

**MINUTES OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30 PM IN THE READING ROOMS, HOLBETON**

**Present:** Cllrs J Sherrell (Chairman), M Reece, T Craig, J Pengelly, H Baumer and D Knight

**Also present:** County Councillor R Hosking  
District Councillor K Baldry  
T Drew - Parish Clerk

**Visitor(s)/Parishioner(s)present:** 2

**116/18 APOLOGIES**

District Councillor I Blackler, Police Community Support Officer A Potter, Cllrs C Ackroyd, P Hearn, J Fuller and C Flower.

**117/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members' were invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in items to be considered at this meeting.

Cllr Baumer declared a personal interest on planning application 0179/19/FUL (minute ref 124/18).

**118/18 REPORTS**

(a) Police Report - January 2019

Overnight 21st / 22nd criminal damage, rear window of motor vehicle smashed CR/006704/19.

(b) County Councillor and District Councillor's Reports

**County Councillor R Hosking**

It is proposed that Devon County Council precept will increase by 2.99% for general services and an extra 1% dedicated solely to adult social care, to enable a balanced budget. That is £53.10 extra on an average Band D council tax bill. The county's spending on services will rise from £479.4 million to almost £494 million if the budget is approved.

The police precept from local taxpayers has increased by £24 per year based on a Band D property. This will provide an increase of 85 police officers across Devon & Cornwall.

Devon County Council is in deficit, but it is anticipated that savings will meet this shortfall by the year end.

Devon County Council are committed to upgrading main road high wattage lanterns with low energy LED technology.

**District Councillor K Baldry**

SHDC Budget approved, increase of £5 per annum for a Band D property.

SHDC Town and Parish (TAP) fund will be the last one.

Cllr Baldry introduced Mr Dan Thomas who will be standing for a District Councillor.

(b) County Councillor and District Councillor's Reports (continued)

### **District Councillor I Blackler (in absentia)**

1. There is a possibility that the Council tax will be increased by £5.
2. There is a report that there will be no TAPS next year. This year is oversubscribed.
3. The Local Election will be held on 2nd May.
4. The JLP will be adopted possibly in March.
5. More Councils are coming on board to invest in the SW Mutual Bank.
6. The Budget Gap this year is likely to be £75000.
7. A new company is being appointed to service and control Park Machines.
8. Income and some expenditures for 2018/19: -  
*Planning £849000*  
*Parking £3,026,000*  
*Trade waste £814,000*  
*Investments £123,000.*  
*Follaton House rents £309,000.*  
*Recycling £645,000.*  
*Overall savings £853,800.*  
*S106 deposits £5.3m.*  
*Earmarked Reserves £16,767,000.*  
*Costs of blue and clear bags £75,000.*  
*Leisure centres could cost £5.4m.*
9. It is anticipated that about 450 houses will be built each year for next few years in SHDC area.

### **(c) Questions from the public and Councillors**

Cllr Pengelly pointed out the drain outside the Dartmoor Union is still blocked, even after gulley pot sucker lorry had tried to unblock it. A buddle hole has been cleaned 120 meters above Umber Lane, but surface water continues to run down the road. Above Umber Lane there may be a drain which has been covered over when the road was resurfaced, which is causing the surface water to run down Fore Street into the drain at Garden Close.

**ACTION: Cllr D Knight**

### **119/18 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY**

92/18 Flooding of road at Flete Western (near the layby) - Cllr Hosking to liaise with DCC Highways. A trench is also needed to help drain the surface water. Mr D Curtis would charge £30 plus VAT if required. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

92/18 Road sweeper required at Gibb, verge encroaching into road - Cllr Hosking has raised the issue with Nick Colton DCC Highways.

**ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

94/18 Drain below Brownsell needs repairing - Nick Colton DCC Highways has reported to South West Water their manhole cover and surround needs repairing. **ACTION: South West Water**

94/18 Bus stop sign repair - attempts being made to chase this up. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

94/18 Area where the surface water from Gibb pools still requires addressing. Cover and mud trap promised. Hopefully will be completed in this financial year. Work is programmed for 13 February 2019. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

### **120/18 BUS SERVICE ON A379 TO PLYMOUTH**

Cllr Hosking enquired if there were any suggested improvements to the bus service. He has received comments in connection with having a Sunday service.

Councillors pointed out the service was difficult and not easy to access, but a Sunday service would be beneficial.

### **121/18 TO CONFIRM MINUTES**

The minutes of Holbeton Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 2019 (previously circulated) were approved by the Chairman.

### **122/18 VANDALISM IN THE PLAY AREA - Cllr Craig**

Cllr Craig pointed out a bench has been damaged and as a result has had to be removed. Cllr Pengelly suggested moving the bench from Luson Cross to the play park. This was agreed. **ACTION: Cllr Pengelly**

The Lengthsman has carried out various repairs in the play park.

The chains for the cradle seats have been ordered by Cllr Sherrell.

In appreciation of work carried out by a parishioner in the play area, it was agreed to pay them £30. **ACTION: Clerk**

### 123/18 HOLBETON PUBLIC TOILETS

SHDC has stated that due to the low footfall and with water charges of £571 per annum in this facility, it is recommended that it transfer to the Parish Council or close.

Helen Dobby and Cathy Aubertin from SHDC to be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting. In addition, SHDC to be asked for a building survey to be carried out on the public toilets. **ACTION: Clerk**

### 124/18 PLANNING MATTERS

Reference: 0179/19/FUL Proposal: Field access for farm vehicles  
Site Address: Land at SX601504, Brownstone Manor Farm, Holbeton

Cllr Baumer wished to point out he was not responsible for reporting the removal of the hedge to SHDC. Under the code of conduct he was entitled to participate in the discussion and vote.

Recommendation: Objection because: destruction of a Devon hedge in an AONB area.

Cllr Baumer asked for the voting to be recorded. In favour of the application: none. Against the application: Cllrs Reece, Craig, Pengelly, Knight. Abstained: Cllrs Baumer, Sherrell.

#### For information only:

Planning Application Ref: 0055/19/PST Applicant Name: Mr J Mildmay-White  
Description: Notification for prior approval for installation of solar PV array on south & west facing pitches of the roofs.  
Address: The Flete Estate Offices Haye Farm Holbeton Devon PL8 1JZ

#### Withdrawn:

Planning Application Ref: 3814/18/LBC

### 125/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Payee	Description	Gross	VAT	Net
Mrs T Drew	Clerk - January 2019 Salary	£387.90	-	-
HMRC	PAYE	£5.60	-	-
Mr L Howarth	Reimbursement for purchase of Parish Christmas Tree	£65.00	£10.83	£54.17
Mr M Rawlings	Lengthsman Duties	£90.00		

**RECEIPT(S)** - Bank Interest (09.01.19) - 0.21

**GRANT REQUEST(S)** - None

Treasurers Account Balance as at 14 January 2019 £15,160.78

Business Account Balance as at 9 January 2019 £5,000.00

### 126/18 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

A member of RoSPA Play Safety Team to be booked, to carry out an inspection of the school playing field and play area. **ACTION: Clerk**

Wakefields to repair the swings.

A proposal has been received to have a Children's Book Library in the BT phone box, next to the Mildmay Colours. The idea has to be disbanded for the time being, as phone is still active, but the Reading Rooms could be utilised.

Yealmpton and Brixton Men's Shed project - Cllr Baldry stated no funding will be required for the project. To be invited to the March 2019 Parish Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

## **127/18 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

### Cllr Knight

A meeting to be arranged with Nick Colton DCC Highways, to look at issues in the village.

Enquired when the last Parish footpath survey was carried out. Cllr Sherrell to check records and Clerk to liaise with Joseph Clarke (Parish Footpath contact person). **ACTION: Cllr Sherrell/Clerk**

Chimney in the Reading Room to be monitored as rubble was found in the grate.

### Cllr Baumer

Section S106 money, proper consultation required remembering the school is a prime user. Suggested a sub-committee is set up, to be an agenda item March 2019 agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

The comments from Martin Rich (Devon Communities Together) in connection with Smart Meters, to be placed on the parish website. **ACTION: Clerk**

Standing Orders to be placed on March 2019 agenda. **ACTION: Clerk**

Elections are coming up in May 2019, suggested publishing article in Holbeton News similar to that in Newton & Noss magazine encouraging people to stand. **ACTION: Cllr Baumer**

The SHDC website has a lot of information in connection with the election process etc.

### Cllr Craig

Suggested publicising in the Holbeton News the "Great British Spring Clean 2019". The country's biggest-ever, mass-action environmental campaign to inspire 500,000 people to join forces to clear litter, including single-use plastic, from our streets, parks and beaches, recycling as much as possible. **ACTION: Cllr Sherrell**

### Cllr Reece

Gibb Lane hedges still require trimming

### Cllr Pengelly

Due to the gully pot sucker lorry being too large to access Vicarage Hill and Gibb the drains are still blocked. Smaller lorry to be requested. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Could the hedge be trimmed at Minchinhay Farm to Western Villas. Cllr Sherrell will contact Mr Mildmay White. **ACTION: Cllr Sherrell**

## **127/18 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (continued)**

### Cllr Hearn emailed the following:

Dementia Friendly Parishes Around the Yealm report - over 80 families have been supported. Over the last 5 years, 31 families (at the moment) are being given support.

The snow plan is complete with salt/grit supplies strategically located throughout the Parish.

Cllr Ackroyd emailed the following:

"Section 106 monies. I have been approached by 2 people - firstly, a member of Holbeton Harriers. The Harriers support the school with running sessions and would like to create a wood bark track in the school field to enable the children to run in all weathers and to help meet the 'mile a day' programme. The school grounds are too small and the field has the space and an appropriate incline. I advised her that consent would need to be obtained from the Flete Estate and Devon County Council. I also suggested she approach Dennis Curtis for an idea of costs. I did say I felt the PC would be supportive.

Secondly, a parishioner informed me of his children's desire for a skate park. I told him about the lengthy process gone through to build the bike track and that at the time the parents involved decided against a skate park because of safety, cost and noise. They were informed about the plan for a running track which may conflict with his plan. I also said that I would have significant reservations about a skate park being located so far from support following the accident last year. I suggested Battisborough Cross would be more appropriate, but suspect residents may object. They plan to see if there is interest from other families."

## **128/18DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will take place **on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 7.30 pm** in the **Reading Rooms, Holbeton.**

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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(Holbeton Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 12 March 2019

Holbeton Parish Council website- <https://www.holbeton-pc.gov.uk>

### **Dementia Friendly Parishes Around The Yealm**

