

**MINUTES OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY 11 JULY 2017 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HOLBETON**

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

**Also present:** T Drew (Parish Clerk)

**Parishioner(s)/guest(s) present:** 1

**24/17 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from District Councillor K Baldry and Police Community Support Officer A Potter.

**25/17 REPORTS**

**(a) Police Report**

PCSO Potter's emailed June 2017 police report which stated there were no reported crimes.

**(b) County and District Councillors' Reports**

*County Councillor Richard Hosking e-mailed the following report: -*

1. "National Carers week in early June focused attention on those who care for dependents in our community. The County have a wide range of support that can be provided to carers. Should you know anyone in your Parish who may be struggling to care for a loved one please let us know or encourage them to contact Care Direct at Devon County Council [csc.caredirect@devon.gov.uk](mailto:csc.caredirect@devon.gov.uk) or 0345 1551 007 or for information visit the Devon Carers website at <http://www.devoncarers.org.uk/devon-carers/>
2. Reporting problems with our roads is now relatively easy through the website <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> This is now the most reliable method of getting problems assessed and quickly repaired where they are a safety defect.
3. For a map showing roadworks across Devon the website is <https://devon.roadworks.org/>
4. I have a Locality Budget for 2017/18 to a total of £10,000 across 12 Parishes. I will be pleased to assist qualifying projects that I support with small contributions from the fund. Please raise your proposal at a Parish Council meeting or call me to discuss and I will send an application form if your project fits the scheme criteria.
5. The procurement process for a new contract to provide services at Children's centres is on course for 2017. The intention is to offer a single contract for the whole of the County encouraging existing small providers and contractors to enter into consortia to make a combined bid. The objective is to standardise the service on offer throughout the County.
6. I hope to attend your Parish Council meeting later this evening to be available for questions; however, there are four Parish Council meetings in the Division tonight and I will be fortunate to visit you all before your Chairs close their meetings."

(b) County and District Councillors' Reports (continued)

District Councillor Cllr Keith Baldry e-mailed the following report: -

"Sorry for my absence.

The main concern at SHDC is consideration about applying to Government to combine South Hams with West Devon. Members are being consulted and it will be approved or disapproved at a special council meeting at the end of the month. The reason for the rush is that the change will need government legislation and it has been made clear that this will have to be voted on by the end of the year. After then all government time will be occupied by EU withdrawal.

We are told that the change is needed for financial reasons. Both Councils are likely to be in deficit within 5 years. West Devon are in a much worse state of growing debt. It is predicted they may cease to be viable within a couple of years. The procedure if that happens is that a neighbouring council will be asked to take them over. This could be SHDC, but not necessarily. The necessity for South Hams is much less. We do not have a debt, but we would have to take on the burden of West Devon's borrowing. West Devon have a higher council tax and a merger would mean an increase in tax for South Hams payers.

Both Councils have 31 members. We are told that there is no time for a boundary review, so there will be a new Council of 62 members. West Devon has a smaller population. Their population per member would be fewer than ours.

If both Councils agree to go forward there will be a public consultation over the summer.

Below is a brief note of the meeting on PCSO's.

Community Safety Partnership. Consultation on Community Policing

I attended the South Hams and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership consultation held at Follaton House on 7 July. District Councillor from SHDC and WDBC and Parish Councillors from West Devon, South Hams and Teignbridge were invited. 55 people were there.

This was a consultation exercise against the background that the Police and Crime Commissioner has announced severe cuts to the number of Police Community Support Officers from 2020. Everyone said that they greatly valued PCSO's but no discussion was allowed on the cut. The views asked for were on which aspects of Neighbouring Policing were top priority to be retained after the numbers were reduced.

The results of the day will be published. The summary priorities were visible prevention of crime and anti-social activity and the need for reassurance policing in this low crime area."

(c) Questions from the public

Mr A Mildmay-White - issues with inconsiderate parking of vehicles near Mothecombe village opposite the car park, it would make it extremely difficult for emergency vehicles to access Mothecombe village. Contact has been made with the County Councillor Richard Hosking, who is asking for the support of the Parish Council so he could action this issue. This was agreed. **ACTION: Clerk**



## 26/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

## 27/17 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Holbeton Parish Council which was held on Tuesday 13 June 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed by Cllr J Fuller who had Chaired the meeting.

## 28/17 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

Clerk to obtain an update on: -

18/17 Balustrades on Vicarage Hill which require repair/replacement - DCC is assessing situation and will report back what can be done. Cllr R Hosking/Nick Colton DCC Highways

18/17 Replacement of directional signs at Whitemoor Cross and Hembury Cross. Cllr R Hosking

18/17 Speed of traffic, Battisborough - Cllr Hosking to discuss various ideas with Nick Colton, DCC Highways. Cllr R Hosking

## 29/17 PLANNING

No planning applications.

Planning Application Decisions: -

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1153/17/HHO

LOCATION: 25 Vicarage Hill Holbeton Devon PL8 1LH

PROPOSAL: Householder application for a proposed single storey rear extension and replacement porch roof.

