

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 7th September 2021

**Present:** Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Caroline Howarth (Parishioner), Chris Flower (Councillor), Andrew Hollett (Councillor), Nirosha Gunatillake (Councillor), Tracy Ebbrell

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

**1. Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell and Jan Sellick

**2. Draft Minutes of the 3rd August 2021** Accepted as correct.

### 3. Matters arising

- a) **Proposed Survey of LED lights:** to agree dates and volunteers for survey. **Action:** meeting of volunteers to be held on Monday 4th October 7.30 pm in the village hall.
- b) **River Erme water quality.** HB has received letters from both South West Water and the Environment Agency. HB has responded. There will be an Open Meeting (date to be confirmed) with Sir Gary Streeter MP, SWW and the Environment Agency. South West Water has sent the results of the first tranche of water test samples to John Mildmay-White. The tests were for e-coli and enterococci. The results showed high readings which is a cause for concern. As yet the cause is unknown. **Action** HB to arrange a suitable date for the meeting.
- c) **October's Holbeton News "tip of the month".** **Action: AH** to write a piece about repairing things.
- d) **October's Book of the Month.** It was suggested and agreed that "Rewilding" by Isabella Tree should be the October's recommendation. **Action. HB** to submit to the Holbeton News
- e) **Wild Flower Noticeboard.** The wildflower area will need strimming in the next few weeks and then raking up a week later. Both Joe Clarke and Tom Flint were suggested as possibly helping with this. **Action DB** to arrange
- f) **Cross Park plant survey and hedge trimming.** Following the Cross Park survey, recommendations were made as to how best manage the field, triangle and banks in order to preserve and increase the flora found here. Unfortunately, DCC cut the banks and the triangle before the seed had set on many of the species growing there. This was completely at odds with what had been recommended and was very disappointing. HB contacted Tom Whitlock, Botanist for DCC to discuss this matter, plus the Early Purple Orchid survey and to ensure that they were clear about when hedge trimming should be done in these places.
- g) **SHDC "Better lives for all" consultation.** HB and AH have responded to this.
- h) **Peninsula Transport's "Shaping the future of Transport across the South West" consultation.** This remains open. There is no mention of cycling in the consultation. **Action: HB** to respond.
- i) **Proposed link to global warming explanation by Peter Coll.** Chris Bray has produced an alternative visual descriptor using information he was sent from Enviro Visuals. **Action** CB's visual descriptor to be put onto the Holbeton PC website

### 4. Other Matters

- a) **PCC funding application for LED lighting in All Saints Church.** The application was approved by the Committee. We need to clarify that we are not being required to fund the cost of removing the ceiling heaters. **Action** The application funding proposal to be presented to the next Parish Council meeting.
- b) **Proposal for Parish tool sharing scheme.** Gilly Bray explained the concept. A data base is used to record available items. DB asked about public liability and insurance cover. TE described a current scheme "Share Shed" which operates in Buckfastleigh, Totnes, Ivybridge, South Brent and Ashburton. YCE are currently looking at whether they are willing to provide £10K to allow Yealmpton, Holbeton and other local parishes to take part in the scheme. **Action:** Chris Bray to look at "Share Shed". Gilly Bray to research examples of other tool sharing schemes.
- c) **Proposing a motion to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.** The committee supported this. **Action** HB to take this to the Parish Council
- d) **South Hams District Council's planning validation Checklist consultation.** This was sent to Parish Councils for comment. HB circulated a carbon reduction action form for comment. It was felt that this could be an opportunity for the Parish Council to consider carbon reduction at the point of considering planning applications.

e) **Street lighting up Vicarage Hill** Some of the residents have approached DCC about bright street lights which are on until very late at night. DCC said that changes to lighting could not be made on an individual household basis. It would have to be a whole street approach. Holbeton PC has previously looked at the situation and at that time chose not to make any changes. **Action: AH** to identify the groups of lights that are controlled together by one switch system

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