

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2017 AT 7.30 PM
IN THE READING ROOMS, HOLBETON**

Present: Cllr J Sherrell (Chairman), Cllr M Reece, Cllr H Baumer, Cllr P Hearn, Cllr D Knight, Cllr J Pengelly, Cllr T Craig, Cllr C Flower, and Cllr C Ackroyd.

Also present: County Councillor Richard Hosking (part time)
District Councillor K Baldry
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 0

1. APOLOGIES

District Councillor I Blacker, Cllr J Fuller and PCSO A Potter.

2. TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Holbeton Parish Council which was held on Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 7.30 pm were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. POLICE MATTERS

A report from PCSO A Potter confirmed there had not been any crimes in the parish.

4. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR(S) AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

County Councillor R Hosking:-

- Highways have applied for an additional £7 million, which has been granted.
- Report road issues on the following website link - <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

District Councillor K Baldry:-

- SHDC has launched a new improved website. Any problems should be reported to Cllr Baldry.
- Community reinvestment fund request for £50,420 for the village hall - went to SHDC Executive meeting last week. Unfortunately the request was turned down. Cllr Baldry pointed out at the meeting the application was for community infrastructure, but it was refused as the application was related to fees for architects and planning to get to a build-ready stage. If the application is submitted in the future it may be more successful. The full report of SHDC Executive Meeting can be found online.
- The Joint Local Plan is progressing and has been approved by SHDC, West Devon and Plymouth City Councils. It will go out for public consultation in two weeks' time and then a decision will be made. A drop-in meeting will take place on Thursday 16 March 2017 at the Parish Room, Yealmpton. Holbeton has 10 dwellings allocated, which may affect Flete plans. Regarding the Flete plan, drainage is still a concern at Church Hill. Cllr Knight's pointed out that her neighbours have had to move out, they are not able to get a mortgage for a shared ownership scheme and she has concerns about affordable housing. Cllr Baldry thought there were two building societies who would lend money but understood it is hard to obtain.

4. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR(S) AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (continued)

Cllr Ackroyd asked who was responsible for ensuring the developer complies. Cllr Baldry responded SHDC were responsible.

Cllr Craig asked whether neighbourhood plans are taken into account, Cllr Baldry replied they are taken into account with the planning decision.

Cllr Hearn - The Joint Local Plan is being published in two weeks but who are the houses being built for? Cllr Baldry replied they were not going to external authorities, but SHDC are being instructed by government to build these homes. Cllr Baldry stated in the SHDC Local Plan 50% of houses have to be affordable but in the Joint Local plan it is being reduced to 30%.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Air Ambulance - Cllr Reece had visited the site, which is perfect, but if the parishioner who owns the land uses it for horses this will affect the landing of the helicopter at night. Cllr Ackroyd is concerned about what happens if the property is sold as this could affect the use of a site. Discussion ensued on other possible sites that would also have access to electricity. Cllr Reece to assess possible venues with the Flete estate.

ACTION: Cllr Reece

Renewal of British Gas contract - Cllr Sherrell stated that we are currently paying 15.24p kwh and a standing charge of 26 pence. EDF will charge 13.19p kwh and the standing charge of 25 pence - agreed to change suppliers. **ACTION: Cllr Sherrell**

Parish Website - Cllr Knight confirmed the website is being progressed, a few more photographs to be taken and personal statements obtained. **ACTION: Cllr Knight**

Transparency fund - Cllr Ackroyd reported a grant of £1529 has been awarded.

Waste bin at playing field - Cllr Ackroyd agreed to order a metal bin to be delivered to Cllr Sherrell. **ACTION: Cllr Ackroyd**

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Application = 0604/17/HHO

Proposal - Householder application for addition of a second storey to an existing dwelling, rear extension, addition of a new garage and alterations to external works and site boundary treatment.

Premises address - Goondiwindi Henna, Mill Cross to Battisborough Cross PL8 1JS

Recommendation:- Objection over development of site and too close to neighbouring property.

6. PLANNING MATTERS (continued)

The following planning application was discussed but had not been placed on the Agenda. This meant that any decision could not be final. Deferral to the next meeting would mean that the decision would be outside the statutory time limit for response. The rules allowed the Clerk as the Proper Officer to respond under delegated authority in line with discussions at this meeting. The plans would be placed on the Tuesday 11 April 2017 Parish Council Meeting agenda for ratification and to enable any member of the public to attend and speak.

Should any members of the public believe that their comments could affect the decisions, a meeting would be convened as soon as possible in order that these comments could be forwarded to the District Planning Authority.

