

HOLCOMBE ROGUS PARISH COUNCIL 9/26

Minutes of the September Meeting

Held in the King George V Memorial Hall on Thursday 24th September 2026

At 7.00pm

9.1 Present and Apologies

Councillors: Nikki Orchard, Sally Barker, Frances Freeman, Gordon Czapiewski, Jane Lock, Andy Gregory & Rupert Snook.
Parish Clerk – Jackie Lyons

Apologies

Cllr Gill Westcott
Cllr Polly Page

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9.2 Declaration of Interests - none

9.3 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters arising

Signing minutes of June's meeting. Signed by Cllr Nikki Orchard.

NO

9.4 Environment

9.5 PROW - The post on the footpath by ridgeway farm that crosses the stream has now been fixed. The Fenacre signpost has completely disappeared and although this is with Westleigh Parish Cllr Frances Freeman is communicating with John Boyd.

FF

Cllr Frances Freeman is going to look at RPA (Rural Payments Agency) which can offer funding to farmers.

Clerk Jackie Lyons to chase P3 payment.

9.5.1 Canal Report – Nothing to report

9.6. Highways

9.6.1 To report on work carried out by Highways Dept – SWW or Highways were going to resurface the roads, the work that has been carried out so far has been done well.

RS

The crossroads past Wiseburrow is dangerous as cars are swerving across to the other side of the road to avoid the pothole. Cllr Rupert Snook has reported this.

Residents have raised concerns regarding the road at Whitebrook and the road from Ford Crossroads to Westleigh.

9.6.2 Pot holes Road Wardens & Chapter 8.

GC

Cllr Gordon Czapiewski held a meeting at the village hall. 5 members of the parish are interested in learning more about the scheme. Once emails have been sent to MDDC then an online induction course will be arranged. Cllr Gordon Czapiewski will be available for guidance.

9.7	Planning	ALL
9.7.1	<u>Applications to be discussed:</u> - Nothing to report.	
9.7.3	<u>MDDC Decisions:</u> 26/00763/FULL: Erection of stables, hay store and arena, with associated hardstanding, landscaping and infrastructure Location: Werescote Whiteball. Approved by MDDC.	
9.7.4	26/00146/FULL - Erection of a self build dwelling Location: 29 Fore Street Holcombe Rogus Devon TA21 0PE. Approved by MDDC	
9.7.5	26/00974/CAT Notification of intention to crown raise 1 Walnut tree to 3M; fell 1 elder tree to ground level; pollard 1 elder tree and crown raise 1 cherry tree to 3m within a conservation area / King George V Memorial Hall Frog Lane Holcombe Rogus Devon TA21 0PG	
9.8	The Mary Fewings Playpark	
9.8.1	Monthly Inspections – The fractured cradle seats have now been replaced.	JL
9.9	Clerk/Finance	
9.9.1	<u>Income</u>	
9.9.2	June Bank interest £24.54	
9.9.3	July Bank Interest £23.34	
9.9.4	August Bank Interest £20.69	
9.9.2.1	<u>Expenditure to be approved:</u>	NO
9.9.2.2	Wages for Jackie Lyons - £1,989	
9.9.2.3	<u>Expenditure paid out of Committee:</u>	
9.9.2.4	ICO Renewal – paid annually by Direct Debit - £47.00	
9.9.2.5	MDDC – Monthly Park Inspections - £604.80	
9.9.2.6	Mark Gabriel – Strimming & weed spraying - £130	
9.9.2.7	Sutcliff Play - £702.00	
9.9.4	Signing of monthly bank reconciliation	
9.9.5	Approval of June, July & August Summary of Accounts.	
9.10	Matters brought forward for information or future agenda	ALL
9.10.1	Councillor vacancies – There is currently one vacancy.	
9.10.2	Frequency of Parish meetings. This will be decided on a month to month basis.	
9.10.3	The phone box – Clerk Jackie Lyons to look into the cost of giving the phone box a makeover as it is looking tired and in need of stripping down and repainted.	
9.10.4	The POW – Cllrs have no update on what is to become of the POW, but hopefully it will be leased or bought soon.	

9.10.5 This was discussed in section 9.5.

AOB

The council has received a complaint from a resident about bad smells when a sewage holding tank is emptied at Golden Hill. Cllr Nikki Orchard has contacted South West Water and MDDC for advice.

Concerns were raised about an electrical cable running across the road from the caravan at Dunns Court. It is highly dangerous as vehicles drive over it and views were 'it is unsafe'. In recent days it appears to have gone. The Parish Council are going continue to monitor the situation.

Future Meeting

The next Meeting will be on Thursday 22nd October 2025 at 7.00pm.

Jackie Lyons

Parish Clerk