

HOLCOMBE ROGUS PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the June Meeting
Held in the King George V Memorial Hall on Thursday 26th June 2025
At 7.00pm

6.1 Present and Apologies

Councillors: Adam Pilgrim, Sally Barker, Frances Freeman, James Anderson, Rupert Snook, Jane Lock & Gordon Czapiewski.
Guest: Cllr Emma Forward, Chair of Burlescombe Parish Council
Parish Clerk-Jackie Lyons

Apologies

Cllr Nikki Orchard, Cllr Gill Westcott

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6.2 Declaration of Interests

None to report.

6.3 Minutes of Previous Meetings and Matters arising

Signing minutes of May's meeting. These were signed by Cllr Sally Barker as Cllr Adam Pilgrim was absent from May's meeting.

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6.4 Chairman's Report

Cllr Adam Pilgrim thanked everyone for re-appointing him as Chair. Due to Cllr Adam Pilgrim's health he suggested to the Cllrs to consider a replacement should he no longer be able to carry on with his duties.

AP

6.5 Environment

6.5.1 PROW Cllr Frances Freeman had nothing to report.

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6.5.2 Canal Report As maintenance continues along the canal Cllr Adam Pilgrim commented on the excellence of the work being undertaken.

AP

6.5.3 There was a discussion on the need to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. It was suggested that Holcombe Rogus could join with Burlescombe Parish Council to produce a plan to cover both parishes. Mid Devon District Council can help with these plans.

ALL

6.6 Highways

6.6.1 To report on work carried out by Highways Dept – Cllr Rupert Snook commented that work is being carried out to repair potholes, however these seem to be very random.

RS

6.6.2 Black Lane/request to be bladed. –Ongoing. We have been informed that there is no money available for this.

6.6.3 To receive reports of repairs. A large pothole has been reported on the Wiseburrow Road, awaiting response.
Cllr Sally Barker raised the issue of the raised drain at the end of Frog Lane.

6.6.4 **Notification of Road Closure – Work Ref: LM501NC11695077 on Road from Durley Moor Cross to Frog Lane, Holcombe Rogus**

South West Water has applied for a road closure to complete utility works from near Westway to near 48. These works, subject to approval from Devon Highways, will take place between 01/09/2025 and 05/09/2025. This is due to installing a meter.

6.6.5 **Notification of Road Closure – Work Ref: LM501NC11592733 on ROAD FROM DURLEYMOOR CROSS TO FROG LANE, HOLCOMBE ROGUS**

These works, subject to approval from Devon Highways, will take place between 29/09/2025 and 03/10/2025. This is due to a replacement on the mains.

6.6.6 White brook will be closed on 28th, 29th and 30th July, 12 hours a day for the delivery of a new house on four articulated lorries. A road closure has been applied for, awaiting decision.

6.6.7 Cllr Emma Forward attended the meeting to discuss speeding in both villages. There was a discussion held on whether Burlescombe and Holcombe Rogus Parish Council could share a speed device. Cllr Forward is putting together a report and costing to present at a future meeting. A working group from both Councils will be required.

6.7 **Planning**

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6.7.1 Applications to be discussed:

6.7.2 25/00784/CAT Notification of intention to cut back 1 Horse Chestnut by between 2.2m and 4.3 in a Conservation Area. Golden Hill Holcombe Rogus. No objections.

6.7.3 25/00639/FULL Erection of agricultural storage tank for waste water
Location: Land at NGR 307206 118396 (Lower Whipcott) Holcombe Rogus.
No objections.

6.7.1.2 MDDC Decisions:

6.7.1.3 Nothing to report.

6.8 **The Mary Fewings Playpark**

JL

6.8.1 June Monthly Inspections – One issued raised. Broken glass was found in the spinning bowl. The Clerk removed it.

A request will be inserted in the parish magazine that any glass taken into the playpark must be removed, but visitors are requested not to take glass into the playpark.

- 6.9 Clerk/Finance** **JL**
- 6.9.1** Income
May Bank Interest £25.67
- 6.9.2.1** Expenditure to be approved:
- 6.9.2.2** Vision ICT – Training for Jackie Lyons - £90.00
- 6.9.2.3** Microshade DPO Service - £120.00
- 6.9.2.4** Mark Gabriel – Strimming - £50.00
- 6.9.2.5** South West Ambulance. £300 – Donation.
- 6.9.3** Expenditure paid out of Committee:
- 6.9.4** Signing of monthly bank reconciliation
- 6.9.5** Approval of May’s Summary of Accounts.
- 6.10 Matters brought forward for information or future agenda** **ALL**
- 6.10.1** Update on All Saints church Portaloo – Looking into accessibility. **SB**
- 6.10.2** Grant request from Village Hall Trustees Re: King George V Memorial Hall – The Trustees will be invited to July’s meeting to present on what is needed in the Village Hall. It was noted that there are many sources of national and regional funding for village halls.
- 6.10.3** Councillor vacancies – We currently have one vacancy.
- 6.10.4** Cllr Gordon Czapiewski is going to send a link out on Personal Cyber Security.

Future Meeting

The next Meeting will be on Thursday 24th July 2025 at 7.00pm.

Jackie Lyons
Parish Clerk