

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 5th October 2021

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

Also present: Claire Hollett, Chris and Gilly Bray (Parishioners)

1. Welcome & Apologies Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell and Tracy Ebbrell

2. Draft Minutes of the 7th September 2021 Accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising

- a) **Proposed Survey of LED lights** : At a meeting of volunteers, all properties in the parish were allocated for survey. **Action:** The survey will be carried out over the next 2 weeks. Responses to be returned by 22nd October.
- b) **River Erme water quality.** CF reported on an article in the Times (River's Trust) about the state of Britain's waterways. It was acknowledged that the water companies are making a huge profit whilst the funding for the Environment Agency has been drastically slashed. There was discussion about what we can do and how we can effect improvements in water quality. **Action:** **Committee members** to send a letter to Gary Streeter about the matter. **AH** has drafted a letter which he will circulate for others to adapt and send independently. **NG** will also draft a letter.
- c) **November's Holbeton News "tip of the month"** JS suggested an article on toxic substances used in household goods e.g. Teflon pans. CB suggested Palm Oil in products. **Action:** Chris Bray to write a piece about palm oil.
- d) **November's Book of the Month.** It was suggested and agreed that "A Sting in the Tale" by Dave Goulson should be the book for November. **Action.** **HB** to submit to the Holbeton News
- e) **Wild Flower area clearance.** We are grateful to Tom Flint who has kindly strimmed the wildflower area by the Reading Rooms. The area now needs cutting with a mower. **Action:** **JS** will use their mower to cut the wildflower patch.
- f) **Cross Park plant survey and hedge trimming.** HB has liaised with Tom Whitlock, botanist for DCC to discuss hedge cutting in the parish in order to preserve and manage the flora found here and at the sites where Early Purple Orchids are growing.
- g) **PCC funding for LED lighting in All Saints Church.** This has been approved by the Parish Council.
- h) **Proposal for Parish Tool Sharing Scheme.** Gilly Bray had raised the idea of a Whatsapp group for informal lending of appliances in the parish. HB reminded the group about YCE's interest in funding a Toolshed scheme in Holbeton and neighbouring parishes. **Action:** To await for further information from YCE about their proposal.
- i) **Proposing a motion to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.** HB has responded.
- j) **SHDC planning validation checklist consultation.** HB has responded.
- k) **Street Lighting up Vicarage Hill.** **Action:** **AH** to try and locate a lighting map of Holbeton street lights.

4. Other Matters

- a) **Sewage (Inland Waterways) Bill** - Previously discussed under item 3b.
- b) **Letter from Sir Gary Streeter on EV charge points.** This was discussed. There would be difficulty obtaining a grant to install a charge point as this would need to be sited on council owned land, and there is none in Holbeton. Many Holbeton residents park on the public road where there is no opportunity for installing a charge point. There was discussion about charge points in the car park of the Church Hill development. **Action:** **HB** to draft a response for John Sherrell to send to Gary Streeter.

5. Date of next meeting, Tuesday 2nd November 2021, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall