

MINUTES OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 PM IN HOLBETON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs John Sherrell (Chairman), Mike Reece, Harry Baumer and Jim Melhuish

Teresa Drew - Clerk

Visitor(s)/Parishioner(s) present: 2

025/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from District Councillor Keith Baldry, Parish Councillors Tony Callcut, Trudie Timlin Brown, Nirosha Gunatillake, Carol Ackroyd, Julie Fuller and Chris Flower.

026/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

027/22 REPORTS

(a) County and District Councillor Dan Thomas's report:

Online Session - Let's Talk Teenagers ****STARTS TOMORROW NIGHT****

After the success of the first 'Let's Talk Teenagers' sessions piloted earlier this year, [a second series of the online sessions will be held in June](#). These webinars are an opportunity for parents and carers of teenagers to hear about the challenges young people are facing today whilst being offered tips, techniques and resources to explore for more help and support.

These evening, 90 minute sessions will be running on consecutive Wednesdays at 7.00pm on the 15th, 22nd and 29th June. Designed to empower parents and carers to support their teenagers through the challenges they are faced with daily, topics covered include:

Substance misuse, exploitation, healthy relationships, safety online, social risks

Book online www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-teenagers-june-2022-tickets-337133002887

Advice for Ukrainian refugees on Covid vaccination

- Refugees arriving from Ukraine are eligible to have the Covid vaccination and do not need to wait for an NHS number.
- If you have had no vaccinations:
 - You can attend any walk-in vaccination clinic. You do not need to bring ID.
- If you have had one or more doses of a vaccine approved for use in the UK would be eligible for another dose (2nd dose, booster, spring booster) under UK guidelines:
 - You can attend any walk-in vaccination clinic. If you have any documentation for your previous vaccine dose(s) please bring it with you. If you have no documentation and, if you remember them, make a note of the rough dates when you had your previous dose(s) and vaccine type.
- If you have had one or more doses of a vaccine not currently approved in the UK:
 - You can attend any vaccination centre where staff can advise you or refer to [national guidance](#) on further doses. If you have any documentation for your previous vaccine dose(s) please bring it with you. If you have no documentation, if you remember them,

make a note of the rough dates when you had your previous dose(s) and vaccine type.

- You will get an NHS number after you register with a GP. If you already have an NHS number we can link the vaccination to your records to help you to prove your vaccine status. If you do not yet have an NHS number we can link the vaccination to your records at a later date.
- You can also attend a vaccine clinic to request vaccinations you have had outside England to be [added to your NHS vaccination record](#).

Lower-income households invited to apply for free energy efficiency improvements to their homes

Residents in a household with an income of less than £30,000 a year, who live in Devon or Torbay, may be eligible for free energy efficiency improvements to their home worth thousands of pounds.

From this week members of the public can check their eligibility and apply through the Cosy Devon website (www.cosydevon.com).

The scheme is being delivered by the Cosy Devon partnership which consists of Devon County Council (DCC), East Devon, Mid Devon, North Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge and Torridge District Councils, Torbay Council, West Devon Borough Council, Exeter City Council and Plymouth City Council.

It follows the partnership securing nearly £10m of government funding. The scheme will offer householders the chance to improve their homes by ensuring that they are warmer, less draughty, and less damp.

Improvements will also reduce their energy bills and lower their home's carbon emissions. More than 20 per cent per cent of Devon's carbon emissions are caused by our homes.

Devon has higher levels of fuel poverty (13%) than the UK (10.6%). Many homes in Devon need substantial investment and the Cosy Devon partnership is committed to reducing Devon's domestic carbon footprint and lifting communities out of fuel poverty.

(a) County and District Councillor Dan Thomas's report: (continued)

The scheme is available to Devon residents who have an annual combined household income of less than £30,000 and whose homes have an energy Performance Certificate rating of E, F or G.

If you are a homeowner, and live in that property, you can access funding to cover 100 per cent of costs to retrofit your home up to a cap.

SHDC had a meeting last Wednesday (8 June 2022) with FCC Waste Contractor, in connection with waste collection. Hopefully there will be a resolution soon.

(b) Question(s)

None.

028/22 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

006/22 Holbeton Reading Rooms - **RESOLVED** Cllr Ackroyd will liaise with Cllr Thomas to ascertain if he is able to provide a grant. **RESOLVED** Cllr Reece is obtaining quotes to deal with the redecoration. Another dehumidifier to be purchased. Heating has to be addressed, as it is not working properly. **ACTION: Cllrs Reece/Ackroyd**

006/22 Play Park Repairs - an action list to be prepared for the Lengthsman. Three quotes have been obtained. **RESOLVED** to replace the mats under the swings. **ACTION: Cllr Ackroyd**

006/22 Youth Club - a meeting was to have been arranged for the end of May. **ACTION: Gunatillake**

006/22 Extension to the 30mph speed limit at Battisborough Cross - Cllr Thomas will ask Nick Colton DCC Highways what the current costs will be for the speed limit extension. Cllr Gunatillake to purchase 4 signs at a cost of £35 plus VAT for each sign.

