



Holme-next-the-Sea

Annual Parish Meeting

10 May 2022



Chair's Report on the Parish Council's Year
2021-22
Lynn Devereux



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| DUE NEXT: THE SEA PARRISH COUNCIL | | 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 ACCOUNTS (FOURTH QUARTER SUMMARY) | | | | | | | | |
| | ANNUAL BUDGET | April-20 | May-20 | June-20 | Jul-20 | Aug-20 | Sep-20 | Oct-20 | Nov-20 | |
| Balance b/f | | 81,765.62 | 79,312.35 | 77,259.22 | 86,226.01 | 85,490.69 | 84,714.68 | 90,844.22 | 88,246.67 | |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.T. Refund | 800.00 | | | 2,881.72 | | | | | | |
| Gravan Site | 28,000.00 | | | | | 7,000.00 | | 7,000.00 | | |
| 5 Networks Wayleave | 50.00 | | | | | 51.28 | | | | |
| Beach Road | 6,480.00 | 763.96 | 475.36 | 900.71 | 475.36 | | | 475.36 | 475.36 | 475.36 |
| Deposit A/C Int | 140.00 | | | 18.40 | | | | 9.48 | | |
| Wage Mail Electricity meters | 300.00 | | | | | 146.00 | | | | |
| Johnsman's Refund | 6.00 | | | | | | 497.98 | | | |
| CC - Cllr Jamieson - Local Fund | 0.00 | | | | | | | | | 81.30 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 35,770.00 | 763.96 | 475.36 | 10,996.83 | 526.64 | 497.08 | 7,484.84 | 475.36 | 556.66 | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Log Waste Removal | 1,000.00 | | 831.17 | | | | | | | |
| On Street Lighting | 315.00 | | 85.64 | | | 85.64 | | | 86.59 | |
| Street Lighting Maint. | 525.00 | | | | | | | 504.40 | | |
| Decorations | 220.00 | | | 202.84 | | | | | | |
| Beach Road | 2,000.00 | | 53.70 | | | | | | | |
| Gravan Site | 325.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Income Maintenance | 5,400.00 | | | 304.64 | 533.60 | 303.00 | | 304.60 | 233.00 | 40.00 |



Role of the Parish Council

PC is lowest tier of Local Government

- Seven Parish Councillors

PC's main role is threefold:

- To represent the views and interests of parishioners
- To manage finances and assets on behalf of the Parish
- To act as a channel for consultation and communication with our Borough & County Councils, our MP and other organisations





Management of Parish Assets & Services



Our day to day work involves looking after the Parish & providing services for the benefit of our community:

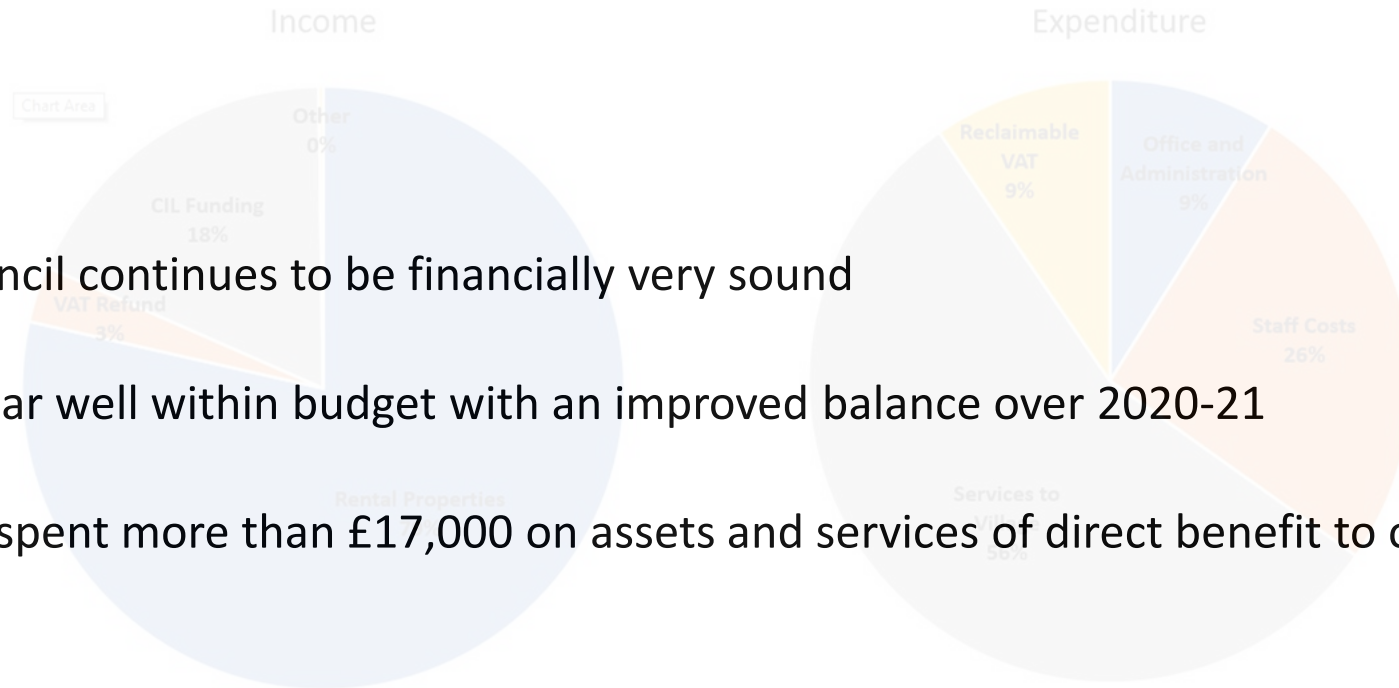
- Manage the Parish's income and expenditure
- Secure grants and other sources of funding to help improve parish
- Act as sole Trustee of the Village Hall
- Maintain the Parish Office and employ the services of a Parish Clerk
- Implemented the Neighbourhood Plan, comment on planning applications and help with enforcement issues
- Liaise on delivery of services with responsible authorities (eg highways, drainage, flood defences, footpaths, police)
- Maintain traffic monitors, street lighting, bus stops, defibrillator, emergency telephone and dog bins
- Care for the Parish environment – including four Local Green Spaces
- **The list continues to grow!**



Finance: Income and expenditure

- Four key points

- The Parish Council continues to be financially very sound
- Finished the year well within budget with an improved balance over 2020-21
- In 2021-22 we spent more than £17,000 on assets and services of direct benefit to our community
- **Our balance at bank continues to be healthy and there is no requirement for a precept**





New Investment – last year & this

- Ditch clearance works to improve the drainage on Beach Road (BC CIL co-funding)
- An outdoor terrace and wheelchair friendly table at the Village Hall (Platinum Jubilee celebrations)
- Two TRODS (low-cost footpaths) by the bus stops on north side of Main Road (NCC Highways co-funding)
- A fourth mobile speed warning sign/traffic monitor for use in the village (NCC Highways co-funding)
- Cycle racks & information boards at Beach Road & the Village Hall (NCP Co-funding)



Maintaining Quality of Life in the Parish

Focus is on three key areas

- **Planning & development pressures**
- **Traffic, parking & visitor pressures**
- **Drainage, flooding and sea defences**

Planning & Development

One of the biggest influences on our future





Neighbourhood Plan

- **Adopted after a long-awaited Referendum - July 2021 (90% support, 61% turnout)**
- **Encapsulates the wishes of the Community and provides a Blueprint for the future of the Parish**
- **Nominated for a RTPI Award for 'Excellence in Planning Practice' – and short listed**

Benefits

- **Has given Parish a strong voice in planning decisions**
- **Heavily used by the BC to help determine planning applications – using our policies**
- **Plays a key role in enforcement action and appeal (eg Beach Road development activities, Poplars Appeal)**
- **Fostered respect & closer working relationships with Planning Officers**
- **So far successfully helping to protect the Parish against inappropriate development**

Planning Applications, Enforcement & Appeals

Planning Applications 1st Jan 2021 to 31st Dec 2021

Total notified		28
Tree applications		7
Initial Response		
Supported/OC		12
Objected		6
Not determined		3
% Final Agreement with BC post negotiation		94%

- Planning activity remains very high and uses a lot of PC resources.
- Tree work is a growing concern – loss of natives
- Several enforcement investigations - one leading to a High Court injunction to prevent camping
- 3 major development proposals with huge implications for traffic, visitor pressure & the AONB environment - successfully challenged
- Dismissed Poplars Appeal demanded large amounts of detailed evidence – hearing saw parishioners pitched against some of the UK's leading planning consultants and lawyers.
- Excellent example of what can be achieved when BC, PC and Community work together



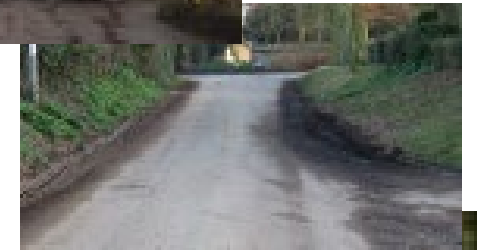
Traffic, Parking & visitor pressure – indirect impacts of development





Key Traffic Issues

- Speeds and safety
- Volumes
- Parking
- Damage to verges & property
- Noise & air pollution



What's the PC doing about it?

