

**MINUTES OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30 PM IN THE READING ROOMS, HOLBETON**

**Present:** Cllrs John Sherrell, James Pengelly, Debbie Knight, Andrew Hollett,  
Mike Reece, Carol Ackroyd, Trudie Timlin Brown and Chris Flower

**Also present:** County Councillor Richard Hosking (from 8.40 pm until 9.09 pm)  
District Councillor Dan Thomas (from 7.30 pm until 8.17 pm)  
Teresa Drew - Parish Clerk

**Visitor(s)/Parishioner(s)present:** 4

#### **140/19 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Police Community Support Officer Andy Potter, District Councillor Keith,  
Councillors Harry Baumer and Julie Fuller

#### **141/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

Cllr Pengelly declared an interest in agenda item 13.

Cllr Hollett declared an interest in agenda item 14.

#### **142/19 REPORTS**

(a) No police reported received.

(b) County Councillor and District Councillor's Reports

District Councillor Richard Hosking:

DCC draft budget approved and will be presented to full council 20 February 2020. Adult and children's services and highways funding will be increased.

Precept increase of 1.99% and the social care precept has been extended for a further year 2%

Bull and Bear flooding has been reported to Nick Colton DCC Highways.

Broadband Voucher Scheme - <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/rural/> website link that gives details of both the Gigabit and Rural Broadband Voucher Schemes (there is a comparison table if you scroll down). The additional £1,000 for the Rural Scheme is only available where the application is from two or more residences or premises.

District Councillor Dan Thomas:

Budget being addressed Band D, 3% rise due to Government cuts, £400,000 assigned to SHDC Climate Emergency.

Grants to Ring and Ride grant being increased and discussion will be taking place on public car parks costs.

SHDC plan to have kerbside glass collection from October 2020.

Cllr Baumer and Hollett asked for "electric car parking recharge points" to be an agenda item for next month's meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## 142/19 REPORTS (continued)

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

Cllr Thomas pointed out; discussions are taking place at SHDC for all council car parks have an electric vehicle car recharging point.

Cllr Ackroyd pointed out that the OLEV Grant also known as Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme (EVHS) provides 75% off the cost of purchasing & installing a home charging point up to a maximum of £500.

Parishioner pointed out there have been notices warning dog owners there have been issues with dogs being ill after visiting Mothecombe beach.

Cllr Ackroyd pointed out Fore Street and Church Hill the hedges are being undermined.

## 143/19 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

*128/19 "Battisborough Cross" sign and pot holes on Brent Hill, Easton Town and Holbeton Point need repairing. Verges need repairing in Ford area near Backlane footpath and at the turning into Fursdon Farm. ACTION: Cllr Hosking*

*128/19 Drains within the village need urgently clearing out. ACTION: Cllr Hosking*

*128/19 On the crest of the hill past the newly-repaired road, vehicles are encroaching into the bank, bollards are required. ACTION: Cllr Hosking*

## 144/19 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of Holbeton Parish Council meeting held on 14 January 2020 (previously circulated), were approved by the Chairman.

## 145/19 HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

Cllr Baumer had attended a meeting to discuss the formation of an inter-parish support group for those wanting to develop wildflower areas to encourage biodiversity. If anyone wishes to know more about listed below are some useful links:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/environment/wildlife/managing-verges-for-wildlife>

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/our-work/publications/road-verge-management-guide>

<https://moormeadows.org.uk/>

## 146/19 SOUTH HAMS - CLIMATE CHANGE BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY

Feedback to South Hams on their Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency, initial set two aims:

1. to reduce our organisational carbon emissions to net-zero by 2030; and
2. to commit to working with partners through the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group with the aim to reduce the District of South Hams' carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050 at the latest

Discussion ensued and it was agreed the feedback for consideration to SHDC, is as follows:

- to collaborate with Devon County Council's emergency response group
- collaborate with parish and town councils, encouraging them to follow their lead and look at how councils are going to reduce their carbon footprints
- provide support to parish and town councils in addressing the climate change emergency
- ensuring as far as possible, electric car charging points and improving better insulation for new houses is encouraged/required by the Development management Committee

Consideration should also be given to targeting biodiversity, such as tree, hedgerow and verge management, and the use of pesticides and weed killers on the land they manage.

#### **147/19 LEASE OF BATTISBOROUGH CROSS PLAYING FIELD AND HARD SURFACING OF ENTRANCE**

A letter received from a parishioner in connection with the entrance to Battisborough Cross playing field was read by Cllr Sherrell.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed the surface should be semi permeable and environmentally friendly. The Parish Council, in agreement with Flete Estate agreed to renew the lease of Battisborough Cross for 10 years. Cllr Sherrell will inform the parishioner of the parish council's decision. **ACTION: Cllr Sherrell**

#### **148/19 VILLAGE HALL FUNDING - PARISHIONER**

Parishioner (one of the three trustees of Village Hall), there are various issues as the building is now over 50 years old. Refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets, lighting and energy sources etc. The car parking area belongs to the Village Hall, but there is no income from those who use it, for example SHDC bottle bank. Parishioner requested a grant from the Parish Council to assist with the various projects. Cllr Flower suggested the village hall committee put together a plan and submit a quote for work that is required for the Parish Council to review.

