

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Present:** Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Andrew Hollett, Chris Flower (Councillor), Tracy Ebbrell (Parishioner), Chris and Gilly Bray (Parishioners)

1. **Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Anna West, Caroline Howarth, Jan Sellick and Nirosha Gunatillake

2. **Draft Minutes of the 1st February 2022.** Accepted as correct.

### 3. Matters arising

- a) **Advice on LED lights update** AH provided an update report. He will be submitting a 'tip of the month' on converting to LEDs for publication in the next Holbeton News. **Action:** AH to send to HN.
- b) **Net Zero Future Visions** HB circulated correspondence from Emma Whittaker relating to the project prior to the meeting. It was suggested that the artist Phil should be invited to the village to have a look. Chris Bray felt concerned that the project was not effective in promoting the need for action on climate change. **Action:** HB to respond citing our reservations.
- c) **Holbeton News "tips of the month"** **Action:** AH to submit his report on LED lights for the May HN, CB will produce a piece on Carbon Footprints for the June edition and Gillian Banner will submit a piece on treatments for lice and fleas for the July edition of HN.
- d) **May "book of the month"**. Nothing has been suggested. Although Rick and Nicky have agreed to let us display books in the pub for people to borrow arrangements need to be finalised. **Action:** AH to liaise with Nicky at the pub.
- e) **Cross Park plant survey and verge trimming.** HB reported a recent face to face meeting with DCC Ecologist Tom Whitlock where it was agreed there should be a site meeting at Luson Cross to discuss hedge and bank trimming. **Action:** HB to arrange.
- f) **Street Lighting on Vicarage Hill** HB has discussed the matter with DC Cllr Dan Thomas who confirmed that the problem should be reported to DCC as "nuisance street lights".
- g) **EV Electric Car Charger for Holbeton** HB reported that the Parish Council felt this was not the right time for installation of a charger that would cost significantly more than household electricity and would be expensive to run.
- h) **Carbon Audit for Parish Farmers.** John Sherrell has agreed to contact Becky Willson as she has not responded to previous correspondence. **Action:** JS
- i) **Reseeding of wild flower area by reading rooms.** DB reported that Tom Flint had strimmed the area and DB and HB had raked and reseeded the area with seed mix. DB purchased the seed mix which cost £28. **Action:** HB to submit invoice to Parish Council, the sum to be charged to the s106 funds.
- j) **Proposal for asking DCC to divest itself of investment in fossil fuels.** HB reported that the attached response was disappointing. **Action:** HB to report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- k) **Proposal to respond to the government consultation on off-roading on green lanes** HB has completed a response.

### 4. Other Matters

- a) **Application for funding for water testing in Holbeton Brook** HB outlined the project. Some concerns were raised about volunteers undertaking work that the Environment Agency should be carrying out. The meeting supported the funding. **Action:** HB to recommend this to the Parish Council.
- b) **New Parish Council website, climate change page.** HB has met twice with David Brett who is undertaking the work on the webpage. They have discussed content and layout. David Brett will charge to keep the website up to date. Photos of the parish and parish activities have been requested. Chris Weaving and Michael Patey-Ford will contribute photos. **Action:** HB to arrange a zoom meeting with David Brett, Chris and Gilly Bray to discuss the website.
- c) **Community composting** Following discussion it was decided that no decision to be made at present.
- d) **EV charger sharing schemes** AH shared information from an article in the Guardian newspaper. The meeting discussed the feasibility of this in a village such as Holbeton. **Action:** AH to explore further.

- e) **Report from 5 parishes alliance virtual meeting 15th March.** An email report was shared with the meeting.  
**Action: HB** to attend the next meeting and discuss holding a "Green Fair" as a 5 parish joint venture.
- f) **S106 money for climate change action plan.** This year's money has not yet been received. **Action: HB** to contact Andre Savarin to get an update.
- g) **Possible support for the environmental management of All Saints Churchyard.** Graham Price has requested support from the Parish Council for maintenance of the churchyard. The meeting unanimously supported the funding.  
**Action: HB** to take the matter to the next Parish Council meeting.

**Date and venue for next meeting, Tuesday 3rd May 2022, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall**