

**HOLCOMBE ROGUS PARISH COUNCIL 10/25**  
**Minutes of the November Meeting**  
**Held in the King George V Memorial Hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
**At 7.00pm**

Present

- 11.1 Councillors: Adam Pilgrim, Sally Barker, Frances Freeman, Nikki Orchard, Gordon Czapiewski, Jane Lock, and Cllr Rupert Snook  
Parish Clerk – Jackie Lyons

Apologies

MDDC: Gill Westcott

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- 11.2 Declaration of Interests – None to declare

11.3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters arising**

- 11.3.1 Signing minutes of October's meeting. Signed by Cllr Adam Pilgrim. AP

- 11.3.2 Reconsidering Emergency Planning. Lewis Dyson 'Resilience Officer' from MDDC and Martin Rich from GC  
"Devon Communities together" have been invited to attend our next meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.00pm to discuss emergency planning should any of the following occur:- Road blockage, Snow, Flooding, Fallen trees etc.

11.4 **Chairman's Report**

AP

- 11.5 Cllr Adam Pilgrim suggested that we reinstate August meetings. It was agreed not to reinstate August meetings as if there was anything urgent that arose a meeting could be called.

11.5.1

**Environment**

- 11.5.2 **PROW** - Cllr Frances Freeman has sent an email to Jon Boyd "Devon County Council Public Rights of Way Officer" with reference to P3 grant and is awaiting a response.

**Canal Report** – Cllr Gordon Czapiewski mentioned Volunteers Days on the 'Grand Western Canal'.

The Canal rangers hold volunteer days to assist clearing the canal. No special skills are needed and tools are supplied. The next event is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 10 – 3.30pm, meeting at Lowdwells. Details available at [www.devon.gov.uk/grandwesterncanal/events](http://www.devon.gov.uk/grandwesterncanal/events) and Facebook.

**Local Plan Consultation**

A request has been made to Tristan Peat at MDDC to send details on what is up and coming on the "Local Plan Consultancy"

11.6 **Highways**

- 11.6.1 To report on work carried out by Highways Dept – Nothing to report. RS

- 11.6.2 To receive reports of repairs – Cllr Rupert Snook showed concern over the flooding around Ford and is reporting it to Highways.

11.7 **Planning**

- 11.7.1 **Applications to be discussed:** AP

- 11.7.2 **25/01553/CAT** Notification of intention to reduce 11 Hornbeams and 2 Acer trees by 10m and fell and remove 1 Beech tree within the Conservation Area Timewells House Holcombe Rogus Devon.

*No objections were raised*

- 11.7.3 **25/01551/LBC** Proposal: Listed building consent for the replacement of two sash windows and one fixed pane window in annexe 2 South Street Holcombe Rogus Devon

*No objections were raised.*

- 11.7.4 **MDDC Decisions:**  
**25/00950/FULL** Proposal: Erection of a commercial building following removal of existing portacabin. Abacus Construction & Fencing Unit 6A Greenham Business Park – Planning permission granted.

11.8 **The Mary Fewings Playpark**

- 11.8.1 Annual ROSPA Inspection – It has been requested that due to timber decaying that parts of the fencing need replacing along with the post from the stile as the wood is rotting in the ground. JL

11.9 **Clerk/Finance** JL

11.9.1 **Income**

- 11.9.2 October Bank Interest £22.70

- 11.9.3 Precept Discussion – It was agreed to submit a 5% increase.

11.9.2.1 **Expenditure to be approved:**

- 11.9.2.2 Vision ICT – Fee for .gov domain - £78.00

- 11.9.2.3 Vision ICT – Website hosting & support - £446.80

- 11.9.2.4 MDDC – Litter bin emptying - £130.00

- 11.9.2.5 MDDC - Grass & hedge cutting £1695.60

11.9.3.1 **Expenditure paid out of Committee:**

- 11.9.3.2 Mark Gabriel - £173.00

11.9.4 **Signing of monthly bank reconciliation**

- 11.9.5 Approval of October's Summary of Accounts.

11.10 **Matters brought forward for information or future agenda**

- 11.10.1 Councillor vacancies – There is now one vacancy as Polly Page has now joined the team of Holcombe Rogus Parish Council. ALL

- 11.10.2 Trustees of the King George V Memorial Hall requested a grant of £1500 towards the cost of roof insulation.. This has been granted.

- 11.10.3 Light Pollution. There was a concern over security lights being left on all night.

- 11.10.4 Cyber Crime - It has been confirmed by Mavis Seeley that we can share the King George V Memorial Hall on a Wednesday coffee morning in June/July next year. An invite has been sent to Devon & Cornwall Police to confirm a date and time to do a presentation on Cyber Crime.

**AOB**

We had applied to receive a Landmark Tree. We were successful and our first option of a **Rowan** (*Sorbus acuparia*) has been granted.

A request has been sent to MDDC with regards to getting a road sweeper out to clean the roads after the downpour.

**Future Meeting**

The next Meeting will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 at 7.00pm.

**Jackie Lyons**

Parish Clerk