshire, on the Neighbourhood Action Team, Local Police and Partners community forum, members of the local church organisations, and when they've got a few spare minutes they even manage to attend the odd social occasion in the village!

Current Councillors are:

Steve Appleyard, Ann Dowson, Doreen Engall, Nick Evans, Wendy Evans, Shaun Hamilton, Madge Johnson, Alison Payne, Ernest Smith, Robert Templey, Sue Vicary, Allen Williamson, Chris Worrall

Parish Council Clerk.

This year saw the retirement of Mrs Shelia Smith as Parish Council Clerk after a period of 12 years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Shelia on behalf of Parish Councillors past and present for the support she has always given to the Councillors and for all the hard work she has put into the management of the Council.

At the same time I would like to welcome Steve Young as our new Clerk and I'm sure he'll follow in Shelia's footsteps and make his own mark on the Parish Council

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Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council**Income & Expenditure Account 2007/8**

	2006/7 Full year actual	2007/8 Full year actual	2008/9 Forecast
INCOME			
Precept	17,000.00	21,000.00	25,000.00
Interest	8.49	81.65	150.00
Newsletter	321.00	1,701.00	2,500.00
VAT reclaim	557.49	119.26	350.00
Christmas event	291.20	168.25	300.00
Bus shelter grants	2,396.00	nil	nil
Sundry	nil	0.50	nil
	20,574.18	23,070.66	28,300.00
EXPENDITURE			
Administration			
Insurance	605.79	675.04	700.00
Office supplies, copying	133.48	88.19	100.00
ERNLLCA	81.81	508.54	525.00
Newsletter	408.00	1,216.89	2,000.00
Clerk	4,141.56	3,263.44	4,500.00
Meeting room hire	195.00	205.00	215.00
Audit	141.00	158.63	170.00
Graveyard Loan	1,149.30	1,149.30	1,149.00
Election costs	nil	2,581.64	2,586.00
Grants			
Village Hall	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
Parochial Church Council	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
RC Church	250.00	250.00	250.00
Playing Fields Assoc	210.00	210.00	210.00
Scouts & Guides	320.00	320.00	320.00
Holme Rovers FC	nil	nil	100.00
Reserve for other grants	nil	nil	600.00
Parish issues			
Parish Maintenance	4,079.13	3,958.00	4,750.00
Npower	779.36	1,041.79	1,200.00
Street lights maintenance	nil	596.52	500.00
Christmas event	452.50	125.00	125.00
Capital and other			
Capital bus shelter	2,937.50	nil	nil
Capital printer & cartridges	nil	605.84	nil
Capital Parish Plan	1,804.85	nil	nil
Capital Xmas trees/lights	nil	1,008.18	1,600.00
Capital street lights	nil	nil	5,200.00
Sundry	50.00	9.47	nil
	19,889.28	20,121.47	28,950.00

Reserves at 31/3/07 were £2590.39

Reserves at 31/3/08 were £5539.58

If 2008/9 forecast is accurate then reserve at 31/3/09 will be £4889.58