

HOLBETON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY 9 MAY 2017 AT 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Chairman's Annual Report
4. Annual Police Report
5. County and District Councillors' Annual Reports

6. Reports from Parish Organisations:-

All Saints Parish Church - Ann Legge
Holbeton Bell Ringers - Jim Pengelly
Holbeton Croquet and Boules Club - Christine Godfrey
Holbeton Garden Society - Graham Price
Holbeton Lunch and Social Club - Val Hearn
Holbeton News - Nicky
Holbeton School Association - Suzy Edwards
Holbeton School Governors - Jean Betts
Holbeton Twinning Association - Jan Sellick
Holbeton Village Hall - Llewellyn Sellick
Holbeton Players - Fred Rayner
Holbeton Hikers - Bill and Dinah Weldon
Holbeton Cricket - Tim Craig
Holbeton Pre-school Playgroup - Jeanette Courtman
The Ladies Wot Lunch - Ann Rayner
The Project Group - Ann Rayner
Holbeton Youth Group - Julie Fuller
Holbeton Film Club - Harry Baumer
Holbeton Coffee Library

7. Questions from Parishioners

John Sherrell

Chairman

Date: 27 April 2017

MINUTES OF HOLBETON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 MAY 2017 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors in Attendance:

Cllr J Sherrell (Chairman)
Cllr C Flower
Cllr D Knight
Cllr P Hearn
Cllr M Reece
Cllr H Baumer
Cllr J Pengelly

Apologies:

Cllr C Ackroyd
Cllr T Craig
Cllr J Fuller (Vice Chairman)

Other Attendees:

County Councillor R Hosking
District Councillor K Baldry

T Drew (Parish Clerk)

REPORT BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The County and District Councillors gave their reports, copies attached.

REPORT BY THE PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN

Cllr Sherrell, on behalf of the Council, wished to thank John Herman, who retired in September 2016 and had been the Parish Clerk for many years. Councillors also wished to thank Mrs Shirley Timothy who was the Clerk until January 2017, but due other work commitments had had to resign. The Council now welcomed Mrs Teresa Drew, who took over the post in February 2017.

Cllr Sherrell wished to convey this appreciation to Councillors for their support during the past year.

The Parish Council is now taking on more tasks within the parish that were previously carried out at Devon County Council and South Hams District Council, due to cutbacks in their budgets. With the help and assistance of local parishioners, various tasks are being undertaken of which Cllr Sherrell is extremely appreciative.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO A Potter gave the annual police report, which is attached.

REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS

Reports were received from the various Parish organisations, please see attached.

Cllr Sherrell thanked organisations for their reports, including those organisations who were not able to attend

the meeting but had sent their reports.

OPEN FORUM

Parishioner - concerned about condition of the wall behind Ivy Barn, Fore Street, Holbeton, which is bordering the churchyard. Rev. Anne Legge agreed to assess the situation.

Parishioner - asked if other printing companies could be contacted to obtain printing costs for the Holbeton Newsletter. Cllr D Knight would make enquiries.

Parishioner - asked if in the future fibre optic broadband cable would be available in the village. Cllr Hosking is not aware of fibre optic being rolled out at this time.

Parishioner - the new recycling facility at Ivybridge is able to recycle all plastics but would hope in the future this would extend to recycling collections via the SHDC, which currently has restrictions on some plastic items.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

SIGNED:

DATE:

CHAIRMAN

Holbeton Annual Parish Council Police Report 2016/17

1x burglary dwelling
1x theft
1x criminal damage
1x criminal damage to motor vehicle
3x assaults
1x outraging public decency

8 offences in total, 6 last year

PCSO 30540 Andy Potter
Ivybridge Police Station
Tel no 101

District Councillor Keith Baldry Annual Report to Holbeton Parish 9 May 2017

This is my second year as your District Councillor.

I am the Leader of the Opposition and am on the following Committees: Overview and Scrutiny, Licensing, Budget Setting, Waste and Refuse.

There have been by elections during the year with the election of John Green (Green), John Birch (Lib Dem) and Beth Huntley (Lib Dem). The latter was caused by the resignation of the Deputy Leader of the Council Lindsay Ward.