ACTION: Cllrs Thomas / Gunatillake

006/22 Purchase of noticeboard for Battisborough Cross - waiting for the wall of the property to be repointed where the noticeboard will be placed. Once this work has been completed a notice board will be purchased. **ACTION: Cllr Ackroyd**

029/22 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the Annual Parish Council Meeting minutes of 4 May 2022 (as previously circulated). The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

030/22 REPORT FROM MR & MRS DAVID LITTLE RE. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AT SOUTH BATTISBOROUGH AND BATTISBOROUGH POINT

Parishioners gave a brief outline on the property they wish to build and live in. A planning application for a property will be submitted later in June 2022. Copy of the plans were circulated.

031/22 PLANNING

Reference: 1391/22/HHO Site Address: 75 Ford, Holbeton, PL8 1LJ
Proposal: Householder application for proposed side and rear extension (Resubmission of 3988/21/HHO)
Recommendation: Support comments

Not clear on the plans if there is a septic tank or treatment plant: if the former, recommended that this should be replaced by a treatment plant. There is a need to improve the energy performance of the property.

Reference: 1392/22/LBC Site Address: 75 Ford, Holbeton, PL8 1LJ Recommendation: Support
Proposal: Listed building consent for proposed side and rear extension (Resubmission of 3989/21/LBC)

Reference: 1428/22/FUL Site Address: Moorshead Sawmills, Yealmpton, PL8 2ES Recommendation: Support
Proposal: Provision of an agricultural/forestry storage building

Reference: 1496/22/HHO Site Address: Woods Cottage, Battisborough Cross, PL8 1JQ
Proposal: Household application for proposed replacement garage doors, new ground floor single door, new ground floor window & new first-floor window with external balustrade all to existing detached single-storey garage with first floor within roof space.
Recommendation: Object. The overall purpose for the works to the garage is unclear. It appears that the building includes a bedroom that includes a toilet. As such the intended use needs to be clarified and the energy performance of the accommodation improved.

031/22 PLANNING (continued)

Planning Decision(s)

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0962/22/ARC

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1061/22/FUL

APPLICATION NO: 1514/22/TCA

APPLICATION NUMBER : 1809/22/PAA

DECISION: Discharge of condition Approved

DECISION: Refusal

DECISION: No objections

DECISION: Prior Approval Required and Given

032/22 HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE - Cllr Baumer

The Holbeton Parish Council Climate Change subcommittee held its most recent meeting on Tuesday the 7th June in Holbeton Village Hall. The minutes of the April and May meetings were approved.

- **The energy crisis.** There is some confusion about the nature of the UK 'price cap'. It gets described as the annual amount, which is expected to increase from £1,970 to £2,800. This does not mean that these are the maximum costs that individual households will have to bear. It is an amount that an average household might expect to pay. The exact amount per kilowatt hour and standing charges are not yet published. Extrapolating from the current cap of 28 pence per kWh, the amount we all will have to pay from October is likely to be around 40 pence per kWh. The standing charge, currently just under 50p a day could rise to 65 to 70 pence a day. The smaller the annual bill, the larger the standing charge contributes to electricity costs. It is intended to include this in a briefing for Holbeton News.
- **Net Zero Future Visions.** Holbeton is one of the 5 parishes that have agreed to take part in this art project organised by the Sustainable Earth Institute of Plymouth University.

The art work that has been produced for us was discussed at the climate change subcommittee. It was universally felt to paint an image of the future around 2050 that did not reflect the expectations of those present, and by creating a false idea of what to expect undermines attempts to help residents understand what is needed. The subcommittee therefore recommends that we thank the organisers for their image but say that as we do not feel it represents our net zero vision we reluctantly ask that Holbeton be excused from this particular aspect of the project. A copy of the art work with our thoughts on vision and one or two individuals' comments are appended to my briefing. **RESOLVED the parish council will support this approach.**

- **Verge trimming.** Nick Colton, our Neighbourhood Highways Officer, has agreed to a site meeting to discuss the way forward with the parish council taking on the responsibility for verge management in our parish. There are just 3 sites that DCC considers require active management of road verges to preserve safe visibility: Luson Cross, Wonnell Cross and Whitemoor Cross. Moorshead Cross, at the junction with the Ford road near the sawmills, is not on their list. The DCC expect to remunerate parishes taking on this responsibility, the amount available remains to be seen. There is of course the question of public liability, and we would need to clarify that we were covered for this activity. However, we are in a strong position to deliver better verge management, balancing the need for road safety and preservation of verge biodiversity, and indeed providing this with greater skill.