#### **149/19 HOLBETON PUBLIC TOILETS UPDATE OF TRANSFER OF BUILDING TO PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr Sherrell has spoken to the Solicitor acting on behalf of the Parish Council in the transfer of the building, there are various queries which need to be addressed. It was agreed to use Cllr Sherrell address for correspondence. Cllr Sherrell will ensure the building is handed over to the Parish Council in good state of repair.

A person is required to monitor/clean the toilets. It was agreed Cllr Ackroyd will advertise the post of Holbeton's facebook page. **ACTION: Cllr Ackroyd**

Clerk to ask SHDC for the electricity to be turned on in the building. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### **150/19 HOLBETON DEFIBRILLATOR**

The defibrillator at Holbeton Village Hall and Battisborough Cross require renewing.

The total costings to replace the two defibrillators would be £2,200.00 plus VAT. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to replace the defibrillators. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Reece confirmed he checks the defibrillators once a week and submits a report monthly.

#### **151/19 PLAY PARK AND THE PET MEMORIAL GARDEN - CLLR ACKROYD**

Work has been carried out to tidy up the areas, but the path and matting needs power washing. A swing within the laurel tree needs to be removed.

SHDC Safety Inspection took place 11 February 2020, no major issues raised.

The pet memorial garden grassed area needs cutting. A complaint has been received about dogs being walked through the village not on leads and dogs fouling in the memorial garden. The primary school have circulated a letter to parents highlighting the issues. It has also been brought to Cllr Ackroyd's attention, dogs are fouling in the school playing field. Cllr Ackroyd will liaise with the primary school and inform them of the issue. **ACTION: Cllr Ackroyd**

#### **152/19 PLANNING**

Cllr Pengelly left the meeting at 8.05 pm whilst the following planning application was discussed.

*Reference: 3217/18/FUL*

*Site Address: Land adjacent to Mothecombe School House, Beach & Car Park, Mothecombe, Holbeton, PL8 1LB*

*Proposal: READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plan Received) Retention of recycling/litter bins on land adjacent to beach, replacement car park hut and alterations to tea house.*

*Recommendation: Support*

Cllr Pengelly returned to the meeting at 8.16 pm.

## 153/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were agreed:

Payee	Description	Gross	VAT	Nett
Mrs T Drew	Clerk - January 2020 Salary	£403.29	-	-
HMRC	PAYE	£3.40	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk	Black & Tri Colour print cartridges purchased from Amazon	£43.02	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk	Wireless optical mouse purchased from Amazon	£4.98	-	-
Mr L Howarth	Reimbursement for parish Christmas Tree	£72.00	£12.00	£60.00
Mr M Rawlings	Drain clearance 2 hours @ £10 /hr £20	£85.00		
	Four replacement wooden steps, between Holbeton play park and orchard £40. Grass cut and tidy up to Holbeton play park £25			

**RECEIPT(S):** Bank Interest (09.01.2020) - £0.21  
Hire of Reading Rooms - £100.00

**GRANT REQUEST(S):** Community Orchard enquiring if a contribution could be made to the vehicular entrance - agreed to review the request later in the year.

<b>Business Account bank statement as at 9 January 2020:</b>		£5,000.00	
<b>Treasurers Account bank statement as at 9 January 2020:</b>		£20,925.10	
			£25,925.10
<b>Less: any un-presented cheques</b>	001346	-£403.09	
	001347	-£42.00	
	001348	-£100.00	
			-£545.09
<b>Add: any un-banked cash/cheques</b>	500028	£40.00	
			£40.00
	<b>Total =</b>		<b>£25,420.01</b>

## 154/19 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

- Devon & Cornwall Police letter dated 15 January 2020
- Holbeton Orchard Committee have been successful in obtaining a £1,000 grant towards improving vehicular entrance to the orchard.
- Devon County Council - Drainage Maintenance Responsibilities

## 155/19 FEEDBACK FROM WEEKLY BIKE TRACK INSPECTIONS - Cllr Reece

Burnt out aerosol found.

## 156/19 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Pengelly - steps have been repaired between play park and orchard.

Cllr Hollett - Parish Council meetings will be held in the green room within the Holbeton Village Hall in the future, as it is larger room and has disabled access.

Cllr Knight - bench at Whitemoor Cross needs repairing. Cllr Sherrell and Pengelly will carry out the repairs.

Cllr Ackroyd has sent an application to SHDC to remove the laurel by phone box. Application 0269/20/TCA (Trees in a Conservation Area).

Cllr Reece will arrange cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in conjunction with the Primary School.

## 157/19 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 10 March 2020** at **7.30 pm** in **Holbeton Village Hall**.

The meeting closed at 9.36 pm.

*John Sherrell*

Date: 10 March 2020

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(Holbeton Parish Council Chairman)

**Dates of future Parish Council Meetings - 14 April and 12 May 2020**

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

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