Planning Application - 0557/17/HHO

Proposal - Householder application for a single storey rear extension

Premises address - 10 Masons Yard, Holbeton, PL8 1BS

Recommendation - Support - to be ratified at next meeting

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Various correspondence had been circulated via email.

In addition, the following correspondence was reviewed:-

e-mail 14/03/2017 from Roy Sanders to Cllr Flower - Swift Football proposals regarding development of Sunday morning football training sessions, which have gained popularity. Numbers are formidable and local children are benefiting directly from this. Parents have asked to move forward on organising teams and forming a club and the time is right. The teams that will eventually play on a Saturday will be no older than U10s (Year 5s). U11s will require a bigger pitch that we could not accommodate at Battisborough Cross, so we will find venues for these. This will keep the noise and competitive enthusiasm to a minimum.

Flete Estate have also been consulted, their response was as follows:-

1 - Soccer games on a Saturday - fine. Effect on turf to be monitored by Will Scarlet. Parking issue to be closely monitored to avoid nuisance to residents and risk to pedestrians (RS Parking would be less of an issue if we could put a single track drive in the field (see point 4 below).

2 - Marking of pitches - agreed.

3 - Additional shed - agreed but Swift Football to obtain all the relevant approvals (planning, building regs.). Structure may be required to be removed at the end of tenancy. Final design to be approved by the Flete Estate.

4 - New road - agreed, however turf may be required to be reinstated at the end of the tenancy. Final design to be approved by the Flete Estate.

7. CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

The Parish Council, who are the leaseholders, agreed the following:-

1 - Football for under 10s with two marked out pitches lengthways.

2- Additional shed to be used for storage - happy in principle but would like details of the shed and its size. Swift Football to deal with planning permission etc.

3 - New road - happy in principle. A Councillor was concerned about possible future re-instatement costs, Swift Football to advise Cllr Flower on the material being used for the track. Other options for the track e.g. using stone that lets the grass grow through it or matting/stone that gives a firm base and lets grass grow through to be assessed.

Cllr Flower to feed back to Roy Sanders - **ACTION Cllr Flower**

RoSPA Playsafety annual inspection - it was agreed not to pursue.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were approved:-

PAYMENT(S)

Clerk salary - February 2017 = £370.50

Mike Rawlings - supply & fit new 12ft wooden field gate to BMX track & playing field = £180 (TAP Fund)

The Holbeton Archive (Parish Council is holding money allocated to the Holbeton Archive) = £50

British Gas (electricity) = £202.14

South West Water (allotments - 5 November 2016 - 13 February 2017) = £16.26

South Hams Garden Machinery - service/clean grass machine = £74.75

RECEIPT(S)

- None.

Grant(s)

- South Hams CVS - Cllr Ackroyd proposed £50.00 - agreed

Treasurer's A/C - balance £13,017.34 as at 23 January 2017

Business A/C - balance £5,000 as at 9 January 2017

9. PROPOSAL FROM THE BOOK CLUB FOR PAYMENT OF RENT FOR READING ROOMS

Cllr Knight reported the Book Club use the Reading Room for two hours every Monday. The Book Club currently charge 50p for a tea/coffee to those who attend. Attendance varies and at times there are only a few people, which does not cover their costs.

The proposal from the Book Club is to pay £300 per year in three instalments, which was agreed.

10. FUNDING FOR CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

Cllr Sherrell - £600 was paid to Holbeton Parish Church from the TAP fund for the upkeep of the churchyard, which the Parish Council are unable to do this year. Cllr Ackroyd suggested speaking to Cllr Hosking after the election in June to ascertain whether a grant could be obtained, and this was agreed.

11. OPEN FORUM

Cllr Pengelly - Battsborough Cross Parish Council noticeboard requires repair. It was agreed Cllr Pengelly would arrange the necessary repair - **ACTION: Cllr Pengelly**

Cllr Pengelly - the public toilets do not have soap and drying facilities. Clerk to e-mail Steve Mason, Senior Case Manager, Building Maintenance, Cleansing at SHDC to ascertain if soap and drying facilities could be provided. If paper hand towels are provided, there would also be a need for a bin - **ACTION Clerk**

Cllr Pengelly - there have been comments from some parishioners in connection with the laurel hedge at Granny's Cottage, The Square, Holbeton, which is encroaching onto the highway. A letter to be sent to Mr P Coull - **ACION Clerk**

Cllr Hearn - will be attending the Plymouth International Dementia Conference on Thursday 16 March 2017, which will be Chaired by the PM's representative Angela Rippon. The conference will bring together speakers from China, Japan, Italy and the UK, and dementia specialists from across the globe, to open up new ways of working, and developing innovative ways to support people with dementia and their carers.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 11 April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Rooms, Holbeton.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed:
(Holbeton Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 11 April 2017