

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 1st June 2021

### Present

Members: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Nirosha Gunatillake (Councillor), Anna West (Parishioner).

**Also present:** Chris and Gilly Bray, Simon Martin (Parishioners)

1. **Welcome & Apologies** - Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting, which with 4 committee members present was quorate. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Tracy Ebbrell, Chris Flower, Jan Sellick, Caroline Howarth and Andrew Hollett
2. **Minutes of the 4th May 2021** were accepted as correct.
3. **Matters arising**
  - a) **June and July's Holbeton News "Tips of the month"**. The June tip of the month was cut down by the Holbeton News editorial and ended up being just a series of bullet points. Action: Lance Howarth to put the unabridged text onto the Parish Council website. **Action: CH** to produce 2 more articles on "washing clothes" for subsequent editions of the Holbeton News.
  - b) **Wildflower Area Noticeboard**. The noticeboard is now in situ. **Action: NG** to inform the school.
  - c) **HPC Climate Emergency webpage and Facebook page**. HB has sent a lot of information to put onto the website. Lance reported that he has had some difficulties with the webpage.
  - d) **Farm carbon audits to support local agriculture** HB has consulted with Becky Willson about undertaking an audit with some of the local farmers. It is hoped that some of them will be willing to undertake a carbon audit. It was agreed that we should recommend £750 to get this project off the ground. **Action: HB**
  - e) **Identifying the locations of early purple orchids within the parish** HB circulated a report to the meeting and will copy in the other Parish Councillors and DCC. **Action: HB**
  - f) **Financial support for Holbeton public toilets eco paper**. The parish council has agreed to HPC Climate Change subcommittee fund this through s106 money.
  - g) **River Erme water quality**. HB circulated a paper about this matter which was discussed at the meeting. It was agreed that recommendations to HPC as to how best to proceed should include discussion with District Councillors; collaborating with other parishes on the River Erme; joining forces with the River Yealm water quality group; how best to inform parishioners about what is happening. Ultimately it would appear that the most effective course of action could be legal action. **Action: HB**
  - h) **Proposed survey of LED lights: printing of survey leaflets**. Chris Bray has had a quote of £69 to print 200 leaflets. It was agreed to discuss details of how to distribute survey leaflets at the next meeting. **Action HB** to recommend to HPC the final wording and the necessary expenditure.
4. **Other Matters**
  - a) **Communication with Co Cars Ltd** A briefing note was circulated prior to the meeting. The scheme does not seem feasible in Holbeton but Co Cars is currently a survey of local parishes to ascertain what interest there might be.
  - b) **Support for Holbeton Village Hall to install a mobile signal booster**. The hall currently has a weak signal for mobile reception. A booster would cost just £300 to install under a govt initiative scheme enacted by DCC, but the booster chosen is not ideal for G4.
  - c) **Grant Impact Report proforma** AH has prepared a proforma to be completed by successful funding applicants in order to measure the success of funded projects. It was approved by the meeting.
5. **AOB**

**Book of the Month** Agreed "English Pastoral" by James Rebank. **Action: HB** to include in the Holbeton News briefing. Also agreed we ask Mildmay Colours whether they would hold the books in the pub. **Action: HB** to ask CH to approach Mildmay Colours
6. **Date of next meeting, Tuesday 6th July 2021, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall**