

**MINUTES OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 PM IN THE READING ROOMS, HOLBETON**

Present: Cllr J Fuller (Chairman), Cllr M Reece, Cllr H Baumer, Cllr P Hearn,
Cllr D Knight, Cllr T Craig and Cllr J Pengelly

Also present: County Councillor R Hosking
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioner(s)/guest(s): 8

45/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from District Councillor K Baldry, District Councillor I Blackler, Cllr R Sherrell, Cllr C Flower, Cllr C Ackroyd and Police Community Support Officer A Potter.

46/17 REPORTS

(a) Police Report - PCSO Potter's emailed August 2017 police report which stated the following: -

14/8 Burglary non-dwelling, property removed from out building, enquiries ongoing CR/068463/17

(b) County and District Councillors' Reports

County Councillor Richard Hosking:

Sign at Whitemoor Cross has been moved to Henbury Cross. The road to Nethercombe is currently experiencing increased traffic, thought to be due to the opening of the School House restaurant at Mothecombe. Discussion took place centering on how this may be reduced. The road could be extinguished as a highway but this would mean that it would move to private ownership and therefore be unadopted i.e. not maintained. It would remain a public right of way. Suggest asking if the owner of the restaurant at Mothecombe provide a directional brown sign(s).

Currently re-assessing funding for children with special educational needs in the County (800 at the moment) but funding will continue in the meantime, who do not receive statutory support. The intention is for the funding to move from county to national to introduce consistency.

District Councillor Ian Blackler sent the following report:

There is £1.8 m in the S106 account £97,000 is about to be spent on affordable housing in Ivybridge.

We were pleased to learn from the Principal of S.Devon College at a recent meeting that there are 1,300 apprentices being trained at Paignton, there is about 3000 students studying there.

There are currently 29 neighbourhood plans being prepared in South Hams district.

The Local Authority Controlled Company project has been dropped by the Council.

The Government have agreed that Local Authorities can increase planning fees by 20 per cent.

There are a number of events being held in the District, which Clerks have been informed of in relation to the proposal of South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council becoming one Council, it is hoped that residents can have their say.

District Councillor Cllr Keith Baldry sent the following report:

SHDC has been preoccupied with meetings and discussions about the proposed merger with West Devon Borough Council.

The end of August is the deadline for applications for the South Hams Sustainable Locality Fund. Applications received are well in excess of the amount available. The recommended grants go to all 3 applications received from Holbeton, but in some cases for less than applied for. The applications recommended are: Holbeton Cricket Club, Holbeton Community Orchard and Swift Football Club.

46/17 REPORTS (continued)

(c) Questions from the public

Mr Sayers - wished to give background information on the second Planning Application: 2224/17/FUL which has been supported by Newton and Noss Mayo Parish Council. The reason for the planning application is, to try and safe guard the land mark building and structure. No fencing and domestic paraphernalia will be placed around the building so the ruined effect would remain, no vehicular access as parking would be at Lambside and the bedroom will be below ground. If planning is permitted, it will add to the economy and employment of the area. Cllr Baumer asked how the excavation around the building will be carried out without the building collapsing. Mr Sayers confirmed digging will only take place to one side of the building. Cllr Knight asked if the development will only be used as a holiday let. Mr Sayers confirmed it would a one bedroom holiday let, but on changeover days teas and coffees will be served to members of the public. Cllr Baumer asked what would happen if nothing was done to the building. Mr Sayers stated it would further dilapidate and pointed out it had been vandalised many years ago.

Mr Casson wished to point out that the pump house at Battisborough Cross is outside of the boundary of the proposed plan to convert the redundant barn to dwelling and construction of garage. The proposed plans also ensures the barn's conversion will be within the existing dimensions.

Mr C Bray asked if Cllr Hosking was involved with the recent planning applications in the village. Cllr Hosking stated he was aware of the application and the proposed access but he would not personally be involved with application as this was an South Hams District Council matter. South Hams District Council is the consultee and there are guidelines they have to follow but they are extremely limited.

