

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 3rd August 2021

## Present

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

Also present: Chris and Gilly Bray, (Parishioners)

1. **Welcome & Apologies** - Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Tracy Ebbrell, and Nirosha Gunatillake
2. **Minutes of the 6th July 2021** were accepted as correct.
3. **Matters arising**
  - a) **Survey of LED lighting : draft information sheet to accompany survey leaflets** . The prepared information sheet on green energy suppliers to accompany the survey leaflet was approved. It was agreed at the last meeting to ask for volunteers to assist with the survey. Volunteers will need to be briefed so they are able to answer any questions they may be asked. **Action: Start date for the survey to be agreed at next month's meeting.**
  - b) **River Erme water quality** HB has attended two meetings of the River Yealm Water Quality Group, one with the Environment Agency present. Tony Hawkins and Peter Brown (Yealm River Quality Group) put together questions under the Freedom of Information Act to ask the Environment Agency. HB confirmed that Holbeton is not at that point yet but is currently engaged with local MP, Sir Gary Streeter, who has been in contact with the Environment Agency (EA) and South West Water (SWW). HB read out a letter that Gary Streeter had received from the EA which included the statement that SWW are legally obliged to manage the drainage requirements of new developments. John Mildmay-White has agreed with SWW that they can access Flete Estate land to test the coastal/river water on condition that he has copies of all tests. It was agreed that we should also monitor the water quality. This would cost £25 per year for the kit available from the Westcountry Rivers Trust (WRT), which would enable testing of the water at monthly intervals per site within the Parish. **Action: HB** to liaise with WRT to propose suitable sites for monthly testing, and to seek HPC approval for undertaking tests and funding test kits. **DB** to ask the school whether they would like to take part. **Chris Bray** to make up posters with information on water quality should pollution be discovered in the River Erme.
  - c) **September Holbeton News "tip of the month"** Chris Bray to do a piece on packaging and recycling for September's Holbeton News. HB suggested repairing things e.g. electrical goods, for the October "tip of the month". **Action: AH** to write a piece about repairing things.
  - d) September's Book of the Month for Holbeton News **to be decided by HB**. Agreed that JS could use Holbeton News to promote a sustainable economics book written by a friend.
  - e) **Wild Flower Noticeboard**. It was agreed that the board should be updated with information. **Action: JS** to take charge of the pens for the board (**DB** to advise as necessary).
  - f) **Proposed changes to the allotment holders' contract**. Had been approved and included in new contract.
  - g) **Changes to Holbeton Parish Council Environmental Action Plan**. Had been approved by HPC.

## 4. Other Matters

- a) **Cross Park plant survey** (see attached report) DB met with Andy Byfield to do the survey. Andy Byfield advised about the way forward re management of the field and triangle. DB wrote a report, copies of which have been sent to John Sherrell, John Mildmay-White and Tom Whitlock ACIEEM, Ecologist, Devon County Council.
- b) **SHDC's "Better Lives for All" consultation**. HB reported that the document painted a rosy picture and failed to mention any of the problems. There was no mention of Parish Councils and the questions asked were in closed question format leaving limited opportunity to comment. **Action: HB** to write a response for consideration by HPC.
- c) **SHDC's "How do you feel about re-wilding consultation"**. SHDC do not provide this service for the parish.
- d) **Peninsula Transport's "Shaping the Future of Transport across the South West" consultation**. There appears to be very little about cycling in this consultation. A proposed response will be considered by HPC.

e) **Proposed link to global warming explanation by Peter Coll** (contained in e-mail sent to committee) Agreed that as this was rather long winded and lacking in illustration we needed to find something that was better. **Action:** If anyone can find a better explanation for the climate emergency website please let HB know.

5. **Date of next meeting**, Tuesday 7th September 2021, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall