

MINUTES OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30 PM IN HOLBETON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs John Sherrell (Chairman), Mike Reece, Trudie Timlin Brown, Nirosha Gunatillake, Julie Fuller, Harry Baumer, Jim Melhuish and Carol Ackroyd

County and District Councillor Daniel Thomas
Teresa Drew - Clerk

Visitor(s)/Parishioner(s) present: 0

The Chair announced that Cllr Hollett had handed in his resignation with immediate effect. Councillors formally accepted the resignation and thanked Cllr Hollett for his commitment and support to the Parish Council over the past few years.

182/21 NEW COUNCILLOR TO SIGN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE FORM

Cllr Jim Melhuish signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

183/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from District Councillor Keith Baldry and Cllr Flower.

184/21 REPORTS

(a) Question(s) from members of the public and Councillors

None.

(b) County and District Councillor Dan Thomas report:

1. Devon County Council's new Strategic Plan has been published. The heads are as follows:

- Respond to the climate emergency
- Be ambitious for children / young people
- Support sustainable economic recovery
- Tackle poverty and inequality
- Improve health and wellbeing
- Help communities to be safe, connected and resilient.

You can read the whole document at www.devon.gov.uk/strategic-plan

2. The Newton Abbot 20mph trial

You will recall from my report last month that the people of Newton Abbot voted against having a year-long 20mph zone in their town. The decision from County Hall has been that no new 20mph zones would be considered until successful completion and reporting / analysis had taken place. Now, we revert to the previous position, where standard county policy applies. It is Nick Colton's view that Ugborough meets all of the necessary criteria with the exception of collisions / casualty data. As such, Ugborough is now officially on the list for consideration.

In real terms, while this is good news for all, I cannot promise that it means anything will happen immediately. Projects will be weighted and prioritised. Cabinet have proposed setting aside a sum of £100k to deal with the financials around applications but clearly, in a county the size of ours, this will not be enough.

3. Covid Boosters

Advice from County Hall is to spread the message that anyone who had covid in December - and is yet to have one - should now book a booster. The recommendation is to wait 28 days after an infection and this time will now have passed. Home Park Stadium continues to offer drop-in sessions.

(b) County and District Councillor Dan Thomas report: (continued)

4. Budget 22/23

This month, we will be having the budget setting meeting. You will not be surprised to hear that it will be a very challenging balancing act. For the avoidance of doubt, this isn't a political point. All Local Authorities are struggling to deliver the full gambit of services with the money received from central Government. I will brief you in full in my March report.

5. Locality Budget

I still have some remaining localities money. If you have any projects in mind, the deadline for applications this Financial year is March 11th.

District Councillor Keith Baldry emailed the following report:

I fully expect that as promised, the garden waste service will return in the Spring. The contractor is saying that it will start again in March or 1st week April 2022 at the latest.

185/21 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

None.

186/21 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

138/21 Holbeton Reading Rooms walls need waterproofing and repointing in the cupboard. There is also a lot of remedial work required also the heating boiler water pressure drops after the heating has been used, which needs to be rectified. ACTION: Cllr Reece

138/21 A379 to Bull and Bear, the road surface is deteriorating. On the crest of the hill, vehicles are encroaching into the bank, bollards required. Cllr Thomas confirmed that DCC Highways will find it difficult to carry out any work in this financial year.

153/21 Play Park Report from Allianz - Allianz Engineering Inspection. An email has been received in connection with a company to provide a quote, stating they are busy and will contact Cllr Sherrell within two weeks. ACTION: Cllr Sherrell

154/21 Flooding at Bull and Bear - Nick Colton is assessing the situation. ACTION: Cllr Thomas/ Nick Colton DCC Highways

179/21 Highway under the bridge near Mothecombe is in a very poor condition. Cllr Timlin Brown will report the issues, in order for Cllr Thomas to liaise with DCC Highways. ACTION: Cllrs Timlin Brown / Thomas

187/21 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Parish Council Meeting minutes of 11 January 2022 (as previously circulated). The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

188/21 EXTENSION TO THE 30MPH SPEED LIMIT AT BATTISBOROUGH CROSS - Cllr Gunatillake

Cllr Thomas explained that the National Regulations do not make it easy to move speed limits. Cllr Ackroyd pointed out, that any movement of speed limits must be in consultation with parishioners. RESOLVED Cllr Gunatillake will recirculate the speed limit information that was prepared by Andrew Hollett. ACTION: Cllr Gunatillake

189/21 HOLBETON VILLAGE HALL, INTERNET ACCESS - Cllr Ackroyd

Cllr Ackroyd reported that the Holbeton Village Hall does not have the funding to install internet access for hall users. RESOLVED Cllr Ackroyd will explore the internet access for the village hall in more detail. ACTION: Cllr Ackroyd

190/21 PLANNING

Reference: 4671/21/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for proposed external store and wetsuit drying/shower room additions, replacement garage door, and new first floor window and balustrade guarding (Resubmission of 3200/20/HHO)

Site Address: Woods Cottage, Battisborough Cross, PL8 1JQ

Recommendation: No comments to make.

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3988/21/HHO Holbeton

DECISION: Refusal

APPLICATION NUMBER: 3989/21/LBC Holbeton

DECISION: Refusal

191/21 HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL - PLANNING POLICY

RESOLVED Cllr Baumer will prepare a draft policy which will be circulated prior to the next meeting. Councillors to submit ideas they would like included within the policy. **ACTION: Cllr Baumer**

192/21 PLANNING APPLICATION 3335/21/FUL

Discussion ensued on the planning application and it was RESOLVED to object to the planning application with the following concerns:

- There will be an increase in traffic including to Mothecombe beach
- Increased pressure on the infrastructure in Yealmpton
- It sets a precedent of developing green field site in an AONB
- Increase demand on the sewage works
- Sherford was being built to take the pressures of local villages

193/21 PURCHASE OF NOTICEBOARD AT BATTISBOROUGH CROSS

Waiting for the wall of the property to be repointed where the noticeboard will be placed. Once this work has been completed a notice board will be purchased.

194/21 YOUTH CLUB - Cllr Gunatillake/Baumer

The provision of the Youth Club was discussed, RESOLVED Cllr Gunatillake to research what is required to run a Youth Club in the village and will place an article in the Holbeton News. **ACTION: Cllr Gunatillake**

RESOLVED to replace the two goal posts, which was raised during the meeting in December. **ACTION: Cllr Sherrell**

195/21 HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE FROM CLLR BAUMER

The Holbeton Parish Council Climate Change subcommittee held its most recent meeting on Tuesday the 1st February in Holbeton Village Hall. The minutes of the December meeting were approved and are attached with this briefing.

- **The parish wide LED survey.** The cheapest way of buying lights is to use the internet, and it is not possible to get significant reductions on internet prices. Cllr Hollett is planning to provide information for those wishing to buy LED bulbs. This will include information on the websites selling LED bulbs and on the features of the lights to look for, including brightness and colour. **RESOLVED to approve this way forward.**

- **The River Erme sewage pollution.** John Mildmay-White has received a spreadsheet with the results of bacteriological tests on samples from the various tributaries of the Erme undertaken by South West Water.

SWW intend to produce a formal interpretation of the results plus some additional analysis of the sources of the bacteria (human/cow/sheep etc) but this will not be until the last quarter of 2022. It is not clear how effectively SWW will be able to distinguish between human and farm animal sources. It is however clear that there are significant numbers of different species of bacteria emanating from Erme tributaries that are not due to South West Water's treatment plant serving Holbeton village.

There have been no recent further communications from Sir Gary Streeter.

- **EV Chargers for the village.** I have been looking at the feasibility and desirability of raising funds for the parish council to install one or two public EV charging points adjacent to the village hall and in the pub car park.

Following a telephone conversation in December with Richard Drew, Regional Account Manager of the Energy Saving Trust I can report the following.

It is likely that the costs of installing a public charging point, which comprises the actual cost of the equipment plus the installation costs, would run into at least several thousand pounds. That would probably be achievable through grants, but only if the charge point could be sited on public land. Whilst that would cover the village hall car park, it would rule out an installation in, for example, the Mildmay Colours car park.

There is a significant ongoing cost for a public charge point. That would include managing the payment system, servicing and maintaining the charge point, and insurance. This latter would be likely to be £1,000 or more per annum. The other ongoing costs are likely to be of the order of hundreds of pounds.

These running costs would be offset by income from payments to use the charger. Typically, public charge points cost the consumer around double that of domestic electricity. It has to be acknowledged that Holbeton is a small village, located away from 'passing trade'. As such, it seems unlikely that the parish council would get enough income to cover costs. It also makes it unlikely to be able to attract a company that provides public EV charge points to install and maintain one in Holbeton village.

Given the continuing switch to electric vehicles, presumably there will come a time when it is financially feasible for villages such as Holbeton to have public charge points.

The climate change subcommittee is reluctantly proposing not to take the quest for a public EV charging point in Holbeton village further forward at this time. It seems worth asking the parish council's insurers for their likely charges to the parish council for a public charging point owned and maintained by HPC in order to confirm the view expressed by Richard Drew. **RESOLVED the parish council supports these 2 proposals. RESOLVED the clerk to send details of the insurance company to Cllr Baumer. ACTION: Clerk**

It should be remembered that parish councils have a role in assisting anyone wishing to have an electric car but with no off road parking to get a private charging point on the road. This would require a traffic order as well as the placement of a suitable charger. So far there has not been any such approach to the parish council.

- **A possible "green" fair.** The subcommittee considered that an event such as this, which has been successful elsewhere in the South Hams, is worth pursuing. In the first instance this has been suggested to the Yealm Climate Emergency and Environment Alliance, which could result in a larger and more successful event.

The next meeting of the Holbeton Parish Council Climate Change subcommittee will be on Tuesday the 1st March 2022.

196/21 FINANCE

RESOLVED to approve the following:

(i) Bank balances - Business Account as at 10 January 2022 = £5,000.00
Treasurers Account as at 13 January 2022 = £29,074.73

(ii) Banked receipt - Bank Interest (10.01.2022) = £0.04
Hire of Reading Rooms = £161.00

(iii) Grant Requests

- Project to tidy up / paint inside the phone box at Battisborough Cross - RESOLVED to place on March 2022 agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee has been set up with the main objective being to celebrate HM the Queen's jubilee. Events will hopefully follow similar lines to those of 2012. The committee have started to raise funds as it is hoped that events will be free. In 2012 the PC kindly made a financial donation and the committee would like to make a formal request to the PC for a grant towards events this year - RESOLVED to grant a maximum £500.00 on the receipt of invoices. A representative of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee to be asked to attend the March 2022 Parish Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

(iv) RESOLVED to make the following payments: -

Payee	Description	Gross	VAT	Net
Mrs T Drew	Clerk - January 2022 Salary and backdated pay increase to 1 June 2021	£629.40	-	-
HMRC	Clerk - January 2022	£60.00	-	-
Mrs M Venton	Cleaning of Holbeton Public Toilets - January 2022	£67.50	-	-
Heritage Preservation	Inspection of Reading Rooms	£108.00	£18.00	£90.00
Holbeton Village Hall Fund	Hire of main hall for PC meeting 11 January 2022	£24.00	-	-
J.C. Garden Services	Strimming of bike ramps 09/09/2021 and play park 27/11/2021	£150.00	-	-

(v) RESOLVED to approve the Financial Statement and Earmarked Reserves.

Financial Statement				
Lloyds Bank Business Account bank statement as at 10 January 2022 :	£5,000.00			
Lloyds bank Treasurers Account bank statement as at 13 January 2022:	£29,074.73			
	Total =	£34,074.73		
Less: any un-presented cheques	001561	-£67.50		
	001563	-£13.20		
	001564	-£105.00		
Plus: any un-banked cash/cheques		£161.00		
	Total Funds =	£34,050.03		
PRECEPT 2021/2022 = £14,375				
PRECEPT 2022/2023 = £15,381				
Total uncommitted funds =	£34,050.03	Minus earmarked reserve	£34,400 =	-£349.97

(vi) Parish Councillors reviewed the expenditure/income to date - no comments.

(vii) Action point raised at internal audit 2020/2021: RESOLVED the Clerk will sign the Parish Clerk Contract of Employment. **ACTION: Clerk**

197/21 HOLBETON PUBLIC TOILETS

- Transfer of building to the Parish Council - waiting for a response from SHDC re. Western Power and the responsibility for the electricity supply.

The Water meter has been read. The previous invoice from SHDC will be cancelled and the costs for water will be as follows:

07/02/20 to 11/05/20 - Water £23.03 Sewerage £34.48

12/05/20 to 14/08/20 - Water £27.04, Sewerage £41.47

15/08/20 to 30/11/20 - Water £28.84, Sewerage £44.02

01/12/20 to 05/02/21 - Water £21.16, Sewerage £32.70

Total - £252.74. RESOLVED to pay on receipt of invoice. **ACTION: Clerk**

A further invoice will therefore be raised for £252.74 for 2020/21

- Agree employment of Marion Venton to clean and look after Holbeton Public Toilets and agree Contract of Employment/Job Description/Job Risk Assessment and Parish Council point of Contact for The Pensions Regulator.
ACTION: Cllr Flower

RESOLVED to place on the agenda for March 2022 meeting as Cllr Flower not present. **ACTION: Clerk**

198/21 FEEDBACK FROM WEEKLY BIKE TRACK AND PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS INSPECTIONS - Cllrs Reece/Sherrell

No issues raised, but the signs need to be replaced. **ACTION: Cllr Sherrell**

199/21 PARISH LENGTHSMAN

RESOLVED Cllr Sherrell will meet with Tony Henderson. **ACTION: Cllr Sherrell**

200/21 REVIEW OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE AND ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES

Two quotes have been received, by companies known to the Clerk:

Quote 1, new website design, development and testing £2,500.

Quote 2, new website approx. £950, to maintain monthly £40 a month. Backup of website once every two months included in the £40.

RESOLVED to accept Quote 2. **ACTION: Clerk**

201/21 GRANTS FROM YEALM COMMUNITY ENERGY - Cllr Hollett

No discussion took place due to the resignation of Cllr Hollett.

203/21 VACANT ALLOTMENT - PLOT 7 W.E.F END OF FEBRUARY 2022

RESOLVED the next parishioner on the waiting list for an allotment, will be sent the allotment agreement.
ACTION: Clerk

RESOLVED the Editor of the Holbeton News to be asked to include the following in the next publication - parishioners who would be interested in future vacant allotments, please contact the Parish Clerk - 01752 893691, holbetonparishclerk@gmail.com. **ACTION: Clerk**

204/21 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Sherrell - along the coast path from near the tea house at Mothecombe there is human faeces. Signage suggested, informing users of the beach where public toilets are located.

205/21 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

- edf = credit note £26.82
- HGV damage to a lane near Alston - RESOLVED Cllr Thomas to liaise with Nick Colton DCC, Highways. **ACTION: Cllr Thomas**

206/21 TO CONFIRM DATES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was RESOLVED the next parish council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 8 March 2022** in Holbeton Village Hall at **7.30 pm**.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

John Sherrell

(Holbeton Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 8 March 2022

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

Dementia Friendly Parishes Around The Yealm



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

To report highway issues - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Devon County Council road works completed, current & future works - <https://apps1.wdm.co.uk/Live/Devon/PBLC/PIP/Map.aspx?cg=sws>

SHDC website: - <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit> - click on what you would like to report, from the drop-down menu.