Cllr Baumer asked Cllr Hosking if he could find out what method Devon Highways use to notify changes to Devon roads to map makers providing information for satnav companies and if the parish council could be proactive in identifying lanes unsuitable for heavy goods or emergency vehicles for submission to the map makers. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Cllr Knight asked Cllr Hosking if he could liaise with Nick Colton about resurfacing Church Hill. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

Cllr Pengelly - concerns raised about cars parking over the fire hydrant in the village. Cllr Hosking will ascertain the situation and identify any action that should be taken. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

47/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Baumer declared a personal interest in the village hall, being the lead of the new village hall project on behalf of the trustees and he explained his wife was a secretary and trustee.

48/17 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Holbeton Parish Council which was held on Tuesday 8 August 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr J Fuller.

49/17 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

38/17 Balustrades on Vicarage Hill which require repair/replacement – Nick Colton DCC Highways has raised an order for the fence to be made safe as a defect in the short term whilst a new section of post and rail is ordered. The defect process is something Nick Colton does not have any control over, so he will monitor and see what is done. If he follows any other route he will still need to make a bid for funding and the fencing budget for routine maintenance has been fully allocated for this financial year (unfortunately the Neighbourhood Team has no fencing allocation) so this route would not be a quick one. The fence has been acknowledged as maintainable by DCC even though it was not shown on any records (Nick Colton has now ensured it is reflected on records). He also pointed out repairs were previously carried out at a time when there was a local allocation for fencing.

38/17 Replacement of directional signs at Whitemoor Cross and Hembury Cross – conversation has taken place with Nick Colton and there is nothing that can be done but Nick will continue to assess the situation. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

38/17 Speed of traffic, Battisborough – New data to be collected to identify the appropriate level of action if a speeding issue is identified. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

50/17 PLANNING

Planning Application: 2224/17/FUL

Proposal: The safeguarding and reuse of the Tea House, Beacon Hill as one-bedroom holiday accommodation

Location: The Tea House, Beacon Hill, Holbeton, PL8 1HH

Recommendation: No comment to make

Planning Application: 2850/17/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling and construction of garage

Location: The Smithy, Battisborough Cross, PL8 1JS

Recommendation: No objection

51/17 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were approved: -

Mrs T Drew	Parish Clerk - August 2017 Salary	£296.50
HMRC	PAYE	£74.00
South West Water	Services at allotments - 20 May to 16 August 2017	£13.00
Mr M Rawlings	Holbeton play park grass cutting, 4 cuts at £20 each = £80 8hrs drain and gulley clearances = £80 (8 x £10 hr) BMX grass cut = £15 Repair of wooden retaining wall to playpark (2 posts), repair of wooden gate and fence between playpark and orchard, build new 4 steps between playpark and orchard. Remove stepping posts at bottom of park. As agreed with Councillor Pengelly and Councillor Craig = £160	£80+£80+£15+£160= £335
Mrs Timothy	Covering for the Clerk at a planning meeting in July 2017	£20.00
Mr M Reece	Item for the Reading Rooms	£19.99
RECEIPT(S)	Bank Interest (09/08/17)	£0.21
	Allotment Rent from Mr J Pengelly	£11.50
	HMRC	£193.90
	Allotment Rent from Mr & Mrs J Clarke	£19.38
	Allotment Rent from Mr & Mrs Horne	£11.50
	Allotment Rent from Mr & Mrs Herring	£22.00
	Allotment Rent from Mr & Mrs Bailey	£6.25
	Devon CC - grant Sports field	£360.00
GRANT REQUEST(S)	None	
Treasurers Account	Balance as at 14 August 2017	£12,629.88
Business Account	Balance as at 9 August 2017	£5,000.00

52/17 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

One Council for South Hams and West Devon Borough Council Proposal - no Councillors are able to attend the briefings.

Mrs S Marshall's e-mail re Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Fuller has previously asked via the Holbeton Newsletter for parishioners to come forward to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, but there had been only one response. Cllr J Fuller will re-advertise and explain what a Neighbourhood Plan is. **ACTION: Cllr Fuller**

Mrs S Marshall' e-mail re. SHDC policy on sale of new homes as second homes - agreed to discuss at the October 2017 Parish Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

Letter from Moran Chapman re. proposed development sites - letter circulated to Councillors. Clerk to ascertain if SHDC have responded. **ACTION: Clerk**

53/17 FORE STREET ROCKS - CLLR CRAIG

Cllr Craig asked if rocks could be placed outside on the pavement in Fore Street to stop vehicles driving onto it. Cllr Hearn asked Cllr Hosking if vehicles could park on the pavements? Cllr Hosking stated if double yellow lines are in situ parking is not permitted, but if you stop parking on pavements in the village would this exacerbate the parking situation within the village generally. Cllr Hosking asked if the Parish Council had any suggestions. Cllr Knight suggested bollards, this was agreed. **ACTION: Cllr Hosking**

54/17 VILLAGE HALL - WHAT NEXT, BRIEFING FROM CLLR BAUMER

Cllr Baumer pointed out the village hall is not connected to the Parish Council, but wish to keep the Council informed on what was happening.

In October 2014 a feasibility study was published and is still available. In January 2015 a second referendum was organised by the Village Hall Action Group to ascertain if parishioners were happy with the proposed hall. In the accompanying information sheet, it was stated that the sum of £350K - £450K would be released from the village hall if sold for housing. It also pointed out that the new hall would be on a 125 year lease with security of tenure and that the existing hall is owned by the community.

Since the outline planning consent was given at Vicarage Hill, he has met with the Flete Estate architect and Village Hall trustees. Currently no clear idea of costs and there are no drawings of what the village hall will look like. The architect would like a small steering group of people so ideas can be developed. There will be three meetings, the first one will be to introduce the project and think about options, a second meeting will refine the options to show to the community especially those living near the hall and the community orchard group and there would be a general invitation for people to look at the plans. The third meeting will refine the design so a working drawing can be produced. The timescale is open ended as funding will be required in order to produce a budget.

Cllr Baumer was questioned in detail about the management structure of the village hall, particularly relating to the village hall action group, and asked if the village hall would consider another referendum, to which he replied that this was considered pointless given the outcome of the previous referenda. Those present were advised that the village hall AGM minutes plus those of the village hall action group would be available along with the membership of the latter, but that they need to make it clear exactly what they were requesting and as a matter of courtesy to do this through the chair of the village hall, Llewellyn Sellick.

The meeting was suspended at 9.30 pm until 10.00 pm.

Parishioners Ms Sandi Marshall, Ms Marshall, Mr & Mrs Gray and Mr Callcut asked questions/raised concerns on the following:

- the amount of money that would be available through the new developments through s106 agreement. It was pointed out that nothing has yet been published and none of the parish councillors know what will be in any section 106 agreement.
- perceived lack of consultation with parishioners
- another survey to be carried out before the new hall is considered
- selling of freehold building to then have a leasehold building
- enquired who the trustees were of the village hall
- costs of the work which had already been carried out and any future work
- there is a strong feeling that the existing site should be developed
- conflict of interest within the trustees

55/17 OPEN FORUM

Cllr T Craig - two rotten poles have been removed from the Play Park. a further one will be removed

Cllr M Reece - pond net has been purchased to spread over the patio behind the Reading Rooms to hopefully stop cats entering the area.

Cllr M Reece - enquired if the hedges on Gibb Lane and the allotment hedge could be cut back. Cllr Pengelly agreed to action. **ACTION: Cllr Pengelly**

Cllr Pengelly - asked if weedkiller could be applied around the area of the water pump. Cllr T Craig will pass on details to Cllr Pengelly of a parishioner in the village who is licenced to use weedkiller. **ACTION: Cllr Craig**

Cllr Hearn - 73 families being looked after in the area; the Dementia charity registration should be finished by October 2017 and there will be a new web site launched.

56/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 10 October 2017** at **7.30 pm** in the **Reading Rooms, Holbeton.**

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.



Signed:
(Holbeton Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 10 October 2017

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

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