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1561/17/HHO

LOCATION: 6 Battisborough Cross Holbeton PL8 1JT

PROPOSAL: Householder application for extension to existing dwelling

DECISION: Conditional Approval

### 30/17 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were approved: -

#### Finance

##### **PAYMENT(S)**

Mrs T Drew	Parish Clerk - June 2017 Salary	£296.50
Mrs T Drew	Reimbursement of postage re. Grant Thornton	£2.40
South Hams District Council	Annual Insurance & Inspection for Brent Hill Play Area	£156.00
Mrs T Drew	Postage re. HMRC	£1.75
Mr W Scarlett	Grass cutting at Battisborough Cross	£200.00
Mr M Rawlings	Lengthsman Duties	£110.00

##### **RECEIPT(S)**

Bank Interest (09/06/17)	£0.21
Hire of Reading Rooms - Received from Cllr Knight	£110.00

##### **GRANT REQUEST(S)**

None

Treasurers Account	Balance as at 14 June 2017	£14,274.40
Business Account	Balance as at 9 June 2017	£5,000

### 31/17 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

- Holbeton Primary School Swimming Pool - discussion took place on the practicality of the Parish Council maintaining the pool. It was agreed the Parish Council are supportive of the village having a pool - it is not in its remit to run the pool, but would work with a committee.
- Road at Ramsland Farm - damaged by tractor/tracked machine after the drainage work was completed. Reported to Nick Colton DCC Highways.
- Brent Hill play park inspection - couple of issues identified. Cllr Craig had cleared areas of vegetation and spoken to Mr Mike Rawlings who has provided a quote to carry out some work, but suggested a quote is obtained from Trevor Pearce Mobile Locality Officer SHDC. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Cllr Sherrell read out an e-mail received from Sandi Marshall, which was circulated prior to the meeting. Discussion took place on the points raised. Holbeton is different from other villages mentioned in the e-mail because it is not on the coast. The ban on second homes in St Ives was only on newly built houses. The house referred to in Sandi Marshall's email is not a new home. SHDC will support parishes with neighbourhood plans who declare their village properties are not sold for second homes, but Holbeton does not have one. Ask SHDC whether there was any way either that there could be a blanket ban on the sale of new properties as second homes in the South Hams District or whether we could stipulate this locally without a neighbourhood plan in place. It is also difficult banning second homes, as they can simply put the house in the name of a family member which would get around such a policy. Cllr Baumer pointed out that Flete Estate's covenants prohibiting sub-letting could put off some of those wanting to buy second homes. Cllr Ackroyd suggested it should be raised with Cllr R Hosking and Cllr K Baldry. Clerk asked to e-mail Sandi Marshall stating the Council would liaise with Cllr R Hosking and Cllr K Baldry. **ACTION: Clerk**

### 32/17 OPEN FORUM

Cllr Knight - concerns received from parishioners in connection with the resurfacing/dressing of the Vicarage Hill road. Nick Colton DCC Highways has been contacted, Cllr Knight will also pass DCC contact details to the parishioners. Cllr Knight has also reported to Nick Colton DCC Highways the poor condition of Church Hill Road asking if it could be resurfaced/dressed. Nick Colton will assess the situation.



### 32/17 OPEN FORUM (continued)

Cllr Knight - it has been previously agreed that a £25 payment would be paid by the Church to cover costs of cleaning etc. when the Reading Rooms are used for weddings etc. Cllr Knight had not been made aware of three recent weddings. Cllr Knight has spoken to the Church Administrator who will forward dates of future weddings. Cllr Ackroyd suggested writing to Parochial Church Council and remind them of the £25 payment, if this was not acceptable to the Church they may wish to take back the running of the Reading Rooms. Income generation has to be prioritised. If the Parish Council continues looking after them, could dates of future events when they wish to book them be e-mailed to Cllr D Knight and Cllr C Ackroyd. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Knight - has recently removed surface debris from tops of drains in the village. Two drains in the village require unblocking - outside the Dartmoor Union - Cllr Knight will contact Nick Colton DCC Highways, and in Eastern Town, which Cllr Pengelly will ask the Lengthsman to address. **ACTION: Cllr Knight/Pengelly**

Cllr Craig - information received from Mr Steven asking for confirmation that the Parish Council is in agreement with two bollards being placed outside the front door of the Dartmoor Union. This was agreed, Clerk to confirm to Mr Steven. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Craig - a parishioner who is licenced to spray weed killer is offering his time to spray weeds around the village, if the Parish Council would pay for the weed killer. A list of areas that need addressing to be prepared.

Cllr Fuller - inconsiderate parking outside the village hall could prohibit emergency vehicles. The Trustees have placed an article in the Holbeton News but this does not seem to have any effect.

Cllr Pengelly - could an article be placed in the Holbeton News asking for parishioners to trim their hedges, remove weeds outside properties and remind dog owners that dog fouling is still happening in the parish. Agreed to place an article in the Holbeton news.

Cllr Ackroyd - disappointed dog owners are ignoring "No Dogs" sign at the entrance to the Community Orchard.

Cllr Hearn - Dementia Friendly Parishes Around The Yealm have 71 families registered from the five parishes. A presentation was given at the recent Conference of National Association of Local Councils who have formally recognised the work of the group and another presentation will be given in October. Cllr Hearn will be joining the committee of the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance.

### 33/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 8 August 2017** at **7.30 pm** in the **Reading Rooms, Holbeton.**

The meeting closed at 21.00 hours.

Signed:   
(Holbeton Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 8 August 2017

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

