

**MINUTES OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2017 AT 7.30 PM IN THE READING ROOMS, HOLBETON**

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

Also present: District Councillor K Baldry
T Drew (Parish Clerk)

34/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from County Councillor R Hosking, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr T Craig, Cllr C Ackroyd, Police Community Support Officer A Potter.

35/17 REPORTS

(a) Police Report

PCSO Potter's emailed July 2017 police report which stated the following: -

- Overnight 19th/20th criminal damage to motor vehicle, car had paintwork scratched, enquiries ongoing CR/059829/17
- 25th, theft of iPad at Mothecombe beach CR/062786/17.

(b) County and District Councillors' Reports

County Councillor Richard Hosking: No report received.

District Councillor Ian Blackler: No report received.

District Councillor Cllr Keith Baldry gave the following report: -

The merger of South Hams/West Devon Councils - the change would need government legislation and would have to be voted on by the end of the year as after that, government time would be occupied by EU withdrawal. Councillors had been told that the change was needed for financial reasons. Both Councils were likely to be in deficit within 5 years. West Devon's debt would be much worse, currently SHDC was not in debt, but it would have to take on West Devon's debt if the merger was agreed. The prediction is that West Devon may cease to be viable within a couple of years. The procedure if that was to happen would be that a neighbouring council would be asked to take them over. This could be SHDC, but not necessarily. West Devon had a smaller population but a higher Council Tax and a merger would mean an increase in tax for South Hams payers. If a merger were to occur, the increase in Council Tax for a Band D property in the South Hams would be £63. Both Councils had 31 members. Councillors had been told that there will be a boundary review, by 2020 there will be 45 Councillors. Public consultation will be taking place on the merger of the two Councils and it will require public support. If the merger goes ahead there will be a boundary review in order to reduce the size of the new council to about 40 members. To allow time for the boundary review the elections due in 2019 will be postponed until 2020. SHDC is currently debt free and has decided not to make any investments in purchasing commercial property. West Devon Borough Council did decide to invest in purchasing property and will be borrowing £ 27 million to fund that investment.

(c) Questions from the public - None

36/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

37/17 TO CONFIRM MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Holbeton Parish Council which was held on Tuesday 11 July 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

38/17 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

Cllr Hosking e-mailed the following update on actions after discussing them with Nick Colton (Devon County Council Highways): -

28/17 Balustrades on Vicarage Hill which require repair/replacement - The fencing on Vicarage Hill may not be considered as a defect so may have to be repaired by way of a request for funding from the budget holder. It may be too late for it to be included in this financial year. Cllr Hosking is going to try the defect route to see if it is just made safe or actually repaired.

Action: Clerk to e-mail Nick Colton (Devon County Council Highways) and ask for the issue to be addressed, as repairs have been carried out by DCC in the past. In addition, Clerk to contact Flete Estate and ask if the hedge on Vicarage Hill could be trimmed back.

28/17 Replacement of directional signs at Whitemoor Cross and Hembury Cross - still a possibility for them to be replaced out of the small sign maintenance allocation but will have to wait for a quiet spell so they can be designed and ordered.

28/17 Speed of traffic, Battisborough - Cllr Hosking to discuss various ideas with Nick Colton, DCC Highways - Nick Colton will add the main road through Battisborough to the request list for a traffic speed and volume survey but that may take a while to arrange. He will also reactivate the 2004 SCARF file for Battisborough Cross so that it can be discussed again at a future Speed Compliance Action Review Forum meeting (which is usually every three months and the latest one has just taken place). The SCARF file was updated in 2009 with the following data:

| | 85%ile (mph) | Mean (mph) | Date of Survey | Type: H.H (Hand Held) A.T.C (Automatic) |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| Eastbound | 26 | 16 | July 2009 East | Radar |
| Westbound | 24 | 17 | July 2009 West | Radar |

As a result of the above speed data, the SCARF file was finalised with no further action. However, as another 8 years has elapsed it would be right to repeat the data collection again.

Once the new data is to hand it will identify the appropriate level of action if a speeding issue is identified.

One of the issues taken into consideration is accident data and the latest can be viewed on the following link (damage only accidents are no longer logged by the police):

<http://www.devoncctraffweb.co.uk/public/collisionmap.html>

39/17 PLANNING

No planning applications.

40/17 Report on Development Committee Site Inspections, Monday 31 July 2017 & South Hams Development Management Committee Meeting on Wednesday 2 August 2017

Cllr Knight had circulated following report on the site meeting at Church Hill and Vicarage Hill, both of which were considered very thorough.

At the Church Hill development 14 houses proposed on that site, 5 of which would be affordable. If plans for the Vicarage Hill site go ahead, all affordable housing will be built at the Church Hill site, making a total of 9 'affordable' out of the 14. Drainage issues had been solved along with headlights causing glare onto neighbouring properties. Any impact on the terrace of cottages on Church Hill would be minimal, as only the gable end of new properties would face towards them. Pedestrians could either use the road, or walk through the Churchyard to access the centre of the village. Wendy Ormsby, Senior Specialist (Development Management) at South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council stated that the Monks Path was not a PROW, however it could be possible to reinstate it. Any Devon hedges that needed removing would need to be replaced.

At the Vicarage Hill development area questions were asked if assessments had been made with regards to the relocation of the Village Hall. Cllr Baldry advised that it depended mostly on whether sufficient funds could be raised. Wendy Ormsby, Senior Specialist (Development Management) at South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council also advised that the site at Vicarage Hill would be landscaped if the new Village Hall did not go ahead. Eleven homes were proposed for Vicarage Hill, and vehicular access only was to be agreed at this stage. The proposed entrance for pedestrian access was opposite the entrance to the Old Vicarage. It was confirmed that the pedestrian access was in a conservation area, but that the proposed vehicle access was not. The new vehicle access would be situated just south of the existing gateway, which would then be closed up. It was stated there would be a loss of some trees and hedgerows.

Cllr Baldry once again pointed out that this was an AONB, and he had serious concerns in respect of traffic.

Cllr Hearn attended the South Hams Development Management Committee Meeting on Wednesday 2 August 2017 and provided the following report: -

Church Hill: Part of the site south from a line from the northern side of the Vicarage going due east is an already allocated area for development. The entire area is outside the conservation area. The access road will not be the track to Minchinhay Farm which is deemed unusable, but will go to the west of the allotments and link up above the Vicarage. S106 funds will be allocated to the Playing Area, Playing Fields, Skate Park and remainder at PC's discretion. Approval - passed 8 for, zero against, one abstention.

Vicarage Hill: Conservation area includes proposed Car Park, Hall, and 2 listed cottages below parishioner Mr R Jackleman's property. The Old Vicarage is not listed, but is a valued site historically. The 35% of affordable housing planned for this site will be transferred to Church Hill on planning approval. The loss of trees and hedges not considered a loss to the AONB landscape, the Ecological Officer's opinion that newly planted broadleaf trees would bring better ecological results. There was no objection from the Heritage Officer. One councillor stated that people will work out the best way out of the village for cars, whether via Ford or otherwise. Councillor question 'Why is village hall such a dominant part of this application?' Planning Officer's reply 'Village people not necessarily in favour'. The Highways Officer doesn't know if the road within the development will be up to adoption, 'That's up to the developer'. The access to Vicarage Hill is acceptable to Highways Officer. AONB have objected. There are 9 different bats in the copse that will be cut down, 50% of British known species, plus the copse is a network of ecological diversity. Cllr K Baldry spoke strongly against the development. S106 funds will be allocated to a Skate Park, with the remainder to be used at Parish Council's discretion. There were 29 letters against the development, with one in favour. Approval passed 5 for, 3 against, one abstention.



41/17 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were approved: -

PAYMENT(S)

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| Mrs T Drew | Parish Clerk - July 2017 Salary | £220.85 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £296.40 |
| Mr W Scarlett | Grass cutting at Battisborough Cross | £100.00 |

RECEIPT(S)

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Bank Interest (10/07/17) | £0.21 |
| Cllr D Knight - Reading Room income | £5.00 |
| Allotment rents | £51.25 |

GRANT

None

REQUEST(S)

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Treasurers Account | Balance as at 13 July 2017 | £13,028.34 |
| Business Account | Balance as at 10 July 2017 | £5,000 |

42/17 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Sherrell had circulated a letter sent to the South West Ambulance Service, Exeter and copied to the Council from parishioner Mr Phil Ward. The point of Mr Ward's letter was to enquire whether it would be possible to alter the satnav route used by SW emergency ambulances heading to the Holbeton Parish, to reduce their travel time. This would potentially benefit parishioner(s) if they require the services of an emergency ambulance. **ACTION - Clerk to write a letter to ambulance service supporting Mr Ward's comments.**

Cllr Baumer asked if Cllr R Hosking could be contacted to ask what mechanism the highways authority have to update the maps used by satnav companies to identify roads unsuitable for large vehicles or emergency vehicles. This was agreed. **ACTION - Clerk**

Quotes for the necessary repairs required at the play field were discussed, it was agreed to accept the quotes from Mr M Rawlings. Cllr Pengelly agreed to liaise with Mr Rawlings. **ACTION: Cllr Pengelly**

43/17 OPEN FORUM

Cllr Sherrell - suggested placing Sandi Marshall's correspondence in connection with SHDC policy on supporting parishes that wish to prohibit the sale of new homes as second homes on September's 2017 agenda. This was agreed. **ACTION: Clerk.**

Cllr Knight - continuing issues with the cat excrement in the patio area at the Reading Room, various ideas were discussed including an idea from a parishioner who suggested laying astro turf in the area. It was agreed an idea put forward by Cllr Reece would be pursued. **ACTION: Cllr Reece**

Cllr Baumer - dog bins and litter bins at Mothecombe are not of adequate size. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Tom Pollard and copy correspondence to Cllrs Baldry and Blackler.**

Cllr Hearn - dementia walking group to commence 5 September 2017 at 10.30 am, Wembury and every Wednesday thereafter.

44/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 12 September 2017** at **7.30 pm** in the **Reading Rooms, Holbeton.**

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed: 
(Holbeton Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 12 September 2017

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