During the year I have recommended payments from the SHDC Locality Fund to Holbeton Book swap and to the Pet Garden.

The scheme for SHDC Locality Officers has in my view been a success and they are able to give on the ground advice and service to our villages.

The SHDC idea to create a Local Authority Controlled Company, effectively privatising the bulk of South Hams work has been dropped. Mainly because there are problems with pensions.

'Fusion Lifestyle' has taken over the 3 Leisure Centres, including Ivybridge.

As usual I have dealt with many local planning applications.

The major proposals from Flete Estates for housing on Church Hill and Vicarage Hill have yet to be considered by the Development Management Committee. I understand discussions with the South Hams Planning Department continue.

Last month the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan was approved by SHDC and is in a consultation period with the public. The purpose of the JLP is to provide a framework for growth in our area up until 2034. Inter alia it covers housing, employment land and transport. I voted against the adoption. I feel the Plan is approving the building of vast numbers of houses which are outside the price range which can be afforded by those whose employment is essential for the provision of local services.

Keith Baldry 9 May 2017

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Yealm and Erme Mission Community

(Parishes of Holy Cross, Newton Ferrers, St. Peter, Revelstoke
& All Saints, Holbeton.)



Revd Anne Legge, Parish Priest
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Parochial Church Council Members

The church is run by the PCC, which comprises –

Parish Priest / Chair - Revd Anne Legge

Churchwardens - Anthony Mildmay-White and Graham Price

Secretary – Karen Flower

Treasurer – Dinah Weldon

Deanery Synod Reps – Sharon Wilton and Michel Vaughan

Other members - Elizabeth Lewthwaite, Jo Bridger

The Building and churchyard

A recent inspection of the church fabric highlighted work which will need to be done in the next five years. The bell hangings may need attention and the roof is in need of repairs. We are currently obtaining more detailed information about the work required, which will undoubtedly be very costly.

We are grateful to the large team of willing volunteers who clean and care for the building or arrange flowers to enhance its appearance. We also welcome community use of All Saints, including its use by the South Hams Singers and Holbeton Players.

The churchyard is essential to the village and very expensive to maintain. We are grateful for any donations towards its upkeep and hope that the Parish Council will be able to help with this. Mike Vaughan does a wonderful job in managing the churchyard, supported by Graham Price and other volunteers.

The church

All Saints is part of a vibrant Mission Community, comprising the parishes of Newton Ferrers, Noss Mayo and Holbeton. There is currently a service at All Saints most Sundays, as well as occasional weekday services. Congregation numbers are small and regular membership is about 20 people. However, there are always large congregations at Christmas, Easter and on Remembrance Sunday. Work continues with children in the school, through the weekly Shine Club, morning assemblies and monthly 'Open the Book' sessions. Our Pastoral Team cares for people in need and visits sick and elderly members of the community.

Forthcoming Events

We are very grateful to Anthony and Anne Mildmay-White for hosting, once more, a Fete at Mothecombe in July, which will help to support our running costs during the year.

We are also planning a Beach Day on Mothecombe Beach in August.

Please come and join in!

Revd Anne Legge May 2017

BELLRINGERS REPORT FOR 2016

County Councillor, District Councillor, Mr Chairman and Parishioners.

Our aim throughout 2016 was to ring the six bells at the Parish church services and special occasions. Bellringers from Holbeton often support other towers and likewise ringers from other towers support us.

We have continued to take part in the activities of the Devon Association of Bell Ringers and entered various competitions throughout the year.

We had a one day ringing outing in April 2016 to Stoke Climsland, Lezant, Lifton, Lewtrenchard and Sourton.

Our practice evening is Friday at 7.30 pm where we often have up to eleven ringers.

We always welcome new members, potential learners and visiting ringers.

Battisborough Cross Croquet Club

The club remains in good health although membership has dropped to around 30.

The year has seen Thursday evening club nights fairly well supported even though weather over much of the summer period was not brilliant.

