

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## Held via Zoom on 5th January 2021

### Present

**Members:** Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris Flower (Councillor), Andrew Hollett (Councillor), Anna West, Jan Sellick, Caroline Howarth (Parishioners)

**Guests** - Tracy Ebbrell, Lance Howarth (parishioner), Gilly and Chris Bray (Parishioners),

1. **Welcome** Harry Baumer welcomed Tracy Ebbrell to the meeting and advised her that her application to join the sub-committee would be going to the Parish Council next week for ratification. Chris and Gilly Bray were welcomed as interested Parishioners, and also Lance Howarth was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the village Climate Emergency web page.

**Apologies** John Sherrell.

2. **Minutes of 1st December 2020.** The Minutes were accepted as correct.

### 3. Matters Arising

- a) **Devon Climate Emergency zero carbon plan consultation** HB stated that this ambitious plan for the whole of Devon is likely to be very expensive. We need to feed back to DCC an estimate of how much all the things they mention are going to cost. This then needs to go to central government as the amount of money on offer from them is very small. Circulated comments accepted. **Action: HB** to propose these at HPC's meeting next week to represent Holbeton Parish Council's views.
- b) **South Hams District Council Housing Strategy.** HB stated that there is a need to prioritise initiatives that put energy conservation before other things. AH suggested we should combine with other Parish Councils to ensure our voices are heard.
- c) **Books on climate and environmental issues for the Reading Rooms** HB reported that we now have a metal cabinet on wheels to store the books. The Parish Clerk is chasing up the money from COPE to pay for the cabinet.
- d) **Parish wide survey of home and business lighting draft formats.** HB thanked Chris and Gilly for taking the draft survey and formatting it into a user friendly document. AH reported that the DOE has a scheme for replacing light bulbs in schools and Samsung has an initiative for replacing Village Hall lights. B&Q has a community fund for applying to for initiatives such as light bulbs.
- e) **Holbeton News update and "tips of the month".** Gillian Banner has submitted a piece on "mending" for the February Holbeton News. The meeting enthusiastically agreed that it should be submitted. **Action: HB**
- f) **Funding to support the Environmental Action Plan and criteria for spending decisions.** Parish Clerk has attempted to make contact with CORE, so far without success. TE will assist. **Action: TE**
- g) **Briefing on Yealm Community Energy.** It was agreed that YCE's stand alone presentation evening could perhaps be combined with South Dartmoor Community Energy. **Action TE** to arrange for the YCE event towards the end of March.
- h) **New wildflower area proposal by the Reading Rooms.** DB reported that a plan of action has been sent by HB to Anthony MW for approval. Funding is still awaited from YCE. AH suggested we change the site for the notice board. Possibly in front of the shop or by or even incorporated within the parish council notice board. **Action: JS** to approach Jack in the shop with a view to putting the notice board in front of the shop.
- i) **Parish Carbon Footprint** HB and JMW are attending a Webinar next week, hosted by Exeter University.

### 4. Other Matters

- a) **Climate Emergency web page maintenance.** Lance Howarth attended to discuss the webpage which he maintains on behalf of the Parish Council. He remains happy to do the "techy stuff" but stated he did not want to decide the content of the website. It was generally felt that the website is currently a mish mash with no overall vision. Added to which it is not very user friendly.

AH felt that a Facebook page would be better. AW stated that she had met with Hannah Moss who has recently moved to Ford and she was keen to set up a Facebook page. It was suggested that the website could be signposted on

Facebook, so the Facebook page could hold new bits of information and the website more substantial information.

**Action TE & AH** to meet with Hannah Moss & Lance Howarth to take this forward.

- b) **South Dartmoor Community Energy** SDCE have said they are willing to give advice to parishioners about choosing low energy bulbs and other energy saving initiatives. **Action: HB** to invite SDCE to the next meeting.

5. **AOB** Chris Bray requested an update on farming and agriculture in the parish. There are also concerns about heavy farm machinery damaging the banks in the lanes. **Action** To be on the Agenda for future meeting.

6. **Date of next meeting, Tuesday 2nd February 2021, 7.30pm**