

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 1st February 2022

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Nirosha Gunatillake (Councillor), Andrew Hollett (Councillor), Chris Flower (Councillor), Tracy Ebbrell (Parishioner)

Also present: Chris and Gilly Bray, Clare Hollett (Parishioners)

1. Welcome & Apologies Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Anna West, and Caroline Howarth

2. Draft Minutes of the 7th December 2021. Accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising

- a) **Bulk purchase of LED lights** AH has explored this and concluded that there is no saving to be made by bulk buying from a local supplier. Buying LED bulbs online is cheaper. **Action: AH** to provide a proposal.
- b) **River Erme water quality test results.** HB circulated the results, which he had obtained from John Mildmay-White prior to the meeting. The data does not allow SWW to distinguish whether bacteria found in the water comes from human or animal excrement. Septic tanks and agriculture are sources of pollution as well as treatment plants. **Action: HB** to discuss result findings with John MW.
- c) **Holbeton News "tips of the month"** JS wrote last month's tip on sustainable hairdressing. AW previously agreed to ask Gillian Banner to write a piece on "sustainable travel". **Action: HB** to chase it up with AW.
- d) **March "book of the month".** Nothing was suggested. February's book was Entangled Life which HB bought and will donate to the book library. Rick and Nicky have agreed to let us display books in the pub for people to borrow. AH to finalise arrangements with Nicky at the pub.
- e) **Cross Park plant survey and verge trimming.** There still has been no response to date from the DCC ecologist Tom Whitlock. HB has contacted Dan Thomas in his capacity as a Devon County Councillor and awaits a response.
- f) **Street Lighting on Vicarage Hill** AH reported that Tony Callcutt is going to request a cover for the street light outside their house. **Action AH** to discuss the matter with Tony Callcutt.
- g) **EV Electric Car Charger for Holbeton** HB reported that he had spoken to Richard Drew from the Energy Saving Trust. It would appear that there would be significant on costs (servicing, maintenance, and insurance) associated with the installation of an EV charger in the village which would pose a financial risk for the Parish Council. **Action HB** to take back to the next Parish Council meeting.
- h) **Carbon Audit for Parish Farmers.** The person HB contacted initially about this has not responded. Action HB to ask John Sherrell to chase this up.
- i) **Review of expenditure 2021.** HB provided a written report of Annual expenditure for 2021. He stated that invoice for providing LED light bulbs in the church had now been paid.

4. Other Matters

- a) **Net Zero Future Visions Workshop.** Clare Hollett attended the Zoom workshop facilitated by Emma Whittaker and David Sergeant from the Sustainability Hub at Plymouth University. The project appears to be quite well funded. They see themselves as a support hub for local communities. A follow up meeting is planned for the 21st February. It was felt we need to be represented again at the meeting to gain support for any initiatives (see below) we may have.
- b) Proposal for a Green Fair - put forward by Chris Bray (see accompanying proposal with agenda) This was discussed and it was agreed that a 5 parish Alliance initiative might be good to suggest taking this on. **Action HB** to discuss with Matt Chown to see whether the 5 Parish Alliance might be interested in the Green Fair idea. This could then be taken back to the next Zero Future Visions meeting as an idea.
- c) Flete Field Lab - a myco-restoration project undertaken in collaboration with the Flete Estate. HB and DB attended this workshop. There are a number of academics interested in the project.
- d) Exploring Holbeton's Habitats - Thursday 10th February. This evening of talks includes a presentation by Flete Field Lab.

5. Date of next meeting, Tuesday 1st March 2022, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall