

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held via Zoom on 4th May 2021

Present

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

Guest: Lance Howarth (Parishioner)

1. **Welcome & Apologies** - Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Tracy Ebrell, and Nirosha Gunatillake
2. **Minutes of the 6th April 2021** were accepted as correct.
3. **Matters arising**
 - a) **June Holbeton News "Tip of the month"**. There was discussion about what was lined up. AW said Gillian Banner was willing to do one on travel. It was agreed this should be saved until travel restrictions become easier. JS suggested "Water saving tips". HB suggested laundry products following on from the previous tip of the month about washing up. It was agreed this should be the June "tip of the month" **Action: The committee** to send HB any ideas.
 - b) **Wildflower Area**. The area was watered last week by the wildflower group. Green shoots are beginning to appear. **Action: The wildflower group** to monitor the area and remove any large perennial weeds if noticed.
 - c) **The Noticeboard for the Wildflower area**. The noticeboard text and illustrations are complete and will be scrutinised by the PC tomorrow at their monthly meeting.
 - d) **HPC Climate Emergency webpage and Facebook page**. AH has met with Lance Howarth to discuss. It was thought best that there should be just a summary placed on Facebook with a link to the web page. It would need to be decided what articles should go onto the web page and then someone would need to produce a summary of this information to go onto Facebook. Lance reported that he had been receiving a lot of information but he was now only putting things onto the website if Teresa Drew, the Parish Clerk, asked him to. Lance explained that he takes word documents and publishes them on the website in pdf form. JB suggested that he should take on the role of acting as the filter of information and to decide what Lance should publish on the website. HB felt that the Climate Change Action Plan should have prominence on the website. **Action HB** to write the summative text of the Action Plan. **Lance Howarth** to decide where to put it on the website.
 - e) **Bird boxes** HB reported that 46 bird boxes have been put up by Joe Clarke and helpers. HB said there would need to be an end of season report submitted by Joe in order to apply for another tranche of money from the climate change committee. CF reported that YCE would consider funding the project again if volunteers continued to make them. CF reported that Joe Clarke had published a map on Facebook showing where the bird boxes were located. It was agreed that the impact of funding projects should be measured. AH reported that YCE have information and a questionnaire for this purpose. **Action AH** to circulate this information.
 - f) **Possible ways forward for sub committee to support local agriculture**. As John Sherrell was not present at the meeting it was agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting.
 - g) **Funding for solar panel and battery for the cricket pavilion by Holbeton Cricket Club** CF reported that Giles Ebbutt's application to YCE was unsuccessful as they felt it was a lot of money simply to make cups of tea! The cricket club is considering purchasing an electric lawnmower and resubmitting an application including this.
 - h) **Environmental and climate change Library Booklist** A list of books was circulated to the committee before the meeting. HB reported that Sue Price would be re-opening the library next week. HB will be adding "book of the month" to his monthly report from the sub- committee to the Holbeton News.
 - i) **Identifying the locations of early purple orchids within the parish** HB reported that 7 sites have so far been located. The locations will not be published, but will be used to assist verge management.
 - j) **Cross Park Survey** DB has met with Andy Byfield to discuss the way forward. A survey is proposed in June. The method for this to be agreed with him. **Action: DB** to contact Andy Byfield at the end of May.
 - k) **Draft Resource and Waste Strategy for Devon and Torbay**. HB reported that the consultation response had been e-mailed to DCC and to District Councillor Keith Baldry as there wasn't space on their online form for some of the

responses. AH wanted confirmation from SHDC as to when the new waste service was going to start. He stated that it is now no longer possible to obtain blue recycle bags.

- l) **Reviewing street lighting within the Parish** This was raised at the last PC meeting and is due to be reviewed by the PC.
- m) **Financial support for Holbeton public lavatory eco paper** The Parish Council is happy to support the provision of eco paper in the public lavatories.

4. Other Matters

- a) **River Erme water quality** Councillor Carol Ackroyd has raised concerns about leaks of sewage into the Erme at Holbeton. The 4 parishes around the River Yealm have set up a River Yealm water quality group. Should there be a similar group around the Erme which goes through the large town of Ivybridge? **Action HB** to discuss the issue with John Mildmay-White and others.
- b) **Proposed survey of LED lights: timing of survey** Now that lockdown is ending it was proposed that this should be carried out in September. Chris and Gilly Bray have produced 2 versions. Version 2 seems to be the clearer and less wordy version. **Action CB, GB** to get a quote for printing the survey.
- c) **Car charging points** We are now off the DCC DELETTI Project list as the Govt has sent clarification about where charging points should be sited. They need to be on council owned land and the village hall car park is not council owned. HB reported that he had spoken with the Marketing Manager from Co-Cars about their car share scheme. Individuals pay £25 a year to register, they can then book the car for £5.50 an hour or £40 per 24 hours. Co-cars can be booked in other locations, not just in Holbeton.
- d) **YCE Grants** CF gave a breakdown of the grants awarded to the 5 parishes in the last round of awards : Newton & Noss Village Hall £3,000 for roof insulation, Newton & Noss PC £1,272 for cycle racks, Newton and Noss £392 for biodegradable tree ties, 1st Yealm Brownies £235 for marine education, Holbeton Primary school £1,000 for building a pond, Brixton PC a wild flower area with trees, and Yealm Bee Wild. Brixton school was turned down as their application didn't meet the criteria. The next round of funding is likely to be in the Autumn.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 1st June 2021, 7.30pm Venue to be confirmed.