

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 7th June 2022

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

1. **Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Tracy Ebbrell, Anna West, Caroline Howarth and Nirosha Gunatillake
2. **Draft Minutes of 3rd May 2022.** Accepted as correct.
3. **Matters arising**
  - a) **Advice on LED lights update** AH feels the project is impractical but people still need to be made aware of the savings on electricity that could be made. **Action: AH** to recalculate possible savings to be had with LED lighting from October for a possible piece for Holbeton News. HB to write a piece about the electricity price cap and what it is.
  - b) **Net Zero Future Visions** HB circulated the drawing produced by artist Phil for Net Zero Visions. The general consensus was that it does not reflect our vision of a net zero future and is misleading. **Action: HB** to propose to parish council a response to Net Zero Visions saying that we do not wish the drawing to be used with our parish's name.
  - c) **Holbeton News "tips of the month"** CB produced the June tip which generated negative feedback about reducing beef intake that had led to discussion with the offended parties. It was agreed that **HB** approach the local farming fraternity to ask whether they might be interested in establishing a regular "farming bulletin" page for the HN. There was also discussion about a tip of the month relating to Tesco's recycling facility for soft plastic wrappings on grocery items. **AH** to look at what Tesco does with the returned plastic wrappings. **Gillian Banner** will submit a piece for July's HN about treatments for ticks and fleas.
  - d) **Environmental library.** We are still waiting for the arrangements for displaying selected books in the pub to be agreed. **Action AH & CB** to approach Rick and Nicky this week. **JS** to liaise with Holbeton school as to whether there are any suitable environmental books they would like.
  - e) **Cross Park plant survey and verge trimming.** HB reported on the site meeting with Tom Whitlock and John Sherrell that took place. HB & JS agreed to suggest that Holbeton PC take on the management of the verges around Lusson Cross and the other sites currently managed by DCC. **Action: HB** to take the matter to the next PC meeting for discussion and agreement.
  - f) **Proposed carbon audit for parish farmers** The committee had agreed that the money to carry out the audit should be given to John MW.
  - g) **Flete Field Lab** CB reported on the testing training for "citizen scientists". Water testing will take place by Green Gates, in the stream below the treatment plant, and in the stream further up from the sewage works.
  - h) **New Parish Council website, climate change page** HB suggested we should look at the website each month to monitor the content and to ensure it remains active. It was agreed that the environmental library list should be put on to the website.
  - i) **EV charger sharing scheme for Holbeton** Nothing new to report.
  - j) **Section 106 money for climate change action plan** The S106 money for 2022 has still not been received. **Action: HB** to write to Andre Savarin to request immediate funding.
  - k) **Rebel Botanist Scheme** AW not at meeting. To put on the agenda for the next meeting.
  - l) **Life on the Edge Project.** This project aims to re-wild habitats along the coast in order to encourage invertebrates to flourish. **Action: HB** to attend the next meeting in September and to put the link onto the PC climate change webpage.
4. **Other Matters**
  - a) **Communication with Sir Gary Streeter** HB has correspondence from Sir Gary Streeter which he says was shared with others in the parish. HB has not been able to find anyone receiving this.
  - b) **Greenpeace's 'Guide to Life' leaflets** It was suggested that the leaflet be put online and then linked to the community website. It was also suggested that pages could be put in the Holbeton News each month. **Action: HB** to check with Greenpeace first.
  - c) **Gardening for Wildlife booklet** This booklet is written by John Nightingale in Harbertonford. **Action: HB** to ring Maggie Horne to see if she is interested in using this material.
  - d) **Joe Clarke - request for funding for birdseed.** HB has requested that he submits an application form.
5. **Date and venue for next meeting: Tuesday 5th July 2022, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall**