

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Zoom on 6th October 2020

Attendees - Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Andrew Hollett (Councillor), Chris Flower (Councillor), Anna West, Jan Sellick, Caroline Howarth (Parishioners), Chris Rickard (Head of Holbeton School).

Harry Baumer welcomed Chris Rickard to the meeting.

1. **Apologies** were received from John Sherrell (no internet available) and John Mildmay-White (who will not sit on the committee or attend meetings but wishes to receive minutes).
2. **Minutes of 2nd September 2020.** The Minutes were accepted as correct.
3. **Matters Arising.**
 - a) **Holbeton School-** Chris Rickard attended the meeting. He expressed a desire to work with the local community looking at the impact of climate change. Ideas were shared and Chris expressed the desire to use the curriculum to explore climate change and environmental issues and to involve the children in community initiatives. Chris reported that the school is in the process of converting to LED but that there is a matter of cost. Harry Baumer informed the meeting that Yealm Community Energy have £1K from the Creacombe solar farm section 106 agreement to share between the 3 schools of Yealmpton, Newton Ferrers, and Holbeton.
 - b) **Parish Council Environmental Policy** - Harry Baumer reported zero feedback from the Parish Council.
 - c) **Low energy lighting in parish council premises** - Andrew Hollett has surveyed the Reading Rooms and has a plan of action for the public lavatories. Andrew reported that the Village Hall now has a low energy light in the entrance porch. Andrew will present his findings at the next Parish Council meeting.
 - d) **Low energy street lighting-** Andrew Hollett reported that there is a Devon County Plan for street lighting. Currently there is a mixture of high pressure and low pressure sodium lamps. The plan is to replace them with low energy bulbs as they fail. There are currently no LED street lights in Holbeton. Andrew reported that there are no directives about how long street lights should be on for. There are ambient light detectors on top of the street lights which control the timing. Plymouth City Council have fitted dimmers on street lights. It was agreed that this issue merits discussion with the parish community.
 - e) **Parish wide survey of home and business lighting-** Andrew Hollett is going to look at the survey form again and then submit it to the Parish Council for approval. Chris Rickard asked whether the children at the school could be involved in the Parish survey?
 - f) **Holbeton News update and "tip of the month"** - The meeting thanked Anna West for submitting a great piece to the Holbeton News last month. Caroline Howarth has agreed to submit a piece next month which will look at environmentally friendly washing products (dishes and clothing). Jan Sellick has agreed to do a piece for the December Holbeton News.
 - g) **Comments on Holbeton Parish Council Climate Emergency webpage.** There were no adverse comments and the meeting congratulated Lance Howarth for his work in creating it.
4. **Possible funding to support the Environmental Action Plan-** Harry Baumer reported that Yealm Community Energy currently holds £3650 Section 106 money for each of the 3 parishes of Newton & Noss, Yealmpton and Holbeton. They have argued that the benefit of them holding it on our behalf would help enable them to obtain funding from other organisations. The meeting were unanimous that Holbeton Parish Council should request they receive the money in order to support the Parish environmental agenda.
5. **Parishioners forum to provide suggestions and advice to the climate change subcommittee** Anna West reported that she is currently talking to interested parties i.e. those people who had put their names forward as interested at the Open Meeting. It was agreed that we should invite interested parties to a subcommittee meeting to talk about their ideas. Anna talked about an initiative in Plymouth called Rebel Botanist which identifies and labels plants and trees in hedgerows in order to educate people. Chris Rickard was keen to perhaps develop some of these initiatives with

the pupils. **Action** Anna West to send a web link about the Rebel Botanist initiative along with other ideas that have been suggested.

6. **Possible electric car charger in village hall car park-** Andrew Hollett reported that the Village Hall Trustees supported the idea in principle. Harry Baumer raised the issue of a shared electric car scheme which exists in some towns and villages.

7. **Any other business.**

- i) Caroline Howarth reported that Lance has suggested that we put 12 top tips on the Holbeton Parish Emergency webpage which are taken from the top tips we put in the Holbeton News. It was agreed that this would be a good idea.
- ii) Andrew Hollett suggested sponsoring a future edition of The Holbeton News and to use it to inform parishioners about what is happening re climate change.

Date of next meeting , 3rd November 2020 7.30pm