## **Holbrook Parish Council Complaints Procedure**

Complaints from the general public may be made in person, by telephone, by email, or by writing to the Parish Clerk. They should be made within reasonable hours. If a Complaint is to be made about the Clerk, this should be sent to the Chairman of the Parish Council.

## How a complaint will be dealt with:

- Ideally all complaints will be dealt with informally and as quickly as possible.
- If the Clerk is unable to deal with the matter they are to pass it to the relevant Councillor within 5 working days.
- Acknowledgement of the complaint should be made within 5 working days and a full reply within 12 working days.
- The complaint may be referred to the full Parish Council.
- Should a member of the public feel their complaint has not been correctly handled they may refer the matter to the Local Authority Ombudsman.

## Note, the following will not be accepted as complaints:

- requests for service
- reporting defects
- reports about unauthorised activities
- requests for information or an explanation of a Council policy

Adopted on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017