

MINUTES OF HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2022 AT 7.30 PM IN HOLBETON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs John Sherrell (Chairman), Mike Reece, Harry Baumer, Tony Callcut, Trudie Timlin Brown and Chris Flower

District Councillor Keith Baldry (7.48 pm - 8.30 pm)
Teresa Drew - Clerk

Visitor(s)/Parishioner(s) present: 1

041/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from County and District Councillor Dan Thomas, Parish Councillors Carol Ackroyd, Julie Fuller, Nirosha Gunatillake and Jim Melhuish.

042/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Sherrell declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in discussion on Church Hill Development and did not participate in the discussion.

043/22 REPORTS

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

1. Dr Phil Norey, DCC Chief Exec for many years, is taking early retirement at the end of the summer
- 2.

Warning on spending from our Director of Finance: our budget situation

Like many other local authorities across the country, Devon County Council is facing unprecedented financial pressures.

Director of Finance, Angie Sinclair, has warned that Devon County Council is facing an unprecedented black hole in its finances largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of living crisis and spiralling demand for help for vulnerable children and adults.

She predicts that the County Council could overspend by more than £40 million in the current financial year, and says urgent action must be taken by every department to rein in spending.

Chief Executive, Phil Norrey, informed staff of the challenging financial position and the steps being taken to address the financial stability of the Council.

A group of senior officers from across all Council services – a Tactical Leadership Team – has been established to identify options for councillors to consider. The options to save money include modernising and remodelling services and delivery, identifying different sources of funding, and cancelling or delaying some projects.

3. At Cabinet this Wednesday, a report will be submitted detailing the next steps in the county wide 20mph speed trial.

043/22 REPORTS

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

4. Project launched to equip young people with entrepreneurial skills

A new project has been launched to support young people in Devon to develop key employability skills and gain an insight into entrepreneurship.

'Young Entrepreneurs' is being funded through our £6million recovery programme in response to the pandemic.

Devon has a high number of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and micro-businesses, so provision of good quality enterprise education is vital in preparing young people for their future employment in the county if they plan to be self-employed or work in small enterprises.

The initiative is being delivered through four organisations:

1. SETSquared and Volt Entrepreneurs Ltd
2. South Devon College
3. Space Youth Services
4. Young Enterprise

The Young Entrepreneurs project supports the delivery of enterprise education across Devon, particularly in disadvantaged communities. It aims to allow young people to consider alternative routes into employment and will encourage them to pursue their ideas and aspirations to create new businesses and products.

More at www.devon.gov.uk/news/project-launched-to-equip-young-people-with-entrepreneurial-skills/

5. 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.

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.

District Councillor Keith Baldry report:

- In September Community composting meeting is being set up
- Sustainable South Hams - website is a good tool to view and the link is on Holbeton Parish Website
- If approved by full council on 14 July 2022, an agreement negotiated with FCC that as from 3 October 2022, waste collection will be operated by SHDC
- Church Hill development issues have now been resolved

043/22 REPORTS (continued)

(b) Question(s)

Parishioner enquired what the thoughts of the Parish Council are, on installation of solar panels within the parish. Parish Councillors are supportive, but would prefer panels to be on roofs rather than grazing farm land.

044/22 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORT ONLY

028/22 Holbeton Reading Rooms - Cllr Ackroyd has submitted a bid to DCC for £650. Heating has been assessed today and the company will provide a quote for its repair. **ACTION: Cllrs Reece**

028/22 Play Park Repairs - **ACTION: Cllr Ackroyd**

028/22 Youth Club - **ACTION: Gunatillake**

028/22 Extension to the 30mph speed limit at Battisborough Cross - a quote has been asked from QMS to repaint the white lines in the village and for slow signs at Battisborough Cross. **ACTION: Cllrs Thomas / Gunatillake**

028/22 Purchase of noticeboard for Battisborough Cross - ongoing - 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**

045/22 APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council Meeting minutes of 14 June 2022 and Planning Meeting minutes of 19 May 2022 (as previously circulated).

