

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN  
THE READING ROOMS, HOLBETON**

Members in Attendance:  
Cllr J Sherrell (Chairman)  
Cllr C Flower  
Cllr C Ackroyd  
Cllr D Knight  
Cllr J Pengelly  
Cllr M Reece  
Cllr H Baumer  
Cllr T Craig  
Cllr P Hearn

Apologies:  
Cllr J Fuller  
D Cllr K Baldry  
PCSO A Potter

Other Attendees

John Herman Parish Clerk  
C Cllr R Hosking  
D Cllr I Blackler

**ITEM 1 – POLICE MATTERS**

49/16 In the absence of the Police Representative the Clerk read out his report. No crime reported in the Parish during June.

**ITEM 2 – REPORTS FROM COUNTY, DISTRICT AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES**

50/16 In the absence of Cllr Baldry the Clerk read out his report in that he stated that his negotiations with SHDC had been successful in that it had been agreed that SHDC would empty both the dog poo bins at Mothecombe beach and car park with immediate effect. He requested to be informed if there were any failures in the collection. He had noted that the Flete Estate planning application was back on the SHDC planning agenda but as yet there were no new developments.

Cllr Blackler apologised for his many absences but unfortunately the second Tuesday of each month clashed with the Sparkwell monthly parish meeting. The Chairman said that he would try to negotiate a more mutually convenient alternative date, such as a Wednesday or the Tuesday of the first week of the month.

SHDC were trying to standardise the way it operated, eg there are 474 planning enforcements still in hand. The reception at Follaton House was being improved. Cllr Ackroyd mentioned that recently, in trying to get through to their switchboard, the first call took twenty five minutes to be answered and the second call thirty minutes.

Cllr Baumer was not happy with the roll out of superfast broadband, as it has excluded a significant proportion of the Parish. He would like to see a commitment to providing superfast broadband within a reasonable timescale to those in the Parish still without this facility.

Cllr Hosking reported that he had had an opportunity to visit Holbeton Primary School recently and was sorry to see that the numbers were down to 42 pupils. There is a formula for the viability of schools and Holbeton is not in any danger at the present time. With regard to broadband, the inception of Phase II is out to tender and this had been sent to many different groups.

The NHS 111 service is going through a process of reorganisation, which ultimately should make it easier for the public to be put through to the department they require.

Devolution is still ongoing as is the amalgamation of certain of Devon and Somerset services.

Cllr Knight enquired about any additional funding to rectify the numerous pot holes in the Parish. Cllr Hosking said that unfortunately Holbeton was not top of the list. The roads at Smithleigh were very bad and all he could do was to keep negotiating on Holbeton's behalf.

Cllr Flower mentioned the poor coordination between some of the SHDC departments. Recently a road in the Village had been closed for a whole week but had only been worked on for half a day. Cllr Baumer felt that back lanes were being unnecessarily top dressed. Cllr Hosking said that there is an ongoing maintenance schedule. Cllr Hearn enquired as to how long the A379 had been designated as an 'abnormal load' road. Cllr Hosking said that as far as he was aware, this had been the case for many years.

### **ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

51/16 The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were agreed with the amendment that the defibrillator was now working. Proposed Cllr Flower seconded Cllr Knight.

### **ITEM 4 – MATTERS ARISING**

- 52/16 4.1 Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. Cllr Baumer said he would try to bring this item up to date by producing a report. Item carried forward.
- 4.2 Invest in Devon and Locality Grants DCC. Item carried forward.
- 4.3 Production of Parish Website and broadband at Reading Rooms. Item carried forward
- 4.4 State of the Parish roads and Ford road signs. Item carried forward
- 4.5 Flete Estate planning application. Item carried forward
- 4.6 Community assets. Item carried forward.
- 4.7 Replacement Parish Clerk. The Chairman reported that there had been no applications received. It was agreed to re-advertise. Item carried forward.

### **ITEM 5 – CORRESPONDENCE**

53/16 5.1 Plymouth and South West Devon – Joint Local Plan – Thriving Towns and Villages Public Consultation 1<sup>st</sup> July to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Cllr Hearn said that it was imperative that Holbeton had a circulated Neighbourhood Plan which would form part of a greater plan. Cllr Ackroyd agreed to co-ordinate a response to the consultation.

### **ITEM 6 – PLANNING MATTERS**

- 54/16 6.1 28 Vicarage Hill, Holbeton, PL8 1LH – Householder application for rear extension to listed workers cottage with devon hedge to east boundary, 1698/16/HHO. Listed building consent for rear extension to listed workers cottage with devon hedge to east boundary 1699/16/LBC. Supported. Cllr Baumer declared a personal interest as he had a long standing friendship with the applicants.
- 6.1 Dartmoor Union, Fore St, Holbeton PL8 1NE. Conversion of existing public house into five flats and creation of two new residential units. Planning permission 1134/16/FUL. Objection. The Chairman thanked Cllr Flower for all his hard work in this regard. Cllr Ackroyd said that there wouldn't be access across the rear field.

### **ITEM 7 - FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 55/16 7.1 Received from DCC, Locality Budget payment £200
- 7.2 British Gas – Electricity for the Reading Rooms £10.46 + VAT £0.52 – total £10.98. VAT No. 683 9667 62
- 7.3 M Rawlings, invoices for grass cutting at Play Park, Bike Track and general Lengthsman work - £110. Work to the Reading Rooms - £160.00 – Total £270.
- 7.4 Lloyds Bank – terms and conditions for business accounts.
- 7.5 Clerk's wages, quarter ending June 2016 - £444.48
- 7.6 Clerk's PAYE, quarter ending June 2016 - £111.00
- 7.7 Clerk's expenses, quarter ending June 2016 - £114.06 + VAT £21.71 – total £135.77, VAT No 226 6599 33.
- 7.8 Bank balance as at 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016 - £12218.06
- 7.9 J Pengelly. Emptying of dog waste bins at Mothecombe beach £14.40.
- 7.10 YNNSL Ltd – Staff advertising £28.00
- All items agreed. Proposed Cllr Flower, seconded Cllr Reece.

### **ITEM 8 – OPEN FORUM**

- 56/16 8.1 Cllr Pengelly reported that the SHDC dog bin collection appeared to have started.
- 8.2 Cllr Craig said that the Play Area was badly affected by overhanging trees. The Chairman said he would look into this.
- 8.3 Cllr Reece had been requested to carry out a survey regarding landing sites for the air ambulance..
- 8.4 Cllr Hearn reported that 58 families were now being supported by the Dementia Friendly Parishes Project.

### **ITEM 9 – CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

**MEETING CLOSED 8.50 pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Reading Rooms.**