Halton Holegate with Fenside Parish Council

Chairman's Report to Annual General Meeting to be held on 14th May 2026 covering period of Office 13th May 2025 to 13th May 2026.

1 **Staffing Matters**

Nothing to report from period.

However, for Information Only - a recent post on LGA Website reported that the Employers Representatives at Local Government Association have made an offer to increase salaries for all LA Staff by 3.3% (effective 1st April 2026 until 31st March 2027) across the whole sector for Financial Year 2026/27, Aat the time of writing this report this offer has not yet been accepted by the Negotiating Team acting on behalf of Employees.

2 **Halton Holegate and Alice Audley Jackson Charity Trust.**

A full report on Trust activity in past year will be presented by the Trustees Clerk at our Annual Parish meeting that precedes the Full Council meeting.

Decisions / Actions Required Items 1 & 2 - To note updates as necessary.

3 **Waste Bins**

At numerous recent meetings consideration of a suitable location for the last remaining Waste Bin has been undertaken.

All suggestions for a location within the village received to date have been found unacceptable or unsuitable.

Therefore, I have made enquiries for a suitable location in the wider community which can be utilised by our villagers and on that basis have discussed the possibility of donating the bin to the Spilsby Recreation Ground which is a very busy community asset used by many including our own villagers. They have indicated that they would be delighted to accept the bin.

Decisions / Actions Required Item 3 - To consider donating the Waste Bin to Spilsby and District Recreation Ground Management Committee.

Main Agenda Items

4 **Items 10 to 14 – Finance & Administration matters – All Papers Circulated by Clerk**

Decisions / Actions Required Items 10a to 10e - To approve or Receive Reports as appropriate.

Decisions / Actions Required Items 10f - To consider and approve setting up a savings account as appropriate.

Decisions / Actions Required Items 11 - To receive end of year 2025/26 Budget Review Q4.

Item 12 – To Approve Annual Governance and Accountability report (AGAR) for 2025/26

Decisions / Actions Required Items 12a - To approve Section 1 , Points 1-9 of AGAR 2025/26.

Decisions / Actions Required Items 12b - To approve Section 2, Accounting Statement of AGAR 2025/26.

Item 13 – To receive and consider End of Year 2025/26 Internal Audit Report – (See also Agenda Item 18)

Decisions / Actions Required Items 13 - To receive, consider and agree an Improvement/Action Plan for Issues raised in final Internal Audit Report 2025/26 as appropriate.

Item 14 - To consider Zurich Insurance Quotation for 2026/27

Decisions / Actions Required Items 14 - To consider and agree an Improvement Plan for Issues raised in Internal Audit Report 2025/26 as appropriate.

5 **Item 16 - Planning Applications, Permissions, refusals, withdrawals or amendments.**

Item 16a – Proposed Major Development East of Spilsby, 600 Homes, S165/00287/24

There has been no official correspondence or advice on progress with this application since the last meeting.

A verbal report will be made at the meeting

Item 16a - Decision Required - **To note update report.**

Item 16b – Updates on Various Green Energy Projects affecting the district.

Various papers have been circulated by our Clerk since the last meeting including notification of a Non-Statutory Consultation regarding EGL3 & 4 which was carried out by the developer and which closed on 11th May 2026.

Item 16b - Decision Required - **To note updates as necessary.**

6 **<u>Agenda Item 17 – Highways, Footpaths and Road Closures.</u>**

<u>Agenda Item 17a – Matters to be or Reported via Fix-My-Street</u>

Following extensive damage to handrailing / fencing marking the route of Footpath 214 between No's 28 and 30/32 Station Road an inspection was carried out by LCC Footpath Officer who concluded that the railings served no useful or safety purpose and that no further action would be taken. The field owners have been advised of this decision and that LCC will not object if they wish to replace them themselves.

In the same correspondence LCC advised that they now hoped to commence a scheme to improve surfacing on FP214 this current year as requested by HHPC some time ago. . This will involve laying a sleeper edge, levelling the footpath and topping of with a stone surfacing.

Item 17a - Decision Required - **To note updates as necessary.**

<u>Item 17b - Update on Parking Restriction Proposals on Station Road</u>

There have been no further updates received from LCC since the last meeting.

Item 17b - Decision Required - **To note update.**

6 **<u>Item 18 – To receive an update on Mid-Year Internal Audit Report Action Plan progress for Year 2025/26 – (See also Agenda Item 13)</u>**

Item 18 - Decision Required - **To note updates as necessary and instruct Clerk accordingly as appropriate.**

7 **<u>Item 19 – Policies for Adoption (As detailed on Meeting Agenda)</u>**

Please all do read the policies in full before the meeting so that you can contribute to the discussions.

D. J. Sisson,
Chair HHPC,
11th May 2026