- Added a second warning device (SAM2) on Beach Road
- Installed speed and traffic count recording capability on the monitors
- Adding a third portable SAM2 to extend traffic monitoring to other parts of the village
- Built a traffic database for longer term analysis & future monitoring
- Liaising with NCC Highways on Holme's problems and possible solutions
- Raising awareness of Holme's position with key players (NCC, BC, Police, NWT, and Golf Club)
- Boards & Bikes Project designed to encourage use of 'slow modes' around the parish



Benefits from Traffic Monitoring

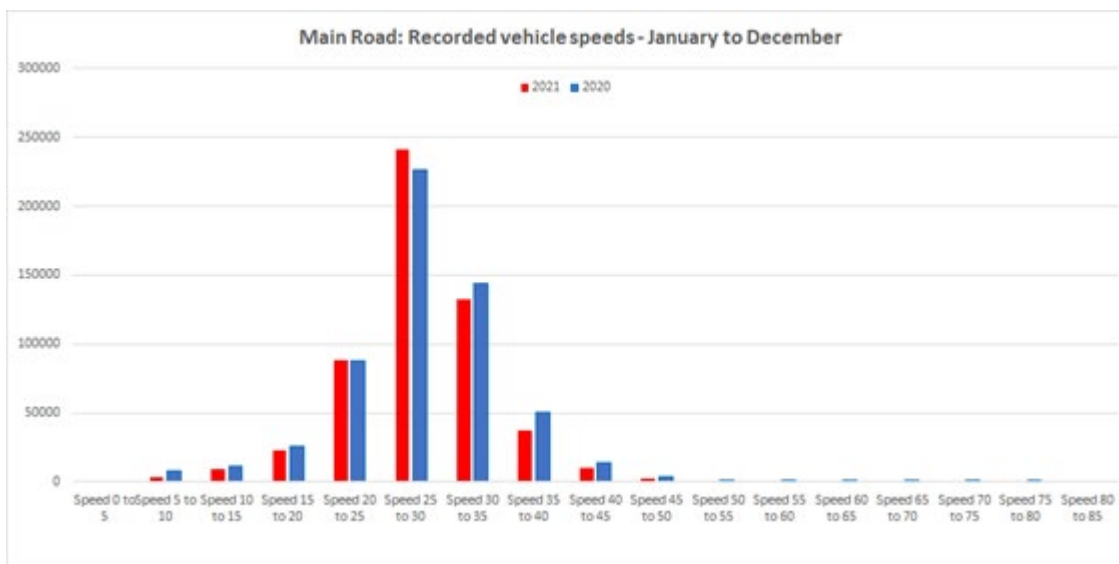
- **Vehicle Counts – 24/7 independent monitoring of traffic volumes / challenging previous surveys**
- **Speed data passed to police to support requests for speed checks on Main Road**
- **Beach Road traffic counts have forced key players to take a more realistic view of traffic volumes, parking and assessment of visitor pressure in Holme**
 - *Encouraged NWT and NCC to revise the basis for Holme Dunes Visitor Management Plan*
 - *Visitor numbers revised upwards from 40,000 pa to 250,000 + pa*
 - *Provided justification to trial a pre-booking system for cars entering / parking in the NNR at peak periods last summer – to be re-introduced this year*
- **Concrete evidence to support comments on traffic impacts on planning applications**



Current position: Main Road

Headline statistics	2021	2020
Total vehicles counted (one way)	548,498	573,081
Daily average	1793	1570
Maximum daily count	3449	3886
Days recorded	306	334

- Recording over 0.5 million vehicles pa – **one way**
- Daily average flow increased in 2021
- Maximum daily count reduced
- Traveller behaviour influenced by Covid & complicates comparisons - but doesn't change the reality
- Small % of vehicles exceeding speed limit but some at significant speeds (>60 mph)

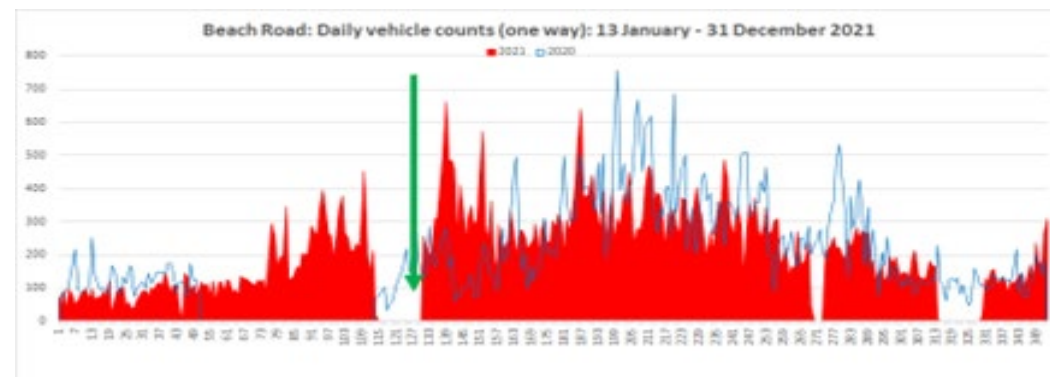
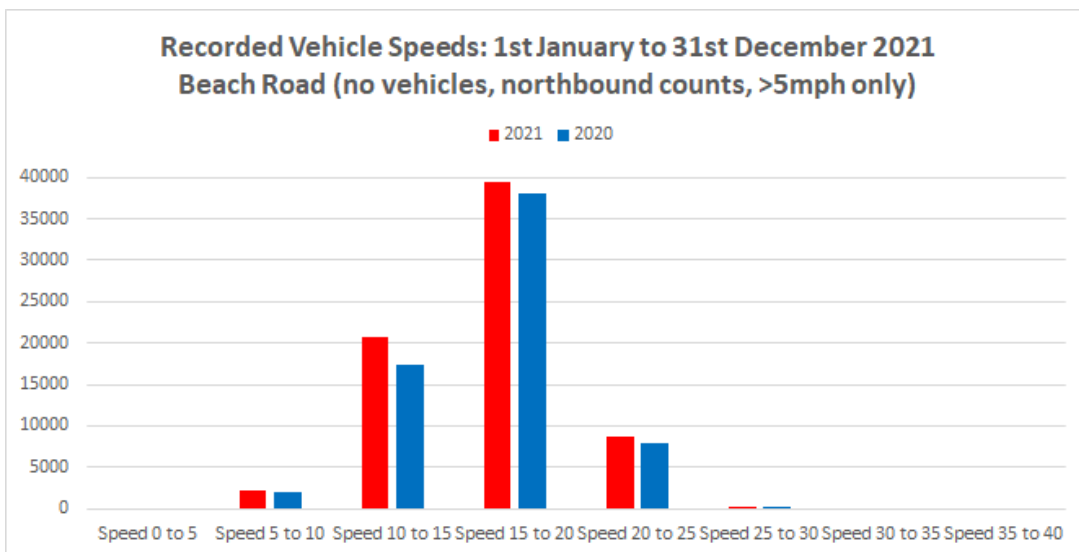




Current position: Beach Road

Headline statistics	2021	2020
Total vehicles counted (one way)	71,147	65,382
Daily average	220	225
Maximum daily count	662	755
Days recorded	324	290

- More vehicles counted in 2021
- More than 140,000 two-way trips on a very narrow country lane
- Small drop in daily average
- Significant reduction in daily maxima suggests NWT booking system impact
- No evidence of speeding





Flooding, Sewage and other Environmental Issues



Flooding

- Improvements to internal drainage network prevented a repeat of 2020 flooding on Beach Road this winter
- State of sea defences is a major concern – now considerably weakened by erosion & trampling
- Trying to get EA to address – now with support of IDB
- SMP review is due and PC will be fighting Holme's corner

Sewage

- Sewage spills are a growing problem due to failing infrastructure & growing development pressure
- Support from James Wild MP has facilitated an upcoming meeting with Anglian Water in Holme

Other Environmental Issues

- Invasive Species - with support from NOA an outbreak of *Crassula Helmsii* is being managed on Park Piece
- PC has also set up a working party to update plans for the development & management of Park Piece

THANK YOU

*To all those who work so hard to make Holme such a wonderful place to
live !*