

HOLCOMBE ROGUS PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the March Meeting
Held in the King George V Memorial Hall on Thursday 28th March 2025
At 7.00pm

Approved

3.1 Present:

Councillors: Adam Pilgrim (Chairman), Nikki Orchard, Frances Freeman, James Anderson, Rupert Snook and Sally Barker.

Gordon Czapiewski (P3 Co-ordinator)

Jackie Lyons Parish Clerk/RFO

Apologies:

Cllr Jane Lock

3.2 Declaration of Interests: No interests declared

3.3 Minutes of Previous Meetings and Matters arising

The February Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record and unanimously approved by all Councillors.

Emergency Plan – A reminder that an exploratory meeting will take place at the Prince of Wales, Holcombe Rogus on **Thursday April 24th 2025 at 8.00pm**. This meeting is a public meeting and everyone is welcome. This will take place after we have held our Annual Parish meeting which will be held at the King George V Memorial Hall which commences at **6.45pm**.

3.4 Environment

3.4.1 PROW:

Cllr Frances Freeman met with John Boyd (Rights of Way Officer) and it was confirmed by DCC that the improvements to footpath number 3 should be carried out. Cllr Frances Freeman is in discussion with the landowner.

3.4.2 Canal Report

Trimming of the Canal's banks and hedges and towpath restoration is under way with the Tiverton end now complete.

3.4.3 Whipcott Quarry Limekiln – It was noted that this would need to be cleared of ivy to reveal artefact, however there are concerns over removing the ivy as the roots cling to walls and can dislodge or damage masonry. Update on this will follow due to contact being on holiday. It was noted that the fallen tree over the canal at Wharf House has not yet been tidied up.

3.5 Highways

3.5.1 Gordon Czapiewski confirmed that a majority of the potholes have now been repaired. Albeit randomly picked for repair.

- 3.5.2 Potholes on Westleigh Road have been reported.
- 3.5.3 Potholes at the top of Black Lane and a request to be bladed have also been reported.

3.6 **Planning**

3.6.1 **Applications to be discussed:**

- 3.6.2 **25/00056/FULL** Erection of 1 self-build dwelling and associated works. A planning meeting was held at the King George V Memorial Hall on Thursday 13th March 2025 at 7.00pm to discuss this application. *Overall, the Council feels that the current Application is not appropriate and Objects to its potential deleterious effects on that part of the village, particularly as regards overlooking neighbouring properties and road safety.*

3.6.1.2 **MDDC Decisions:**

- 3.6.1.3 **25/00095/HOUSE** Erection of detached garage/workshop.
The Threshing Barn Holcombe Rogis Devon. *Planning permission granted by MDDC.*

3.7 **The Mary Fewings Playpark**

- 3.7.1 Lloyd Adams has completed trimming the trees back in the playpark and chipping and removal of waste.
- 3.7.2 There was nothing to report from the February checks and everything was ok.

3.8 **Clerk/Finance**

- 3.8.1 The following income had been received:
February Interest £24.13

3.8.2.1 **Expenditure to be approved**

- 3.8.2.2 Sally Barker - £165.00 – Light of Peace - 3 lanterns for the 80th VE Day Celebrations.
- 3.8.2.3 First Rescue Supplies - £125.94 - paediatric pad for the defibrillator at the Village Hall.

3.8.3 **Expenditure paid out of Committee:**

- 3.8.3.1 L Adams Tree Services - £780.00. Trimming back the trees in the Mary Fewings Playpark, chipping and removing all waste from site.

3.8.4 **Signing of monthly bank reconciliation**

- 3.8.5 The Chairman signed the monthly bank reconciliation/accounts for February.

3.9 Matters brought forward for information or future agenda

3.9.1 VE Day 80th Anniversary, 8th May

5th May – There is a street party in the village hall car park on the Bank Holiday Monday, which is when the majority of national celebrations will be taking place. Time to be confirmed.

8th May – A tea party for the children, to be confirmed when new head teacher is in place. Time to be confirmed.

8th May - The lighting of the “Lights of Peace” to commemorate the end of the war and the return of peace. This will be held in the churchyard at 9.30 pm.

3.9.2 Cllr Sally Barker was approached by a resident with concerns over the stream at Whitebrook. Upon inspection it was confirmed that the stream was highly polluted and Cllr Frances Freeman has reported it to the Environmental Officer.

3.9.3 It was noted that the Defibrillator is not registered on The Circuit which means ambulance services would not be able to find it when it is needed most. As this is held at the Village Hall the Clerk has spoken with Linda Wyeth and sent details on how to get it registered.

Future Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th April at 6.45pm.

Adam Pilgrim

Chairman

Holcombe Rogus Parish Council