Over the year, in addition to club events, the facilities on the playing field have been used by individuals for children's birthday parties, the School for Tag Rugby, the Ladies Wot Lunch group and other local clubs. + HOLBEFEST.

Funding for the upkeep of the whole field is well established and it provides the parish with a useable recreation ground. This year has seen a return of football training for children under 11 years and run by Roy Sanders of Battisborough Cross. They are called Swift Football and they use the field and facilities every Sunday morning. The field is maintained by Will Scarlett and our thanks to him for the time he puts in to do this.

Once again our thanks to the Flete Estate for allowing this land to be used as a community facility and the Parish Council for continuing to support the upkeep of the field.

HOLBETON GARDEN SOCIETY.

The Garden Society continues to flourish and this summer, will be hosting the 88th Annual Show.

As ever, the society's big event of last year was the annual show. As was the case in 2015, the weather affected the number of entries, however the standards were as good as ever. It was also particularly pleasing to see a significant increase in the number of entries in the Floral Display classes. As has become the custom, the judges were impressed with the overall standard of entries and were most encouraging in their feedback. We once again invited a winner of one of the junior classes from the previous year to open the event and it is particularly pleasing such enthusiastic participation by our young schoolchildren.

Given the success of the Village Open Gardens afternoon of a few years ago, the society is coordinating a repeat event this year; to be held on Sunday 4th June

The annual show this year will be on Saturday 5th August.

All are welcome to attend the regular meetings of the society and the committee would be pleased to hear of any ideas for future events.

Graham Price
Chairman

Holbeton Lunch and Social Club

Elizabeth Lewthwaite took over from Dawn Lancaster as Chairman of the Club at the AGM in November. Dawn had been Chairman for many years and the Club is most grateful for all her hard work. Val Herne remains as Secretary and Ray Washbourn as Treasurer. Members of the Committee are: Bob Bridger, Joan Anderson, Gerald Dyer, Iris Perring, Kit Treeby and Tony Robbins (co-opted)

At present the Club has 41 members and attendance at the lunches is around 30. We are trying to increase the membership and are encouraging members to bring a guest who will be given a free lunch on one occasion. So far this is proving successful and we look forward to welcoming new members.

In June, the Club will be "eating out" at the Foxhound pub in Brixton and in July will be going to Badgers Holt for the annual cream tea.

The Club could not run without the help and support of the committee and those people from the community who prepare the hall, cook the food and wash up for the lunches. Thank you to them all.

Elizabeth Lewthwaite
Chairman

6/5/17

HOLBETON PLAYERS

Annual General Meeting

Monday 10 April 2017

Village Hall

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS :

There were two productions during the past 12 months.

The first was a one night only event to celebrate the solstice. THAT'S MINE, THIS IS YOURS by Philip Souter started life as a BBC radio 4 'Afternoon Play' and the author agreed to waive his fee. A small profit was made on the food (£95) and this sum was donated to St Luke's Hospice in Plymouth. Zoe Purkis and Simon Edwards took the lead roles and turned in an absolutely example of their acting abilities. Lisa Green made her debut and showed great confidence and stage presence.

Our second production was Lionel Bart's OLIVER! Directed by Paula Curtis, who was assisted by Tim Waine. Andrew Hollett's set design was as magnificent as ever. Steve Jenner was the musical director. There were so many people involved in this production and who gave freely of their time that it would be for the rest of you if I were to name them! However, full credit must be given to Paula's dedication to this production and to her organisational skills.

Our next production will be BLITHE SPIRIT in July.

I would like to register my thanks to the entire committee for the unswerving support over the last two years.

FRED RAYNER

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL, AGM 9TH MAY 2017 - ORGANISATIONS` REPORTS

THE HOLBETON HIKERS

"Wow, look at that..... is n`'t that a beautiful site" or "Listen to that bird song.....it is lovely". So may one of the walkers exclaim out on a walk on some Saturday morning. Yes, the Hikers continue to enjoy exploring on foot areas of the South Hams and beyond. About 8 (sometimes up to 12) parishioners meet once a month in winter and twice a month from April to October. Walks vary in length from a couple of miles to five or six miles, depending on terrain and time of year. Not surprisingly in Devon, nearly all walks involve some uphill and down dale sections.

Parishioners, friends and relatives are more than welcome to join us at any time but be sure to wear appropriate gear. We explore parts of our spectacular area you may not see from a car. Much of it is designated AONB - Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We always meet at 10am on Saturdays at the Village Car Park on dates as listed in Holbeton News. We share transport each time and communicate with various pieces of information by email, including likely weather conditions, a few days before we set out. Leadership is also shared among the group well in advance so that a recce can be done. A change may obviously be needed on the day. Well behaved animals are welcome to come. Donkeys may have difficulty with kissing gates and stiles. We try to arrange to walk where there is access to a cafe or pub for refreshments before driving home. We return to the Village between 2 or 3 in the afternoon at the latest.

Finally, those who walk have asked to make a voluntary contribution of £1 at the start of each walk. ALL money collected is given to a charity of the group`s choice each December. This is a way to express, in a tangible way, our gratitude for what we are able to do together. We gave all £90 collected in 2016 to Devon Wildlife Trust.

Bill Weldon

Co-ordinater

Ladies Wot Lunch

The lunch club continues, although in a different format. We now lunch together roughly every two months at different venues, mostly in the South Hams. Our numbers vary from 10 to 20 plus. We have a lot of fun and hope to continue for many more years

Sewing Group

We continue to meet every Wednesday afternoon in members houses. Many different types of craft are keeping us busy. Patchwork and quilting, knitting, crochet and embroidery are just some of them. Afternoon tea is much enjoyed along with chatter and laughter. Anyone who interested in craft of any type is welcome to join us.

Ann Payner.

Holbeton Film Club Chairman's report 2016/2017

We are now ending our third successful year!

In the last year box office sales were once again up, 582 people (an average of 48 per month) paying on the door, a 66% increase on the first year and a 20% increase on last year. We have maintained our annual membership numbers. We increasingly have many people from neighbouring villages, especially Newton, Noss and Yealmpton.

We continue our successful process for selecting films, trusting the judgement of our members. We have chosen some excellent films and enjoyed the selection evenings.

Our best attended film in the last year? Love And Friendship, with 64 paying on the door, closely followed by The Man Who Knew Infinity! The least successful? Spectre, in August, with just 19 paying on the door, was the only film to make a loss.

We ended our third year with a healthy reserve and with spare equipment to cover emergencies. We bought a freezer for the hall to hold our ice creams during the performance. This is available to others when we are not showing a film.

We decided to keep the adult price at just £4 and to continue to discount children's ticket prices.

We recently put on a film for the School Association, paying for everything, and I hope we will be able to repeat this. We have also sponsored Holbeton News, the telephone directory and the preschool musical evening. We feel it is important to support local organisations wherever possible.

We have had a recent overture from Newton & Noss Village Hall who want us to put on an extra 2 films in the coming year. We plan to go along with this as an experiment. They will need to improve their sound system in order for this to go ahead.

Our committee works really well together as a team.

What of the future? We have a winning formula and are still gaining larger audiences. Our reputation goes from strength to strength, and we need to do everything necessary to defend this. So, we will continue to build on our success: it feels like we are here to stay

HOLBETON COMMUNITY COFFEE LIBRARY

The library was launched just before Christmas in the Reading Rooms. A grant of £100 from the South Hams Locality Fund provided rental for the first ten weeks, after which a sum has been agreed for the next twelve months with the Parish Council.

Funding for shelving and provisions was provided by the re-issue and sale of the Holbeton Telephone Directory – a useful asset for villagers and advertisers alike. There is enough in the kitty to pay for rental of the Reading Rooms well into 2018.

We have received many donations of books – our only problem being where to put them all!

The Library is open every Monday morning from 10am to noon. Borrowing a book isn't a pre-requisite – it is more of an opportunity to people to gather, have a coffee and a chat with one another! A small charge of 50p to cover costs is made.

Attendance is growing and we usually average 10 to 12 people a week. It's a very sociable gathering and I commend it to everyone.

Sue Price