

Holbeach Parish Plan 2008



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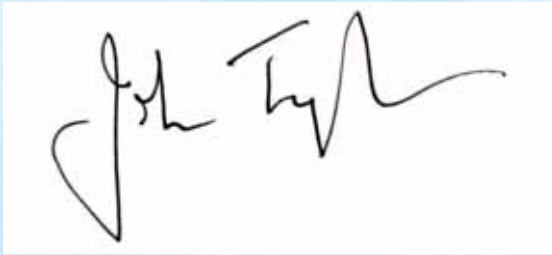
FOREWORD

I was born in Holbeach and have lived here most of my life. I am very proud to call this place my home.

Apart from home and family nothing is more important to us than the community in which we live. It is ironic that so much political discussion and national debate overlook this simple fact. What matters to us in our daily lives are the facilities that we can find close at hand; not just the obvious services providing health, housing, education, care and support, but also jobs and the opportunity to find the shops we want within easy reach. The strength of a locality also extends to leisure and recreation. For this reason parks, sporting facilities, as well as places to eat, drink and meet are all part of what goes to make up a strong community.

This Holbeach Parish Plan is evidence of the wish we all have to ensure a successful future for our town. Hundreds of people have been directly or indirectly involved in its compilation. It has received support from the South Holland District Council, as well as from the Parish Council. It represents a real attempt to evaluate the strength of facilities in Holbeach and ways in which we can improve them. It asks not only what our town can do for us but also what we can do for Holbeach.

This is a good place to live. We have much of which we can be proud. This plan shows ways in which we, the people of Holbeach can work together for the future of our town.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white rectangular background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'John Taylor'.

Lord Taylor of Holbeach CBE

The Holbeach Parish Plan

Over 1,700 people have responded to this consultation on the future of Holbeach and its surrounding villages, not including hundreds of people the committee has spoken to at our market stalls, talks and presentations. In addition, responses to questionnaires have produced just short of 5,000 comments made, ranging from a few words to four pages! This shows to me the enormous depth of passion that local people have for the future of the parish of Holbeach. They want Holbeach to be a thriving market town and to get its share of facilities and amenities.

We have spoken to our young people, who after all are our future, but also to the Holbeach Seniors Forum, (thanks to David Roberts), who are playing an increasingly important part of life in the parish of Holbeach. The Holbeach Business Forum have played a huge part and in particular Graham Johnson & Lisa Teague.

This plan itself is entirely made up of comments made by the people who live in the parish of Holbeach and who want to see it flourish for future generations to enjoy. Many helpful comments have also come in from the many shoppers and visitors to Holbeach, who visit the town and wider parish on a regular basis. The recommendations are in some cases obvious and in others quite provocative and in a few cases extremely innovative as well. Most are realistic, but some may be difficult to achieve, but I like a challenge!

I would like to thank the many people who have contributed to this Parish Plan and would pay special mention to our committee (see page 3), without whom this would not have happened and in particular Trish Bryant our secretary and Chair of Holbeach Civic Society, who allowed us use of the Reading Room for our meetings. Also Bruce Wakeling, Joe Larrington, Liz Mayle, Rose Salama, (Admin Assistant), Helen Scutt, Graham Scorthorne and Sharon Dabell all from South Holland District Council, who have helped me through the many elements of this plan. Thanks to the local press for their enthusiasm and in particular, Cliff Foster, Andrew Brookes and Rachel Mayfield. Holbeach Parish Council and their chairman Isabel Hutchinson, deserve a special mention, as without their support & approval this plan would not be able to proceed.

Lady Taylor has been hugely supportive as the County Councillor for the Parish of Holbeach and has been my critical friend and realist!

There has already been some excellent partnership working running alongside this plan, by Groundwork Lincolnshire, (Gemma Rainsforth), who have produced their own plan for the town centre itself, as part of their Climate Changing programme. We have worked closely together from the outset to ensure the two plans compliment each other to make Holbeach an inviting place to shop, as well as an exciting and sustainable town for the future. We are also developing good partnerships with Lincoln University (Holbeach Campus), the Police and Children's Services who have all contributed to this plan.

Now we just have to deliver it! For that we do have an innovative new structure, which fits neatly with the Local Government White Paper, "Strong & Prosperous Communities".

Finally a big thank you to Lord Taylor of Holbeach for his agreeing to write the forward to this Parish Plan and to acknowledge his huge contribution in putting Holbeach on the map at a national level.

Councillor Nick Worth,
Chairman, Holbeach Parish Plan Steering Group

Holbeach Parish Plan Steering Committee

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Traffic & Transport (Consultation Feedback)

In the villages:

There are a few common issues throughout the villages.

- Speeding - essentially little if any enforcement of speed limits.
- The size of agricultural machinery in relation to roads.
- Safety issues at the primary schools in Holbeach St Marks and Holbeach Bank during drop off and pick up times.
- Call-Connect Bus Service is popular and well used, but there is a need from young people in particular, for an evening service into Holbeach finishing at 10pm.

Holbeach Town:

The main issues essentially revolve around congestion in the town centre.

- The High Street is a rat run for both HGV's and cars who are avoiding the A151 / A17 Junction. Drivers feel it is safer to go into town and get on to the A17 at the Boston Road Roundabout. This creates tailbacks at the traffic lights and a short-cut through a built up area, (East Elloe Avenue).
- Free car parks / Long term car park for traders.
- No traffic wardens to enforce illegal on street car parking. Again this causes congestion and tailbacks at the traffic lights when HGV's and buses cannot get past illegally parked vehicles parked on the High Street.
- The sequence of the traffic lights are still not allowing a free flow of traffic, creating long tailbacks down the High Street, Church Street and Boston Road.
- A crossing patrol person is required opposite William Stukeley School.
- 87% say speeding is a problem in Holbeach & the surrounding villages.
- 26% Use public transport and just 8% cycle to work.

Traffic & Transport

Recommendations:

- More regular enforcement of speed limits in the villages
- Look into purchase of interactive speed indicator for use throughout the parish
- Prepare a development brief for the commercial land off the A151 to enable a roundabout at "Peppermint Junct."
- Traffic Warden for Holbeach
- Identify long term car park for traders.
- Receive report from LCC with their recommendations for on-street car parking.
- Look at longer term solutions to traffic congestion on the High Street, in conjunction with plans for roundabout at "peppermint junction" and link with Boston Road car park and town centre.

Holbeach High Street (Consultation Feedback)

Central to the Parish Plan is the economic vitality of the main town itself.

Outcomes from the consultation included:

- Improving the appearance of shop fronts, which gives a feel of "I want to shop here" and making the town an interesting place to visit in terms of conservation / heritage.
- Too many take-aways, spoiling the look of the High Street, was on nearly every completed questionnaire.
- Marketing Holbeach as a place to shop, by encouraging a broad range of independent retailers. Over 75% of people didn't think there was the right mix of shops, professions & eating places at the moment.
- Prohibitive rents for retailers.
- Boston Road car park was too remote from the town centre.
- No real centre to the town.
- A nice tea shop selling cream teas would be welcome.
- 81% of people visited Holbeach for food shopping.
- Tesco, Somerfield, Woolworths, Boots, The butchers & Limmings were the most commonly used shops in that order.
- Specialists such as Banks, Building Societies, Health Food Shop, Hairdressers and Post Office were also well used.
- 64% of people shopped in Spalding.
- 46% of people didn't shop in Holbeach because there was not enough variety of shops or couldn't get what they wanted.
- 21% wanted adult clothing, 17% a bookshop / coffee shop, 16% gifts and 11% shoes.
- Pavements should be made safe for pedestrians, (cyclists, frequently use them).
- Many people would like to see the High Street closed off to traffic one day a week, to enable a larger market.
- There were several comments about Wednesday being half day closing and that this was effectively putting shoppers off from coming in on a Wednesday, because they didn't know which shops were open and which were closed.



Holbeach High Street Recommendations:

- Produce a Conservation Area Appraisal to enable enforcement of issues around general appearance of town, shop fronts and too many take-aways & hairdressers.
- Discussions to be held with property owners / estate agents to try to resolve issues of high rent.
- Businesses should be made aware of help that is available from the District Council for rate relief and repair grants.
- Look into possibilities for an innovative solution for linking Boston Road Car Park with the centre of town.
- Encourage a wider variety of independent retailers into the town, through improved proactive marketing. Particularly wanted are a Delicatessen, Bookshop, Baker, adult clothing shop and tea room.
- Encourage more market traders through improved marketing and increased footfall in the town.
- Look at the merits of half day closing.

Facilities & Amenities (Consultation Feedback)

The issues here were split mainly between younger and older people.

Young People

- No where for young people to go and nothing for them to do.
- Youth club is not open on Fridays and is too structured and therefore considered boring. It is an old building!
- I.T. facilities at youth club need updating.
- Younger children do not like using skate park, when older children are there.
- More play equipment & better range of play facilities to suit older & younger children requested by all villages.

Older People

- Increasing number of older people retiring to Holbeach is putting pressure on Pop-in centre. May need larger space in town centre.
- Public toilets needed at Somerfield end, near bus stop.
- Make more use of Holbeach Hospital.

Other

- Everyone wanted a swimming pool!
- No tourist information centre
- Advice centre required for Age Concern, Police Forums, Migrant Workers and other agencies.
- Registrar for Births & Deaths should be located in centre of Town.
- Cemetery chapel needs major renovation and could be turned into a museum.
- More leisure facilities / events in Carter's Park.
- Demolish existing toilet block in Carter's Park

Facilities & Amenities

Recommendations:

- Build new or identify a building that can be used as a multi-use building for all sections of the community, that incorporates a range of services, including Library, Pop-in centre, Information kiosks -
- New toilets at Somerfield end of town
- Continue to develop masterplan for Carter's Park, to include demolition of toilet block and plan for usage of football pitch, stadium and bowls club, in the event that they can be moved to a purpose built facility.
- Move Football club and bowls club to a new secure location that is owned by them, freeing up space in Carter's Park. Additional pitches to be built on the new facility for junior development.
- Discuss with George Farmer Technology College their wishes for a sports hall and look to see what grants may be available.
- Investigate "Internet café" for younger people
- Open current youth centre for longer hours and sports hall to the wider public & look at longer term options for increased usage.
- Investigate in conjunction with Holbeach Parish Council uses for Holbeach Cemetery Chapel and apply for grants.
- Multi-use ball court for teenagers in Holbeach St Marks
- New basketball / games area for teenagers in Holbeach Hurn
- Rejuvenate existing village hall in Holbeach Hurn
- Look into options to give young people something to do in Holbeach St Johns in and around the village hall



Employment & Skills (Consultation Feedback)

It is well known in South Holland and in Lincolnshire as a whole that there is a shortage of skills at all levels and yet there is increasingly a willingness to learn and to gain extra qualifications. In Holbeach 43.7% of the population aged 16-74 have no qualifications, much higher than in the district (39%) and in England (29%). The Holbeach Hurn Ward has 40.2% with no qualifications and in Holbeach St Johns Ward 38%.

Although only a small percentage of Holbeach Parish is unemployed (just 1.2%), only 56% of the Holbeach population is employed, suggesting a large number of retired people. This compares to 65% employed in the Hurn Ward and 63.5% in Holbeach St Johns ward.

There is currently a high demand for vocational courses, IT provision, ESOL courses and conversational English.

39.1% of those consulted said they would attend the Library / Internet facilities.

Employment & Skills

Recommendations:

- Work with LCC and the University of Lincoln to ensure the continued development of the Holbeach Technology Park as a national centre for the food sector, with Holbeach associated nationally with food manufacturing training and research.
- Maximise the learning opportunities and courses available to all sections of the community.
- Local businesses in the town to work more closely with the University.
- Promote the facilities at the Holbeach Campus
- Holbeach Library & Children's Centre to be at the hub of family learning
- Increase visitor spend in Holbeach by working with the University.

Environment (Consultation Feedback)

Well maintained shop fronts were a clear priority from 66.3% of consultees. Close behind were provision of litter bins (47.4%), greater control of fly-tipping (42.9%) and more enforcement of planning controls (33.9%). General consultation also highlighted the need for more litter bins throughout the parish, with an aspiration for a litter free Holbeach.

The increasing number of dogs throughout the parish was causing issues of where to walk them and calls for more dog bins.

The Wash which borders the parish of Holbeach has huge untapped potential for eco-tourism and education, which would have positive knock on effects for bed and breakfast facilities and the longer term economy of the area.

It was felt there was a need to make more of Carters Park as a garden and attraction in its own right. 23.6% of consultees visited Carters Park.

"Welcome to Holbeach" signage looked run down and in need of urgent renovation, which did not give a very good first impression of the town.

Mud on roads particularly around the outlying villages was an ongoing issue, which required some attention, although it was appreciated that Farmers sometimes had to get their crops off the fields in very wet conditions.

Several comments were made about the "disgusting" state of some streets, but were usually where cars were parked, making it impossible for street cleaners to access.

Environment

Recommendations:

- More dog, litter and cigarette bins required across the parish.
- More vigorous enforcement of fly tipping, particularly in the more rural areas of the parish.
- New "Welcome" signs for Holbeach
- Better communication of street cleaning routines and how to request street cleaner.
- Investigate the options for an Eco-centre, to incorporate bird watching, education on the environment, climate change and flood protection, the work of RAF Holbeach and the Drainage Boards.
- Work with all schools in the Parish to design, promote and be actively involved in a "Pride in Holbeach and our Villages" campaign, targeting known "grot spots".

Housing & Planning (Consultation Feedback)

Interestingly the consultation showed a fairly even split of those wanting additional housing development and those who didn't. In the town itself 54.4% did not want additional housing development, whereas in the villages 52.2% did want additional housing.

High percentages however did want more affordable housing (77.4% in the town and 69.1% in the villages).

There were general comments that there were felt to be very few genuine affordable houses, particularly for locally born residents. Flats for first time buyers (in the town) would help younger people get a foothold on the housing ladder.

There were a huge number of comments from people wanting a better infrastructure before any more housing was built. At the top of the list were medical facilities which included dentists. A site off Damgate has already been identified in the Local Plan.

33.9% of consultees wanted more enforcement of planning controls.

In the general questionnaire there were numerous comments regarding the state of drainage & sewerage. It is regarded as essential that current drainage & sewerage systems have the ability to cope with the extra strain being put on them by new housing developments. This doesn't appear to be the case at the moment.

Housing & Planning Recommendations:

- 106 agreements needed to ensure the roundabout on the A17 "Peppermint Junction".
- 106 agreement to relocate Holbeach Football Club & Bowls club to a new secure location with more football pitches, to enable further development of junior section.
- More genuine affordable housing for local born people, to include flats above any new retail developments, where appropriate.
- Work with planners at SHDC to produce a design brief for the Holbeach Depot site.
- Discuss with planners at SHDC redesignation of Lefley's Garage site for a mix of housing, light industrial & long term car parking as part of LDF process.
- Provide a new extension for outpatients at Holbeach Hospital (for details see "Access to Services" recommendations).
- Discuss with planners at SHDC options for Holbeach Hospital site to enable the Hospital to be sustainable in the long term.

Crime & Safety (Consultation Feedback)

Nearly three quarters (74.5%) of consultees had crime and safety concerns, which largely revolved around teenagers hanging around on streets (50.5%), anti-social behaviour and vandalism (both over 44%).

Nearly all consultees wanted to see a more visible police presence on the street.

Speeding is also a major issue - 87% say there is a problem in both the town and the outlying villages. Boy racers and loud music are also mentioned on a number of occasions.

The large number of take-aways provides potential trouble spots, particularly on Friday / Saturday nights after heavy drinking.

Little enforcement of on-street parking in the town centre is seen as a serious issue by many consultees. "The cycle path from Edinburgh Walk to Foxes Lowe Road is always full of parked cars, so cyclists have to go on the road."

Anti-social behaviour in the Boston Road Car Park must not force the closure of the car park. This needs to be re-opened and monitored by the police.

Many consultees appear misinformed about migrants (which includes both Eastern European and English migrants). Comments include, "they are only coming here to take advantage of our cheap housing", "they are taking jobs that would otherwise be available for locals", "they don't pay taxes"

Hall Hill in Holbeach is a current problem area, due to children playing football on the grass outside old people's bungalows, when there is a play area at the bottom of the road.

Crime & Safety Recommendations:

- Work with the police to resolve issues around community safety and anti-social behaviour.
- Re-open Boston Road Car Park in the evenings & at weekends.
- Work with Police to resolve issues around Hall Hill.
- Look into funding for a CCTV camera for Carter's Park.

Access to Services (Consultation Feedback)

Young people in particular wanted access to an evening community bus up to 10pm. This was particularly important for those living in the outlying villages to allow them to access facilities in Holbeach & Spalding. Older people too, say that the last bus into Holbeach from Spalding is at 19.40 and that the last bus returns from Holbeach to Spalding at 20.10, restricting visits to the South Holland Centre for example, for those who cannot drive or who do not own a car. There also needs to be better access to the Pilgrim Hospital in Boston as there appears to be no direct route through from Holbeach.

The Post Office in the High Street was seen as a vital service, not just for the people of Holbeach but for the outlying villages as well. 15.3% of consultees regularly visited the post office. Although it is in the centre of the town, it is not that accessible to older people in particular, who are some of the main users of it. The Post Office is at least 5 miles from the outlying villages and would otherwise require a trip of around 15 miles each way to Spalding. Firm lobbying of central government must ensure this post office stays open.

Communication was key to making people aware of available services. Outside of the local papers which are well read, "Holbeach Diary" was highlighted as a good example. There are two known websites for Holbeach, which could be made more use of. The outlying villages however had lost their village magazine and there was an opportunity here to work with the churches to fill this gap.

There have been a number of comments on appointment systems for Doctor's surgeries that are based around the need to be more flexible, in particular in being able to make forward appointments. A medical centre similar to the new ones in Long Sutton & Sutton Bridge was also been requested, as were another dentist and chiroprapist.

Many consultees were not aware of the facilities available at Holbeach Hospital.



Access to Services

Recommendations:

- Liaise with PCT and local doctors to ensure the medical facility in Damgate (when built) gets the services that are most needed by the community.
- Improve public transport to the town and Spalding from the villages, particularly in the evening. Look into direct services between Holbeach and the Pilgrim Hospital.
- Investigate setting up a migrant workers forum and finding a representative for the Parish Plan Steering Group from its' membership.
- Footpath for Starr Lane to enable safe access to Holbeach Bank Primary School from Washway Road as part of the school's travel plan to cut down on car journeys.
- Improve communications within the Hurn Ward through a sustainable parish magazine.

HOLBEACH HOSPITAL

- Maximise publicity for the hospital and the facilities that are available, including the "Choose & Book" scheme.
- Build a new outpatient facility that includes consulting / treatment rooms for Ophthalmic, Phlebotomy, Physiotherapy, Audio logy, Sports Injury Clinics and possibly Orthodontic, Special Needs support and minor surgery unit.

CHILDREN'S CENTRE

- Publicise the Children's Centre in its' role as an information / support centre that primarily signposts parents / families to services that are driven by the needs of the community.
- Highlight in publicity the key areas of work around Early Years provision, Outreach workers & Homestart, Family support, Child & Family Health services, Parental involvement and links with Job Centre Plus.
- Facilitate meetings between the Children's Centre, George Farmer School, Holbeach Campus, Library and Holbeach Hospital, Medical Centres and PCT to ensure the community gets the services most needed by the community in terms of careers, education and health and to ensure no duplication of services.

Town Centre Events (Consultation Feedback)

There are currently a number of events in and around the town that bring people in with the objective of boosting the local economy.

- Music in the Park
- Vintage tractor rally
- Christmas Fayre

Ideas put forward include a Flower Show in Carter's Park and a weekend festival building on the Music in the Park event.

Town Centre Events Recommendations:

- Further develop and build on successful events such as the Vintage Tractor Rally & the Christmas Fayre.
- Develop the Music in the Park into a weekend event with associated activities in the town centre, that could link into the emerging cultural festival in South Holland's cultural strategy.



Strong & Prosperous Communities
A new structure to deliver the Holbeach Parish Plan

To ensure the delivery of the Holbeach Parish Plan and indeed the longer term future of Holbeach and its outlying villages, there needs to be an accountable person who can influence the relevant partners to ensure actions are completed.

