

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 1st March 2022

**Present:** Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Chris Flower (Councillor), Andrew Hollett, Jan Sellick, Anna West (Parishioners)

**Also present:** Clare Hollett (Parishioner)

1. **Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Diana Baumer, Tracey Ebbrell, Nirosha Gunatillake and Caroline Howarth. It was proposed to recommend to Holbeton Parish Council extending membership to 2 further parishioners, regular attenders.
2. **Draft Minutes of the 1st February 2022.** Accepted as correct.
3. **Matters arising**
  - a) **LED lights** AH proposed building a light box with examples of different LED light colours to inform those wishing to buy suitable lights. He will explore involvement of the village store. **Action:** AH to pursue these ideas.
  - b) **River Erme water quality test results.** HB reported that he has been approached with a request to fund an extended programme of water quality testing. He has made an application form available.
  - c) **Holbeton News "tips of the month"** There was no tip of the month in March. A number of suggestions including "sustainable travel" (probably not the right moment) were considered. A series of vegetarian meal suggestions using ingredients that are in season was suggested. **Actions:** AH agreed to write a tip of the month for May on low energy lights. HB to look for other possible topics.
  - d) **The environmental book library.** HB reported that he had agreed with CB to go ahead with suitable book plates for the library books. Rick and Nicky have concerns about housing the whole library in the Mildmay Colours. **Action:** AH to suggest to Nicky at the pub housing 2 to 4 books at a time .
  - e) **Cross Park plant survey and verge trimming.** There still has been no response to date from the DCC ecologist Tom Whitlock.
  - f) **Street Lighting on Vicarage Hill.** AH reported that Tony Callcutt is going to request a shade for the street light outside their house. As other residents also wish to have street light shading outside their houses in Ford and up Vicarage Hill it was agreed that this request should be passed via Cllr Dan Thomas in his role as County Councillor. **Action:** HB to raise the matter with Dan Thomas.
  - g) **EV Electric Car Charger for Holbeton** HB reported having looked at the possibility of approaching Charge My Street, a community benefit society which installs and operates community EV charge points, raising money through community shares. They would require evidence of support and need within the village. After discussion it was agreed that at the moment there is insufficient interest to justify it. Likewise this is too early to consider running a council owned charge point. **Action** HB to report this at the next Parish Council meeting.
  - h) **Carbon Audit for Parish Farmers.** John Sherrell has agreed to chase this up.
  - i) **Net Zero Future Visions Workshop.** Clare Hollett attended the second Zoom workshop facilitated by Emma Whittaker and David Sergeant from the Sustainability Hub at Plymouth University. It remains unclear exactly how the project will proceed. Clare reported having provided details of Holbeton's aspirations and focus. It was agreed to await further actions by the Net Zero Future Visions organisers.
  - j) **Proposal for a Green Fair.** HB reported having emailed Matt Chown to see whether the 5 Parish Alliance might be interested in the Green Fair idea. This had not led to any enthusiasm. **Action:** HB will again suggest the idea at a 5 Parish Alliance meeting.
4. **Other Matters**
  - a) Re-seeding of the wildflower area by the Reading Rooms. Di Baumer has bought a further seed mix to sow later this month, in order to encourage continuing biodiversity. **Action:** HB to recommend to the parish council paying the invoice (£28) for the seed mix.
  - b) Agreed to recommend to HPC following Dartington parish council's initiative asking DCC to divest itself of investment in fossil fuels in its pension fund. In view of recent events, also to divest itself of any Russian based investments. **Action:** HB
  - c) Agreed to recommend to HPC responding to the governments consultation supporting a ban on off road vehicles from all green lanes in AONB's.
5. **Date of next meeting, Tuesday 5th April 2022, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall**