

# MINUTES OF HOLBETON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2019 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

## **Councillors in Attendance:**

Cllrs J Sherrell (Chairman), C Flower, D Knight, M Reece, H Baumer, J Pengelly, C Ackroyd

## **Other Attendees:**

County Councillor R Hosking

District Councillor K Baldry

PCSO A Potter

T Drew (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners present: 8

## **WELCOME**

Cllr Sherrell welcomed everyone to the meeting

## **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs J Fuller, D Knight, T Timlin-Brown

Sue Price - Coffee Library

Lily Mildmay-White - Pre-school

Shona Godefroy - Primary School

## **CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8 May 2018 were confirmed and signed by Cllr Sherrell.

## **ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL**

I wish to thank Councillors for their help, support, enthusiasm and commitment during the year.

18 planning applications were dealt with during the last twelve months. The Parish Council maintained the Battisborough playing field, bike track, repairs to handrail at Vicarage Hill and other maintenance around the parish with the help from Mike Rawlings (Lengthsman). The Parish Council are very appreciative of the help from Jack at the Post Office, who looked after the public toilets during the winter.

There was an uncontested parish election. Two councillors stood down, Peter Hearn and Tim Craig. The Parish Council wish to thank them for their help, support and dedication to the parish and welcome Andrew Hollett and Trudie Timlin-Brown.

We wish to congratulate County Councillor Hosking on being elected as Vice Chair of Devon County Council

Ian Blackler stood down as District Council and Dan Thomas was elected in the recent District Council elections.

## ANNUAL REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING

### 1. BUDGET

Pleased to report that Devon County Council have managed to balance their budget for the 2018/2019 financial year.

Devon County Council has increased its precept by 3.99% this year contributing to an overall increase of our Revenue budget by 3% to £493 million.

Within the budget there are increases of;

- a) 9.4% for increased demand in Children's Services
- b) 2% for Adult Care & Health Services, and
- c) a reduction of 6.6% for Corporate

There is a Spending Review scheduled for 2019.

### 2. CARE SERVICES

Promoting Independence in Devon is our vision for providing Adult Care Services across the County. We await the publication of the Green Paper for Social Care to accompany the recently published NHS Long Term Plan.

Public Health Nursing was taken back in house this year along with the short breaks facility for children with Special Educational Need and disabilities and their families. There is now greater emphasis on offering help with Mental Health issues for children across the County.

### 3. FOSTER CARERS ALLOWANCES

We have some 700 children in our care and about 46% of them are placed with Foster Carers. This is below the national average of about 75%. We reviewed Foster Carers allowances this year to attract more people to offer a loving home to Devon's Children in Care in Future years. The decision process takes 3 years for the typical family considering adoption.

### 4. EDUCATION

Devon still languishes at the lower end of the league tables for per pupil funding at £304 below the National Average despite intensive lobbying by South West MPs. James McInnes our Cabinet Lead became chair of the F40 Group of County Councils last year and is campaigning hard to reduce that deficit.

98% of children have been offered one of their first three choices of schools in 2019, a significant improvement.

### 5. TRANSPORT

We are pleased to note the commitment of £80 million to reinforce the railway line and sea wall at Dawlish. This is the first phase of improvements planned to improve the resilience of the main line into Devon & Cornwall.

### 6. INFRASTRUCTURE

- a) CDS has helped to connect over 300K premises to Superfast Broadband
- b) Take up has been 54% which has released £6m through the Government Gainshare agreement for further investment in Broadband infrastructure by BT in the connecting Devon & Somerset area.
- c) A Better Broadband voucher programme now offers £350 to anyone with < 2 Mb download speed and no prospect of a contract to achieve that in next 12 months - alternative systems, satellite, microwave and Wi-Fi

## ANNUAL REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING (continued)

- d) Gigaclear are working hard to deliver their commitment to the next 5% of Premises in Devon & Somerset.
- e) Street Lighting - Devon County Council have saved a total of £850,000 since commencing the installation of LED street lights five years ago. The programme will continue within the constraints of our capital budget.

### **7. HIGHWAYS**

Devon County Council were successful in securing an allocation of £18.745 million additional funding for pothole, surfacing and drainage repairs.

### **8. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Devon continues to invest in improved IT services and our in house team called SCOMIS have been successful again this year, winning awards and contracts for the provision of education service software and contributing significantly to the earned income of the County.

### **9. THE ENVIRONMENT**

Devon are investing £250,000 to examine our current carbon footprint and determine ways in which we can reduce this and improve our environmental performance in future years.

### **LOCALLY**

**10. Safer Roads Fund.** The Government Safer Roads Fund has enabled plans to be drawn up for a new junction at Flete Eastern for the A379 and A3121 roads. One road to replace the two existing junctions onto the A379. Approval of the scheme has now been given and we hope that will commence soon. A staggered junction will also be provided at Kitterford Cross which is a local accident blackspot. I am still lobbying to try and make the Kitterford Cross Junction a roundabout.

**11. Locality and IID funds** To date in 2018/19 my records indicate that I have only contributed £105 to the cooking club. I therefore have some funds that I will be able to make available to charities and not for profit organisations for worthwhile causes. Please let me know if your organisation has a project to which you would like a contribution.

### **12. Highways**

We have had the usual variety of highways, traffic speed, congestion and maintenance issues in the Parish of Holbeton and we continue to do our best to resolve them.

## ANNUAL REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

### **District Councillor Keith Baldry Annual Report**

I have been District Councillor for Newton and Yealmpton Ward for the past 4 years. Prior to that I was member for the single member ward of Yealmpton. I shared responsibilities with Cllr Ian Blackler.

I am the Leader of the Opposition and I was on the following Committees: Overview and Scrutiny, Licensing, Budget Setting Panel. I chaired the Waste and Refuse Working Group

During 2018 I recommended payments from the SHDC Locality Fund to the following Holbeton Organisations: Church bell Restoration, Holbeton Lunch and Social Club.

The Joint DCC and SHDC fund (formerly the TAP fund) has made its final payment before being closed.

The Plymouth, West Devon and South Hams Joint Local Plan has been examined by Government and it was approved at the end of March.

I have been involved in the usual level of planning application from the Parish and chased missed bin collections.

Despite my opposition the refuse collection service was privatised and will be run by FCC, a Spanish based company, from April 2019.

I continue to oppose the SHDC proposal to close Holbeton public lavatory. It is currently unresolved. .

Sophie Hosking has been appointed as Chief Executive of South Hams and West Devon.

The SHDC share of council tax increased by £9pa for a Band D property.

I was re-elected as your Councillor on 2 May. Thank you for your support, Dan Thomas has been elected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> councillor for this ward. We are already working well together.

I have been invited to join the SHDC Executive Committee and I have accepted. I remain as Leader of the Opposition and I have made it clear that I am not accepting 'collective responsibility'. This is an unusual but not unique arrangement. I welcome the opportunity.

**Keith Baldry**

21 May 2019

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**POLICE REPORT**

PCSO A Potter provided the following annual police report from 1st May 2018 to 31st April 2019:

- Theft x 3
- Theft from m/vehicle x 2
- Burglary non dwelling x 1
- Burglary dwelling x 1
- Public order x 1
- Assaults x 4
- Criminal damage x 3
- Criminal Damage to m/vehicle x 2
- Threat to damage property x 1
- Harassment x1
- Rape x 1 (investigations still ongoing)
- Supplying a controlled drug x 1
- Dog out of control x 2

23 offences in total  
7 offences last year

**REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS**

Reports were received from the various Holbeton Parish organisations, please see attached:

- Cricket Club
- Croquet Club
- Film Club
- Hikers
- Players
- Preschool
- Lunch and Social Club
- Primary School
- Coffee Library
- Bell Ringers
- Village Hall

Holbeton News - Liz Lewthwaite wished to thank Nicky for all the hard work in producing the Holbeton News. The Newsletter is printed in Cornwall and the main issue is obtaining sponsorship.

Cllr Sherrell thanked organisations for their reports.

**OPEN FORUM**

Parishioner - parking a Mothecombe is an issue. Cllr Hosking hoped to be able to enforce parking issues with effect from June 2019.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

*John Sherrell*

**5 May 2021**

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**Chairman**

Date: .....