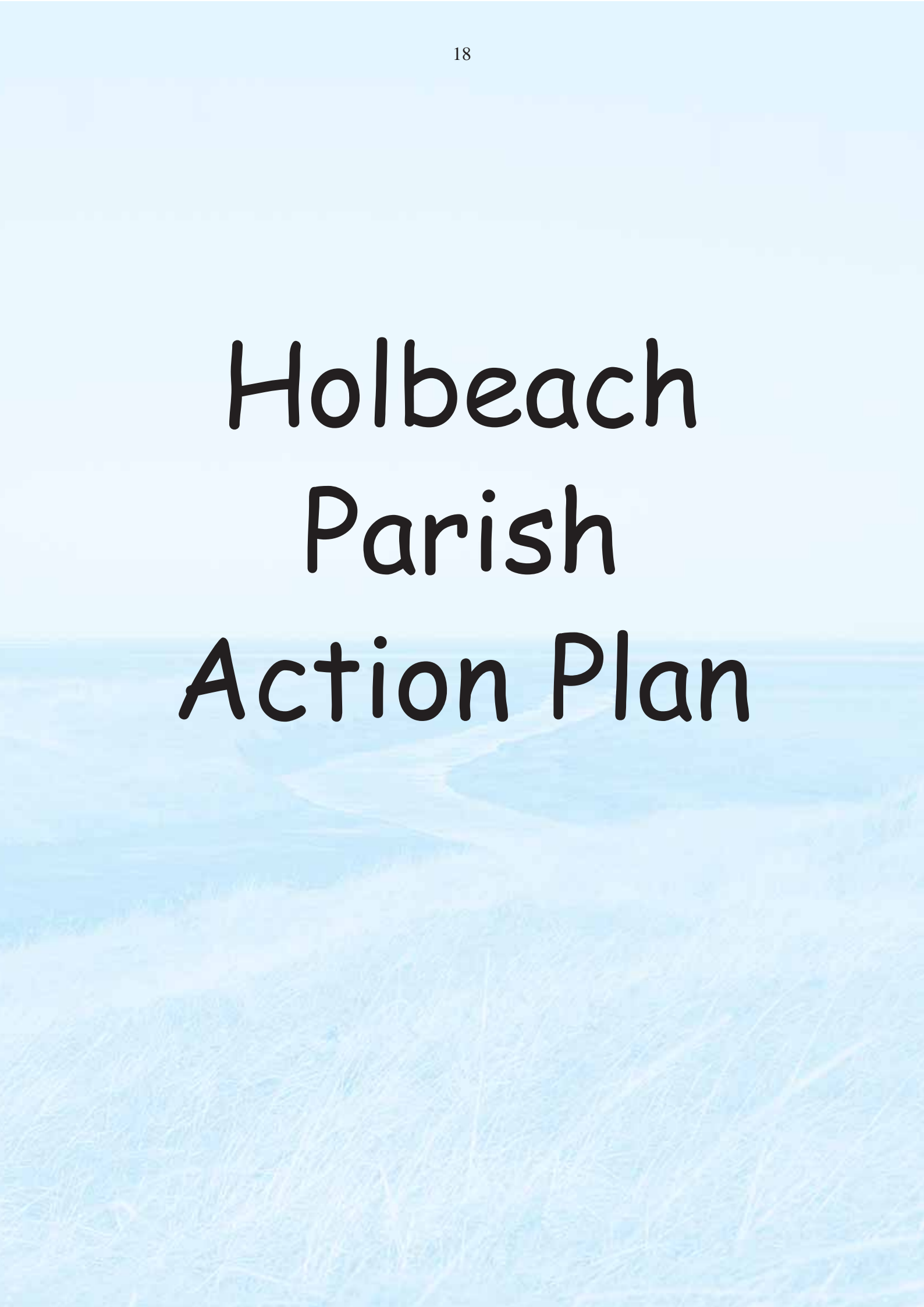
A portfolio holder of place for Holbeach has been appointed by South Holland District Council as part of a pilot project under their priority of democratic and community leadership.

This comes at an opportune moment with the onset of the Government's White Paper, "Strong and prosperous communities". This puts an emphasis on strong local leadership and "place". The paper talks about local authorities as "place-shapers" and partnership working at the heart of local service delivery.

- The "Portfolio Holder of Place" will arrange quarterly meetings of all Parish, District & County Councillors representing Holbeach & Fleet Parish to monitor the delivery and effectiveness of the plan and to add or delete items from it.
- The "Portfolio Holder of Place" will report quarterly to the South Holland District Council cabinet on progress with the plan and the budget for it.
- The "Portfolio Holder of Place" will arrange quarterly meetings of the Parish Plan Steering Group to input into the plan and monitor progress.
- The "Portfolio Holder of Place" will arrange an Annual Meeting to report on progress with the plan to members of the local community and to allow them to feed into the plan current issues and ideas for the long term future of Holbeach and its surrounding villages.



Holbeach Parish Action Plan



| Recommendation (Traffic & Transport) Priorities in bold | Action | Partners |
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| 1. Look into purchase of interactive speed indicator for use throughout the parish. | Parish Council to write to Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. | Parish Council Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership |
| 2. Prepare a development brief for the commercial land off the A151 to enable a roundabout at "Peppermint Junction". | Roundabout is built at the A151 / A17 junction. | LCC SHDC Planning / Economic Dev. |
| 3. Traffic Warden for Holbeach. | Funding to be negotiated. | SHDC, LCC, Police, Parish Council. |
| 4. Identify long term car park for traders. | Liaise with developers. | Developers / SHDC Planning |
| 5. Receive report from LCC with their recommendations for on-street car parking. | Discuss with LCC and then publicise findings. | LCC Highways, County Councillor, Parish Council. |
| 6. Look at longer term solutions to traffic congestion on the High Street, in conjunction with plans for roundabout at "Peppermint Junction", and link with Boston Road Car Park and Town Centre. | Develop ideas for consultation and action. | Groundwork Lincolnshire, LCC Highways, County Councillor. |
| 7. Identify and train Crossing Patrol Person for William Stukeley Primary School. | Advertise for Crossing Patrol Person. | William Stukeley School, Parish Council, LCC Highways. |

| Recommendation (Holbeach High Street) Priorities in bold. | Action | Partners |
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| 8. Produce a Conservation Area Appraisal to enable enforcement of issues around general appearance of town, shop fronts and too many take-aways. | Undertake a Conservation Area Appraisal. | SHDC Conservation Officer, Holbeach Civic Society. |
| 9. Discussions to be held with property owners / estate agents to try and resolve issues of high rent. | Discuss with relevant businesses. | Nick Worth, Estate Agents. |
| 10. Businesses need to be aware of help that is available from the District Council for rate relief and repair grants. | Leaflets to businesses. Talk to Holbeach Business Forum. | Holbeach Business Forum, SHDC. |
| 11. Look at possibilities for an innovative solution for linking Boston Road Car Park with the centre of town. | Arrange a design competition for developers to come up with an innovative solution to link Boston Road Car Park with the centre of town, in the process creating a new central shopping area with easy access to the High Street. | Nick Worth, Developers, SHDC Economic Dev. |
| 12. Encourage a wide variety of independent retailers into the town, through improved pro-active marketing. Particularly wanted are a delicatessen, bookshop, baker, adult clothing shop and tea room. | Develop a marketing strategy for the town to include a new more comprehensive retail guide. | Groundwork Lincolnshire, Holbeach Business Forum. |
| 13. Encourage more Market traders to come to the town, through pro-active marketing and increased footfall. | Approach traders from other markets and investigate setting up an auction. | Groundwork Lincolnshire, Holbeach Business Forum. |
| 14. Look into the merits of half day closing. | Discuss with Holbeach Business Forum. | Groundwork Lincolnshire, Holbeach Business Forum. |

| Recommendations (Facilities & Amenities) -Priorities in bold | Action | Partners |
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| 15. Build new or identify a building that can be used as a multi-use centre for all sections of the community, that incorporates a range of services including library, post office, pop-in centre, information on council services. | Look into potential buildings. Set aside money from 106 contributions. | LCC, Age Concern, Post Office, Developers. SHDC Planners |
| 16. Help Holbeach Community Centre to further develop their facilities, to compliment the proposed multi-use centre | Bring forward current plans. | Holbeach Community Centre. |
| 17. New toilets at Somerfield end of town. | Investigate options and 106 contributions. | Parish Council, SHDC |
| 18. Continue to develop plan for Carter's Park to provide improved open space and provision of facilities for all sections of the community. | Draw up proposals with Parish Council and apply for funding. | Parish Council, Groundwork Lincolnshire. |
| 19. Develop centre of excellence for football by relocating football and bowls club to new location. | Hold discussions with football & bowls club and developer. Submit planning application. | Shaun Keeble, Parish Council, Football Club, Bowls Club, Developer. |
| 20. Investigate "Internet Café" for younger people. | Locate suitable premises and evaluate options for long term sustainability. | Christine Smith, LCC Youth Service, Caroline Brook, Police. |
| 21. Open youth centre for longer hours and sports hall to the wider public and look into longer term options for this building. | Discuss with LCC Youth Service. | LCC Youth Service. |
| 22. Multi-use ball court for teenagers in Holbeach St Marks. | Apply for grant funding. | Holbeach St Marks Village Hall. |
| 23. Basketball / games area for teenagers in Holbeach Hurn. | Discuss requirements with teenagers and apply for grant funding. | Holbeach Hurn Village Hall, Ward Councillors |
| 24. Rejuvenate existing village hall in Holbeach Hurn. | Work with committee to move this forward. | Holbeach Hurn Village Hall, Ward Councillors. |
| 25. Look at options for indoor sports provision at the George Farmer Technology College | Discuss with Head & Ear mark Section 106 education money from future developments. | George Farmer Technology College. |
| 26. Look into options for usage and renovation of cemetery chapel . | Discuss with Parish Council, Voluntary Sector. | Parish Council, Groundwork Lincolnshire. |

| Recommendations (Employment & Skills) Priorities in bold | Action | Partners |
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| 27. Work with LCC and the University of Lincoln to ensure the continued development of the Holbeach Technology Park as a national centre for the food sector, with Holbeach associated nationally with food manufacturing, training and research. | As recommendation | University of Lincoln, Dean of Holbeach & Riseholme Campus. |
| 28. Maximise and publicise the learning opportunities and courses available to all sections of the community. | Produce one brochure combining all providers, showing all courses available. | SHALL (RAZ theme group) |
| 29. Local businesses in the town to work more closely with the University on appropriate skills courses. | Explore the opportunities for the University of Lincoln to widen its offering to local businesses outside of the food sector | Dean of Holbeach & Riseholme Campus, Holbeach Business Forum. |
| 30. Promote the facilities at the Holbeach Campus to people in the parish. | Run a number of open days to raise awareness in the community of the University's work at Holbeach. | Dean of Holbeach & Riseholme Campus. |
| 31. Increase visitor spend in Holbeach and the wider parish by working with the University. | Work with the University to help promote local services to visitors using the Holbeach Campus. | Dean of Holbeach & Riseholme Campus |
| 32. Holbeach Library and Children's Centre to be at the hub of family learning and information for the community, including migrant workers. | Discuss and promote opportunities. | Marion Brown, Sarah Dennis. |

| Recommendations (Environment) Priorities in bold | Action | Partners |
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| 33. More dog, litter and cigarette bins required across the parish. | Consult with relevant groups for numbers required and locations. | Parish Council, Civic Society, Holbeach Business Forum, Village Halls. |
| 34. More vigorous enforcement of fly tipping, particularly in the more rural areas of the parish. | Identify hotspots. Make use of covert CCTV to enable convictions. | Parish Council, SHDC, Police. |
| 35. New "welcome" signs for Holbeach | Get design, quote and order. | Parish Council, Lady Taylor. |
| 36. Improve communication of street cleaning routines and how to request a street cleaner. | Leaflets for Parish Councillors, Library. | SHDC |
| 37. Investigate the options for an Eco-Centre, to incorporate an environmentally sustainable building, bird watching, educational displays on the environment, climate change, flood protection and the work of the drainage boards. | Set up meeting with relevant agencies to discuss options and viability. | Wash Estuary Project Management officer to agree partners. |
| 38. Work with all schools in the Parish to design, promote and be actively involved in a "Pride in Holbeach and our villages" campaign, targeting known "grot spots". | Discuss with local schools. | Christine Smith, Local Primary and Secondary School. |

| Recommendations (Crime & Safety) Priorities in bold | Action | Partners |
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| 39. Work with the Police to resolve issues around community safety & anti-social behaviour. | Liaise with, attend and help action issues arising from meetings of the Holbeach & Fleet community panel. | Police, Ward Councillors, JAG. |
| 40. Public want to see more police patrolling the street. | Discuss the compilation of a log of police patrols for the public as evidence. | Police, Holbeach and Fleet Community Panel. |
| 41. Re-open Boston Road Car Park in the evenings and at weekends. | Work with SHDC, local affected residents and the Police for a satisfactory outcome. | SHDC, Police, Park Keeper. Francis Biggadike. |
| 42. Work with the Police to resolve issues at Hall Hill. | Obtain grants for play equipment and other items. | Police, SHDC, Groundwork Lincolnshire, Community Lincs. |
| 43. CCTV camera for Carter's Park. | Obtain funding. | Parish Council, Police. |

| Recommendation (Health) Priorities in bold | Action | Partners |
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| 44. Liaise with local doctors and the PCT to ensure the medical facility to be built at Damgate gets the services most needed by the community. | Discuss with Doctors / PCT | PCT Existing medical centres. |
| 45. Encourage walking schemes for older people around Holbeach, utilising the rural part of the parish. | Liaise with Sports Development Officer. | PCT SHDC Sports Development |
| 46. Encourage healthy eating through specific markets and events in the Parish | Draw up programme of activities with providers. | PCT, Groundwork Lincolnshire, Schools. |

| Recommendations (Housing & Planning) Priorities in bold. | Action | Partners |
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| 47. More genuine affordable housing for local born people to include flats where appropriate. | Liaise with planners. | SHDC Parish Council |
| 48. Encourage Eco housing on rural exception sites. | Identify sites and liaise with planners. | Developers, SHDC, Parish Council, Community Lincs. |
| 49. Produce a design brief for the Holbeach Depot site. | Liaise with planners to produce a mix of residential use for the elderly and first time buyers. | SHDC |
| 50. Look at the Lefley site for a mix of residential, light industrial and long term car parking. | Discuss with planners / agent. | SHDC, Agent for land owner. |

| Recommendations (Town Centre Events) Priorities in bold | Action | Partners |
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| 51. Further develop and build on the success of The Vintage Tractor Rally and the Christmas Fayre | Liaise with event organisers. | Event Organisers, Groundwork Lincolnshire, |
| 52. Develop the Music in the Park into a weekend event, with associated activities, that can link into the emerging cultural festival that will be developed as part of South Holland's cultural strategy. | Liaise with event organisers and help fund through appropriate grants. | Event Organisers, Dave Douglas, Rita Rudkin, Christine Smith, Groundwork Lincolnshire. |

| Recommendations (Access to Services) Priorities in bold | Action | Partners |
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| 53. Improve public transport to the town and Spalding from the villages, particularly in the evening. | Discuss with LCC options for providing a sustainable evening bus service from the villages. | LCC |
| 54. Investigate setting up a migrant workers forum to help integrate them further into the community. | Discuss with Library and community representatives. | Rita Rudkin, Marion Brown, Community Lincs. |
| 55. Footpath for Starr Lane to enable safe access to Holbeach Primary School from Washway Road as part of the school's travel plan. | Ensure it is on LCC Highway's list of priority projects. | Holbeach Bank Primary School, LCC, Ward Member |
| 56. Improve communication through the Hurn Ward with a sustainable parish magazine. | Apply for grant aid. | Community Lincs, Church, Ward Members. |
| HOLBEACH HOSPITAL | | |
| 57. Maximise publicity for the hospital and the facilities that are available. | Work with chairman of hospital trust and local press. | Hospital Chairman, Local Press, Ward Member |
| 58. Build a new outpatient facility that includes consulting / treatment rooms for Ophthalmic, Phlebotomy, Physiotherapy, Audio Logy, Sports Injury Clinics and possible Orthodontic, Special Needs Support and Minor Surgery Unit. | Submit planning application and build. | Holbeach Hospital Trust. |
| CHILDREN'S CENTRE | | |
| 59. Publicise the centre in its' role as an information / support centre, that primarily signposts parents & families to services that are driven by the needs of the community, such as Early Years Provision, Outreach Workers, Family Support, Child & Family Health Services and links with Job Centre Plus. | Press release and leaflets in Library. | Sarah Dennis |

| Recommendations (Delivering & Monitoring the Plan) | Action | Partners |
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| The portfolio holder of place will arrange quarterly meetings of the parish plan steering group to input into the plan and monitor progress. | Arrange meetings prior to meetings with elected members. | Nick Worth, Patricia Bryant. |
| The portfolio holder of place will arrange quarterly meetings of all elected members from the Parish to monitor the delivery of the plan and to add to it where relevant. | Arrange meetings through SHDC member services. | Nick Worth, Amanda Dickinson |
| The portfolio holder of place will report quarterly to the South Holland District Council Cabinet on progress with the plan. | Quarterly reports produced for the cabinet. | Nick Worth, Karen Johnson |
| The portfolio holder of place will arrange an annual meeting to report on progress with the plan to members of the local community and allow them to input into the plan current issues and ideas for the long term future of Holbeach and it's surrounding villages. | Arrange annual meeting to start in April 2009. | Nick Worth, Amanda Dickinson. |

The History of Holbeach at a glance

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| AD 54-68 Possible Roman settlement on old railway station site. | 1894: New Infants School opens in Boston Road |
| AD 650: Anglo-Saxons first settle on dry land area, naming their village "Holobech" meaning deep brook or stream. | 1900: First car in Holbeach owned by Tom Lane. |
| AD 833: Holbeach mentioned in King Wiglaf's charter. | 1906: Kathleen Major, distinguished medieval scholar and Principal of St Hilda's College, Oxford, born in Holbeach. |
| 1085: Domesday survey includes Holbeach. | 1929: Hippodrome cinema opens on present Somerfield site. |
| 1100's: First Church built. | 1929: Herbert Parkinson Carter donates Carter's Park to the town. |
| 1142 - 1175: Beginning of serious land reclamation. | 1937: Holbeach Hospital opened on Boston Road. |
| 1252: Henry III grants permission to hold a market. | 1949: Tommy Clay founds athletics club in Holbeach. Public Library opens in what is now the Pop-In. Moves to new premises in 1973. |
| 1338 - 1361: All Saints built on site of previous church. | 1955: Sporting cyclist Les Fensom of Holbeach Wheelers wins North Road Club 24 hour time trial, travelling a distance of 463 miles. |
| 1536 - 1540: Dissolution of the monasteries. Church treasures melted down or sold and walls whitewashed. | 1958: The George Farmer School opens, absorbing pupils from the Boys Boarding School and the Girls School in the High Street. |
| 1687: William Stukeley, famous antiquary, born in Holbeach. | 1959: Railway passenger services end after 100 years. |
| 1783: Chequers rebuilt to present external form. | 1965: Railway closed for good. |
| 1808: First Methodist Church built in Chapel Street. | 1966: New Roman Catholic Church opens |
| 1820: Arthur Thistlewood of Holbeach Hurn arrested in the Cato Street Conspiracy. | 1970: Sewerage system overhauled. Cinema closes. |
| 1828: Harrisson's mill in Barrington Gate begins 175 years of milling to date. | 1982: New Holbeach County Primary School opened on Boston Road. |
| 1837: Workhouse opens on Fleet Road. | 1983: Community Centre opened, Fishpond Lane. |
| 1844: Market House and Assembly Rooms opened on the corner of High Street and Market Hill. All Saints National Girls and Infants School opens in Albert Street. | 1983 & 1985: Geoff Capes wins the World's Strongest Man championships. |
| 1845: First Baptist Church built in newly created Albert Street. | 1986: New Methodist Church opened in Albert Street. |
| 1853: Holbeach River in Church Street covered by a roadway. | 1993: Stukeley Hall demolished. |
| 1855: New cemetery opened between present Park Road and Edinburgh Walk. | 1994: New William Stukeley Primary School (founded in 1992) opened on site of former Stukeley Hall. |
| 1858: Railway reaches Holbeach from Spalding. | 2000: Sally Reddin wins a gold medal at the Sydney Paralympics. The George Farmer School gains Technology status. |
| 1868: Ancient burial ground unearthed between railway station and Hallgate. Bones reburied in cemetery in 1899. | 2006: John Taylor CBE is elevated to the House of Lords and becomes Lord Taylor of Holbeach. |
| 1872: Sir Norman Angell (real name, Ralph Norman Angell Lane), Nobel Prize Winner 1933 for his book, "The Great Illusion", born at The Mansion House, in Holbeach High Street. | 2008: Launch of the Holbeach Parish Plan. |
| 1870: Reading Room built. | |

