

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 6th July 2021

Present

Members: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Jan Sellick, Anna West, Chris Flower (Councillor)

Also present: Chris and Gilly Bray, (Parishioners)

1. **Welcome & Apologies** - Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting, which with 5 committee members present was quorate. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Tracy Ebbrell, Anna West, Caroline Howarth Andrew Hollett, and Nirosha Gunatillake
2. **Minutes of the 1st June 2021** were accepted as correct.
3. **Matters arising**
 - a) **Survey of LED lighting.** HB had prepared written information in preparation for the LED survey in the Autumn. HB reported that there are 308 properties in the Parish (excluding Flete House). This is more than originally estimated so will need extra funding for an additional 100 leaflets. We need to know what provider people have. **Actions:** HB to discuss funding at PC meeting next week. HB to prepare an information sheet for the public.
 - b) **River Erme water quality.** A letter has been drafted by HB for parishioners to sign. He will take the signed letter to the Parish Council meeting next week. He has also written to the Local Authority and our MP **Action:** CB to make a poster encouraging parishioners to sign the letter in the shop.
 - c) **August/September Holbeton News "tip of the month".** Liz Hitchins (Brixton PC) has written a piece about what we should and should not put down the loo. **Actions:** GB to adapt this for August's Holbeton News. CB to do a piece on packaging for September's Holbeton News.
 - d) **August's Book of the Month for Holbeton News.** The Garden Jungle. **Action:** HB to include a synopsis.
 - e) **HPC Climate Emergency webpage and Facebook page.** HB reported that the PC webpage was not currently fully up to date. **Action:** HB
 - f) **Farm Carbon Audits to support local agriculture.** The parish council has approved a sum of £750 to get the audit started. This will come out of the money held for the subcommittee.
 - g) **Wild Flower Noticeboard.** It was agreed that the board should be updated with information about what flowers are out. **Action:** DB to record this on the chalk board below the main noticeboard.
4. **Other Matters**
 - a) **Proposed changes to the allotment holders' contract.** The proposed changes were agreed. This will be considered by the parish council. **Action:** HB to submit to HPC.
 - b) **Annual review of Holbeton Parish Council's Environmental Action Plan.** Proposed additions include monitoring and promoting the health of the River Erme; adding "lobby on their behalf" to action 2; and encouraging biodiversity within the parish. Approved. **Action:** HB to submit to HPC.
 - c) **AONB proposal for "Life on the edge" project.** Dominic Acland is leading this project which will involve our 3 local estates: Flete, Carswell and Gnaton. An application for £2.5 million of funding (including lottery funding) has been made to in order to make changes along the South Devon coast to enhance and protect wildlife habitats. Agreed to support involvement in this project. **Action:** HB to submit to HPC.
 - d) **Sustainable South Hams** This organisation is open to all parishes in the South Hams. This is intended to provide a powerful force for lobbying on environmental issues. Currently about 50% of parishes are involved. HB has attended one meeting.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 3rd August 2021, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall