

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 7th December 2021

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

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

**1. Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Nirosha Gunatillake, Andrew Hollett, and Tracy Ebbrell

**2. Draft Minutes of the 2nd November 2021** Accepted as correct.

### 3. Matters arising

- a) **Preliminary results of survey of LED lights** There has been only around a 20% response to the survey and nobody has responded following a request in Holbeton News. **Action:** HB to seek an update from AH on any progress with his bulk buying of LED lights.
- b) **River Erme water quality** There was lengthy discussion about events to date. AW suggested having a mini sub group to pull together all the information we have and to publicise these to the village in order to keep parishioners in the loop. HB reported that he already attends and has links with the Yealm Water Quality Group and Surfers against Sewage. AW was keen we join forces with others. AW reported her intention to convene a group to pursue further actions on this issue, not in the name of the parish council. **Action:** HB to contact John MW about the results of the water testing that SWW has been doing.
- c) **Holbeton News "tip of the month"** It was agreed there should be no January tip of the month. AW mentioned sustainable food (foods supermarkets donate that have short expiry dates). AW also mentioned vegetarian food. Sustainable travel had previously been discussed. It was agreed that this should be the next "tip of the month" **Action:** AW to invite Gillian Banner to write about sustainable travel.
- d) **Book of the Month.** There is no book suggested for January. The location of the library of books was again discussed. The pub are happy for a selection of books to be kept at the pub for borrowing. **Action.** HB and CB to go and see Rick and Nicky about us providing a bookcase for the pub books.
- e) **Cross Park plant survey and verge trimming.** There still has been no response to date from the DCC ecologist Tom Whitlock. **Action:** HB to contact Dan Thomas in his capacity as a Devon County Councillor.
- f) **Street Lighting on Vicarage Hill** AH not present at the meeting to present an update. **Action:** HB to follow up.
- g) **EV Electric Car Charger for Holbeton** There is no further update. **Action:** HB to speak to Richard Drew, Regional Account Manager of the Energy Saving Trust next week on possible alternatives for the parish council to pursue this.

### 4. Other Matters

- a) **Carbon Audit for Parish Farmers.** HB reported that £673 had been put aside and was available for farmers in the parish to undertake farm audits. He had not heard anything back from Becky Willson, who had been keen to facilitate this.
- b) **Climate Change initiatives.** Parishioners should be encouraged to spend the S106 money on suitable projects. **Action:** NG to be asked to talk to the school about any ideas they may have.
- c) **JS reported on pollution in the Plymouth Sound for information** (written report attached to agenda)

**5. Date of next meeting,** Tuesday 4th January 2022, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall

**NB. THE JANUARY MEETING IS CANCELLED. FEBRUARY MEETING TUESDAY 1ST February, VENUE TO BE ADVISED.**