046/22 PLANNING

Reference: 2014/22/FUL

Proposal: 108 Ground Mounted Solar panels on 12 frames of 9 panels

Site Address: Bugle Rocks, Battisborough Cross, PL8 1JX

Recommendation: Support

Reference: 0213/21/FUL

Site Address: Minchinhay Farm, Church Hill, Holbeton, Devon, PL8 1LN

Proposal: Application for conversion of 2 existing stone barns to residential

Recommendation: See Comment

Not clear is what is going to be done for insulation

Why is it not an A, instead of a B EPC rating? - this is an ideal opportunity for the building to be future proofed

Mitigation for bats

Planning Decisions

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1514/22/TCA

DECISION: Tree Works No Objection Raised

APPLICATION NUMBER: 4492/21/FUL

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1428/22/FUL

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0676/22/CLP

DECISION: Cert of Lawfulness (Proposed) Certified

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1391/22/HHO

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 1392/22/LBC

DECISION: Conditional Approval

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2112/22/CCN

DECISION: No objection Recommend Approval

Planning Application Withdrawn

APPLICATION NUMBER: 0616/22/HHO 220616

LOCATION: Lawnfield Holbeton PL8 1JH

PROPOSAL: Householder application for the construction of an open-air swimming pool with associated equipment

DECISION: Withdrawn

047/22 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 5th July in Holbeton Village Hall. The minutes of the June 2022 meeting were approved.

- **Net Zero Future Visions.** Holbeton is one of the 5 parishes that are taking part in this art project organised by the Sustainable Earth Institute of Plymouth University.

Last month the parish council agreed to ask that as we do not feel it represents our parish's net zero vision we reluctantly ask that Holbeton be excused from this particular aspect of the project. It was felt to paint an image of the future 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.

David Sergeant, who is leading the project, responded asking us to reconsider. He pointed out that there will be text to accompany the illustration, in which the ideas expressed in the brief will be made explicit. He suggested some changes to the artwork. However, the subcommittee still considers that this piece of artwork should not be attached to our name. It has become apparent that other parishes have felt similarly concerned about the benefit of their artwork. **RESOLVED the parish council supports this approach.**

- **Verge trimming.** Nick Colton, our Neighbourhood Devon County Council Highways Officer, attended a site meeting at Luson Cross to agree the way forward with verge management in our parish. It was clear that because of the speed limit on the roads Devon Highways do not consider it safe for parishes to provide any of the service to verges.

It was agreed that the length of verge cut next to Luson Cross would be shortened. A drawing setting out the limits was then drawn up to be distributed to the contractor responsible.

Although it was apparent that there was no prospect of getting a lower speed limit along the main road between Battsborough Cross and the A379, we could get 'SLOW' signs in the road either side of Luson Cross or other locations with road signs. **RESOLVED the parish council will help traffic calming in the parish.**

Meanwhile further attempts are being made to discover to what extent the parish could get any verges designated as 'special' and with what benefit, through Tom Whitlock, DCC Ecologist.

- **Section 106 environmental fund applications.** The order to distribute the 2022 money has now been given, and hopefully is now in the parish council account. The amount has increased to £3,921.62.

There are 2 applications for funding from the section 106 funds. Firstly, the village hall urgently needs to repair its leaking kitchen roof. The original quote chosen was for £2,400 with very little insulation. A revised estimate with a much greater level of insulation was for just under £2,000 more. The village hall has asked for funding to cover this extra cost. As £500 has already been promised towards the new roof, the subcommittee has recommended that the sum of £1,500 should be granted towards the works.

The second application was from a parishioner, who has a farm tenancy at Orchard Farm. Following the discontinuation of the pheasant shoot by the Flete estate, winter feed will be needed for wild birds for the next 2 years until longer term arrangements can be put in place. Winter seeds from summer plantings and bought in seed delivered via dispensers will cover the winter needs of some relatively rare birds. The sum being requested for this winter is £774.80. This was supported by the subcommittee with a potential further application in a year's time accompanied by a progress report. The applicant has agreed that, as the recipient is an individual, all invoices are paid directly by the parish council.

Copies of the applications were circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. If these two projects are funded there will remain another £1,461 to spend until the next tranche is due in January 2023. **RESOLVED the parish council will support the grant application to repair the roof of the village hall kitchen. RESOLVED the second application to be explored further, to ensure the parish council can identify a power in order to give the grant.**
ACTION: Clerk

047/22 HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE - (Continued)

- **Communications with Gary Streeter.** Councillors will have seen Sir Gary's response to a further letter on the subject of the sewage problem in the Erme estuary. In it he proposed facilitating a further meeting with South West Water and The Environment Agency this autumn.

With SWW being investigated by Ofwat it may prove difficult to get a public meeting agreed by SWW. However, it would seem appropriate to go along with such a meeting. **RESOLVED the parish council will support this way forward.**

- **New climate change web pages.** Councillors are invited to browse the parish council web pages devoted to climate change. Comments and feedback will be most welcome.

The next meeting of the Holbeton Parish Council Climate Change subcommittee will be on Tuesday the 2nd September 2022.

From David Sergeant
Date 17/06/2022 13:44:28

To harryluson@gmail.com
Subject Re: Net Zero Visions Holbeton

Dear Harry,

We're really sorry to hear about the response of the parish council. We also wonder whether the decision to withdraw might be a little premature at this point, and whether a couple of points might be noted with regard to what came out of your meeting?

- you mention that the point of some images was unclear; however, there will be text to accompany the illustration, in which such points will be made and the ideas expressed in your brief will be made explicit. Because you will of course recognise that all of the images are rooted in the ideas that you asked to be featured!
- So, the ladybird and bird reflecting an increase in invertebrate population, where the text might not only note this, but mention some of the strategies which can make this happen; the local work depicted with the boot repair, reflecting what you noted previously ("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 eg footwear"); the allotment can be explained as per your brief ('Most people would have an allotment, and houses would actually be warm without open fires all the year round (as happens in some cottages)').
- we were also asking for suggestions to feed into Phil's next draft - this was a preliminary work. So, to address some of the issues that came up: 1) we might make the scene of repairing and self-sufficient work more prominent in the boot repair scene; 2) the bird might be replaced by a small image which invokes a more immediately identifiable net zero element if you feel that would help, as well as some sense of challenge (e.g. a broiling sun and a solar panel, of the kind you mentioned); 3) the main image could include a diversity of people, of the kind you mentioned when selecting this village scene, bringing things to and from a repair shop, and perhaps the shop itself if you were able to identify a building in the image where that might go (the curved roof garage in the centre left)? So giving more of the sense of this being a changed future Holbeton.

We hope that these responses will help reassure the climate change subcommittee as to the ways in which it can illustrate the priorities and ideas you described to us before. Perhaps you would be able to share these points with the subcommittee via email, in order to get a rapid response? We are now working under a very tight timescale, and would be sorry to lose Holbeton from the project, and all the work that Phil has done. We should also note that the image will potentially receive quite wide coverage, so there might well be benefits to Holbeton that could also be considered!

all best,

David

047/22 HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE - (Continued)

From: harryluson@gmail.com

To: David Sergeant

Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 5:30 PM

Subject: Re[2]: Net Zero Visions Holbeton

Thank you for your reply, David

We will take your points into consideration and come back to you after further consultation. This would mean a response after the next meeting of the parish council on the 12th July at the very latest.

One thing I am unclear about is the size of the final illustration and how and in what format it is to be exhibited, as that will determine the amount of detail that can be communicated.

Best wishes Harry

From David Sergeant

Date 22/06/2022 21:47:17

Hi Harry,

To harryluson@gmail.com

Subject Re: Re[2]: Net Zero Visions Holbeton

That's excellent, thank you - 12th July should still be OK, though of course, the earlier the better, as ever!

Very happy to chat with anyone at any point about the underlying project ideas, if that would help.

As for the size and form the final exhibition of the illustrations will take, we're still finalising the full range of that - it will be budget dependent, also "as ever"! - but it might be helpful to know that high quality digital/online versions will certainly be available, in which the ability to easily and clearly zoom in on details will really reap the reward of the kind of intricate, small-scale craftsmanship that Phil's work possesses.

all best

David

Dr David Sergeant, Associate Professor in Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Literature

048/22 FINANCE

RESOLVED to approve the following:

(i) Bank balances: - Business Account as at 9 June 2022 = £5,000.00
Treasurers Account as at 9 June 2022 = £31,410.23

(ii) Banked receipt for June 2022: - Bank Interest (09.06.2022) = £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 - June 2022 Salary	£465.09	-	-
HMRC	HMRC	£19.00	-	-
HMRC	HMRC	£24.83	-	-
Mrs M Venton	Cleaning of Holbeton Public Toilets - June 2022	£72.00	-	-
Holbeton Village Hall	Hire of Holbeton Village Hall for PC meetings during June 2022	£56.00	-	-
Holbeton Village Hall	Hire of Holbeton Village Hall for PC meetings during July 2022	£50.00	-	-
eDF	Electricity Reading Rooms from 2 May - 1 June 2022	£26.20	£1.25	£24.95
eDF	Electricity Reading Rooms from 2 April - 1 May 2022	£33.71	£1.61	£32.10
Mr M Battershill	Reimbursement for fuel to use the parish strimmer - P3	£41.36	-	-
Reimbursement to Clerk	Purchase of Holbeton Telephone Directory March 2022	£3.00	-	-
DB Computers	HPC Website - Monthly maintenance charge for June 2022	£40.00	-	-
Reimbursement to Andrew Hollett (parishioner)	Purchase of 24 toilet rolls for public toilets from Amazon	£22.99	-	-
Holbeton Cricket Club	£600 (minute 187/20, March 2021) solar panel installation behind the cricket pavilion at Flete (S106)	£600.00	-	-
Reimbursement to Andrew Hollett (parishioner)	Purchase of Vacant/Occupied sliding door sign x 2 £23.90, Sanitary cleaner £24.24	£48.14	-	-

048/22 FINANCE (continued)

(v) Approve Financial Statement

Financial Statement		
Lloyds Bank Business Account bank statement as at 9 June 2022 :	£5,000.00	
Lloyds bank Treasurers Account bank statement as at 9 June 2022:	£31,410.23	
	Total =	£36,410.23
Less: any un-presented cheques	001602	-£81.00
	001606	-£1,280.00
	001608	-£7.33
	001610	-£446.09
	001609	-£19.00
	001611	-£81.00
	001612	-£84.00
	001613	-£550.00
	001614	-£3.80
	001615	-£210.00
	001616	-£11.40
	001617	-£128.00
	001619	-£790.45
Plus: any un-banked cash/cheques	None	£0.00
	Total Funds =	£32,718.16

(vi) Holbeton Parish Council expenditure and income 2022/2023 to date was reviewed.

(vii) RESOLVED to pay Reading Rooms electricity eDF monthly payment, by direct debit.

(viii) RESOLVED to increase the hourly rate of Parish Clerk to £16.00 effective from 1 May 2022.

049/22 HOLBETON PUBLIC TOILETS

- Transfer of building to the Parish Council - ongoing.

- RESOLVED Cllr Flower will be the contact for The Pensions Regulator for Marion Venton, who has now signed her Contract of Employment to clean Holbeton Public Toilets.

Cllr Callcut reported that primary school children are climbing on to the roof of Holbeton public toilets. RESOLVED to write a letter to Holbeton Primary School Headmaster, asking for children to be made aware of the Parish Council safety concerns. **ACTION: Clerk**

050/22 FEEDBACK FROM WEEKLY BIKE TRACK & PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS INSPECTIONS - Cllrs Reece/Sherrell

Cllr Sherrell has made arrangements for the bike track to be strimmed.

051/22 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Baumer - parishioners are concerned that Plymouth High School for Girls camping at Brent Hill, have no toilet facilities and waste disposal arrangements.

Cllr Flower - red car parked below Holbeton Village Shop is causing problems. RESOLVED, Cllr Sherrell will investigate. **ACTION: Sherrell**

Cllr Reece - strimming required at the play park.

Cllr Sherrell - arrangements have been made for the Lengthsman to remove a branch from play equipment.

Cllr Sherrell - Gregory distribution milk lorries at Battisborough Cross driving too fast. RESOLVED the Clerk to write to the company. **ACTION: Clerk**

052/22 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS & CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED to make no amendments.

053/22 CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

SHDC - Planning Application Ref: 2112/22/CCN (Caravan Club Notification). SHDC have received a notification from the Freedom Camping Club in relation to the above site. As part of the licencing process, the Club is required to notify the Local Planning Authority, who are consultees to the decision, rather than the determining authority. The applicant is only required to send us a cover letter and site location plan, which can be seen online at - <http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/222112>. Description: Freedom Camping Club notification of proposed permitted development to operate a certified exempted camping and caravan site. Address: Scobbiscombe Farm, Yealmpton, PL8 2EW

Cllr Sherrell pointed out that it is a permitted development and not a planning application there are not really any grounds on which to object.

This sort of small site, (registered with a certified exempted organisation similar to Caravan Club or Caravan and Camping Club which is why they only allow their own members on site) do not require planning permission or a licence from the local authority but are essentially permitted development as long as they stick to the certification rules. Certified sites can have their certification removed at any time but would have to be in breach.

Cllr Timlin Brown raised concern about waste disposal. RESOLVED to write to the Freedom Camping Club and owners. Pointing out the importance of maintaining the banks at the entrance to the property where wild orchids grow. Also, ensuring the noise level is not increased, as it will have an impact on residents in the hamlet of Ford. **ACTION: Clerk**

054/22 TO CONFIRM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATE AND VENUE

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 9 August 2022** in Holbeton Village Hall at **7.30 pm**.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

John Sherrell

(Holbeton Parish Council Chairman)

Date: 9 August 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.