

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 2nd November 2021

**Present:** Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Caroline Howarth, Tracy Ebbrell (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 & Anna West.

**2. Draft Minutes of the 5th October 2021** Accepted as correct.

### 3. Matters arising

- a) **Preliminary results of survey of LED lights** To date there have been 40 returns from the survey. The return by the Flete Estate covered multiple holiday cottages. It was felt that the number of returns was poor. Many of the forms returned indicated an interest in bulk buying to supply parishioners. Both cost and quality were considerations. **Action:** AH will explore bulk buying and respond to those who expressed an interest.
- b) **River Erme water quality** Sir Gary Streeter's vote on the Lords Amendment Bill was discussed. It was noted that a number of parishioners had emailed him to express their disappointment. Those doing so had received a standard response suggesting that the amendment would have been unaffordable for SWW customers. The basis for the cost in his response has been challenged. Gary Streeter has undertaken to meet with senior SWW and Environment Agency representatives to clarify their strategic plans.
- c) **December's Holbeton News "tip of the month"** It was agreed that JS's previous suggestion of an article on toxic substances used in household goods should be the topic for next month. **Action:** DB to write a piece for the Holbeton News.
- d) **December's Book of the Month.** CH suggested that "The Hidden Life of Trees" should be the book for December. There was discussion about how many books were being borrowed on a Monday when the library was open in the Reading Rooms. It was suggested that maybe some books should be displayed in the pub to encourage people to look at them and borrow. **Actions:** HB to ask Sue Price about how many of the books have been borrowed from the library. CH to ask the pub about holding books there for borrowing.
- e) **Cross Park plant survey and verge trimming.** HB and Councillor Dan Thomas have both tried to contact DCC ecologist Tom Whitlock. There has been no response to date. **Action:** HB will pursue the matter.
- f) **Street Lighting on Vicarage Hill** A letter from Becca Ward from Devon Highways was read out to the meeting. The response indicated that nothing could be done at present. **Action:** AH to follow up.
- g) **EV Electric Car Charger for Holbeton** The meeting considered the written response of John Sherrell on behalf of the Parish Council to Sir Gary Streeter. HB reported on his zoom meeting with Rebecca Smith - a Plymouth Councillor assisting Gary Streeter's Parliamentary Office, about electric car chargers. It was felt that rather than trying to persuade a company to install a charger in the pub or village hall car park, we as a community should buy one and install it in a car park in the community that is accessible 24 hours, and then share the proceeds raised. TE suggested this could be suitable for YCE community grant money available next year. There was also discussion about electric car charging points as part of the Church Hill development and who would manage these. **Action:** HB to ask the Parish Council whether to ask Gary Streeter to write a letter of support for installing EV charging point infrastructure in the public car park spaces.

### 4. Other Matters

There was no other business.

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