RESOLVED the parish council to support this way forward in principle, any decision depending on the factors above.

- **Section 106 funds from Creacombe Solar Farm.** The 2022 money has still not yet been transferred despite an email on the 6th May from an associate director of CORE, the government agency responsible for holding the funds: *"Thanks for flagging this and apologies we've had disruption on this in taking care of condition subsequents and accounts filings required under the senior debt refinancing together with all the recent community engagement updates with all the partners, so this looks to have been missed in terms of who was picking this up going forward between FE/Bright/ExS.*

I'll pick up with Joe and Craig on this years S106 payments and also send update emails to the local council parties involved today"

We are in a position that will make it difficult to fund further projects without this year's fund (which is index linked and due in January each year).

RESOLVED the parish council will support an email to CORE reminding them of their responsibility and providing them with a 2 week deadline before we notify SHDC of their failure to adhere to the s106 agreement.

032/22 HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE - Continued

- **Life on the edge project.** I have agreed to be the parish council representative on the project Advisory Board. Unfortunately, I could not make their first meeting on the 18th May. The next meeting will be on the 7th September. The project has received a grant of over £200,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, with a further grant of around £2 million

If you are wondering what this project is all about I have a summary of the meeting I missed if you would like to see it. Alternatively, there is [an inspiring short video](#) that you can watch on the AONB website.

- **Communications with Gary Streeter.** I emailed Sir Gary on the 3rd May, briefing him on what is happening in the parish in relation to the sewage problem in the Erme estuary. He replied on the 6th May:

"Dear Harry,

Thank you for your update.

I have had the strategic level meetings with both South West Water and the Environment Agency and I have reported this to a variety of people in Holbeton and was clearly under the impression that I had also updated you at the same time. From your email this does not appear to have been the case.

Let me come back to you next week when I have put together a further summary of current measures being considered and undertaken.

Kind regards,

Gary Streeter"

To date I have not found anyone who has received his report. Parish councillors are asked if they are aware or have themselves received his report. If not, then I plan to respond to him asking for details of what he had sent and his further summary. **RESOLVED the parish council will support this way forward.**

The next meeting of the Holbeton Parish Council Climate Change subcommittee will be on Tuesday the 5th July 2022.

Appendix: net zero vision for Holbeton



032/22 HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE - Continued

My original description of what we believed could be illustrated was:

"Hi Emma

We in Holbeton have given some thought to the Net Zero project at our parish council climate change meeting, and came up with the following:

We are the 'haves' and as such our offspring will need to have and expect much less in the way of material goods, and certainly less in their bins each week. This is not what people want to hear!

The main themes were that around net zero the community would be more self sufficient, with more local manufacture as one might have experienced in the 19th century, of e.g. footwear. People would be leading simpler lives, and more people working at or close to home. There would be far fewer cars, which would be ordered and self drive.

Farming practices would be very different, showing more diversity and local distribution of produce; it could be more labour intensive.

The wildlife would be more abundant, especially invertebrates.

There would be more solar panels and maybe even onshore wind turbines. There would be no plastic waste on the beach, with fewer people using it.

Most people would have an allotment, and houses would actually be warm without open fires all the year round (as happens in some cottages).

Some of the shops that have closed in the village might reopen.

We don't really know how to capture these things in a single image, but perhaps the artist would see themselves doing that. I don't have a single location that would work for them."

After further email correspondence I sent 2 photos with the accompanying thoughts:

"Here are 2 images for your project. Apologies for the delay.

One is of the village hall car park. The future vision would be of a line of futuristic cars with charge points.

The second is of the village centre from the church war memorial. The vision for this one would be of shops, maybe focusing on a repair shop. Also there should be evidence of diversity with refugees from other parts of the world no longer inhabitable.

There would be fewer cars around."

Reactions to the actual image included:

"Sadly, I have to say pretty uninspiring - due to Holbeton being so rural and with a lot of the existing things from the picture in place. As we stated previously, this exercise lent itself to urban environments rather than here."

"Thanks for sending this through. As you know, I have been somewhat cynical about this from the start. Our net zero vision, as portrayed in the illustration, seems to portray some neatly mown grass, wildlife that we have already, and a village centre totally devoid of any sign of human life, except for the 3 (white) men (no women) in the workshop, and all surrounded by a romanticised, somewhat sentimental border of pretty little flowers. The village centre looks a bit like a museum piece after all the tourists have gone home or a label for posh 'home-made' jam."

"If we'd had a parish wide consultation I'd feel happier but if people think that this is our committee's vision for the future, I'm very concerned. Contrast this to the vibrant reality of our community illustrated by Sunday's street party, embracing all ages and all walks of life."

"Ill conceived"

"Platitudes"

033/22 FINANCE

RESOLVED to approve the following:

(i) Bank balances: - Business Account as at 9 May 2022 = £5,000.00
Treasurers Account as at 12 May 2022 = £33,432.04

(ii) Banked receipt for May 2022: - Bank Interest (09.05.2022) = £0.04

(iii) Grant Request: - Battisborough Playing Field - purchase of a gate - awaiting quotes.

(iv) Resolved to make the following payments: -

Payee	Description	Gross	VAT	Net
Mrs T Drew	Clerk - May 2022 Salary	£465.09	-	-
HMRC	HMRC	£19.00	-	-
Mrs M Venton	Cleaning of Holbeton Public Toilets - May 2022	£81.00	-	-
Holbeton Village Hall	Hire of Holbeton Village Hall for PC meetings during May 2022	£84.00	-	-
Mr M Rawlings	Lengthsman Duties	£550.00	-	-
Mr A Hollett	Reimbursement to Mr Hollett for the purchase of invoice book in connection with purchases for the public toilets	£3.80	-	-
Mythic Beasts Ltd	HPC Website - WordPress	£210.00	£35.00	£175.00
Parish Clerk	Reimbursement for stamps	£11.40	-	-
Mr W Scarlett	Cutting the grass at Battisborough Cross playing fields, 14,21, 28 April and 25 May 2022	£128.00	-	-
Cllr Sherrell	Reimbursement to Cllr Sherrell for the purchase of goal posts from M H Goals Ltd	£790.45	£131.74	£658.71

RESOLVED to agree the increase of £1 per cut on future grass cuts at Battisborough Cross, due to the increase in fuel.

(v) Approve Financial Statement

Financial Statement				
Lloyds Bank Business Account bank statement as at 9 May 2022 :	£5,000.00			
Lloyds bank Treasurers Account bank statement as at 12 May 2022:	£33,432.04			
	Total =	£38,432.04		
Less: any un-presented cheques	001596	-£48.00		
	001598	-£990.00		
	001602	-£81.00		
	001603	-£33.71		
	001605	-£900.00		
	001606	-£1,280.00		
	001608	-£7.33		
	001607	-£450.14		
Plus: any un-banked cash/cheques	None	£0.00		
	Total Funds =	£35,041.86		
	PRECEPT 2022/2023 = £15,381			
Total uncommitted funds =	£35,041.86	Minus earmarked reserve	£34,400	= £641.86

(vi) Review Holbeton Parish Council expenditure and income 2022/2023 to date

034/22 HOLBETON PUBLIC TOILETS

- Transfer of building to the Parish Council - ongoing.

- RESOLVED to the installation of an electricity meter. ACTION: Clerk to inform SHDC

- RESOLVED Cllr Flower will prepare a Contract of Employment/Job Description/Job Risk Assessment and be the Parish Council point of Contact for The Pensions Regulator for Marion Venton who cleans and looks after Holbeton Public Toilets.
ACTION: Cllr Flower

035/22 FEEDBACK FROM WEEKLY BIKE TRACK AND PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS INSPECTIONS - Cllrs Reece/Sherrell

Not able to use the bike track as it still needs a strim. The safety sign has been replaced.

036/22 PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Melhuish has met with Tony Henderson. Chapter Eight training to be arranged.

037/22 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Reece - drains need to be cleaned out near the school Gibb Lane.

038/22 REVIEW DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED to make no amendments.

039/22 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

- SHDC Variation Premises licence application- Swan inn, Noss Mayo - RESOLVED to make no comments

- Anonymous letter to Holbeton Parish Council regarding breach of agricultural tie/holiday lets at St Clements, Battisborough - Cllr Sherrell read the letter to those present. Clerk to write to SHDC Enforcement raising concern the property which has an agricultural tie, is being let. **ACTION: Clerk**

040/22 TO CONFIRM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATE AND VENUE

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 12 July 2022** in Holbeton Village Hall at **7.30 pm**.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

John Sherrell

(Holbeton Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 12 July 2022

Holbeton Parish Council website- <https://www.holbeton-pc.gov.uk>

Dementia Friendly Parishes Around The Yealm



To report highway issues - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Devon County Council road works completed, current & future works - <https://apps1.wdm.co.uk/Live/Devon/PBLC/PIP/Map.aspx?cg=sws>

SHDC website: - <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit> - click on what you would like to report, from the drop-down menu.