

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 5th July 2022

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), John Sherrell (Councillor), Clare Hollett (Parishioner), Chris and Gilly Bray, Caroline Howarth, Joe Clarke (Parishioner)

1. Welcome & Apologies Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Anna West, Andrew Hollett, Tracy Ebbrell, Nirosha Gunatillake, Chris Flower, and Jan Sellick

2. Draft Minutes of 7th June 2022. Accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising

- a) **Net Zero Future Visions response from David Sergeant** HB shared the communication from David Sergeant. HB reported that he had attended the last 5 Parish Alliance meeting where there was concern about the project expressed by other council representatives. It was agreed that members of the subcommittee did not wish to support this project as it did express the opinions submitted to the project about Holbeton Parish, and indeed concern about the project's underlying concept. **Action: HB** to take to next Parish Council meeting and then to respond to David Sergeant.
- b) **Holbeton News "tips of the month"** There was discussion about Tesco's soft plastic initiative and how misleading Tesco's statement was. CB agreed he would do a piece on plastics for the Holbeton News in September. HB had circulated copies of the Greenpeace Guide to Life. It was agreed that every other month a page should be published in the HN in lieu of tip of the month. The idea of regular monthly farming pieces for HN was also discussed. It was felt that educating parishioners about local farming issues would be a good idea. **Actions: CB** to write a piece on plastics for October's HN. **HB** to submit one page of the Greenpeace Guide every other month. **JS** to ask local farmers for material for the Holbeton News.
- c) **Environmental library:** HB reported that the Parish Council website now has a list of all available books on the website. We are still waiting for further discussions on possible arrangements for displaying a small selection of books in the pub. **Action AH & CB** to approach Rick and Nicky.
- d) **Cross Park plant survey and verge trimming.** HB reported that a site meeting with Nick Colton took place. An agreement has been reached about cutting the bank on the top road around Luson Cross and Nick Colton will forward this to those contracted to cut the parish's verges. **Action: HB** to await Tom Whitlock's stated intention to review the use of the "special verges" database.
- e) **New Parish Council Website.** It was agreed to add links on the website to Plymouth University's Sustainable Earth Institute, and three Carbon Audit Toolkits. There was also discussion about making the website "mobile phone friendly" **Action: HB** to contact David Brett.
- f) **Section 106 money for climate change action plan** The money has reportedly now been paid to the PC. Giles Ebbutt is awaiting payment for the cricket club grant they were awarded. **Action: HB** to confirm with Teresa Drew that the money has been paid in.
- g) **Rebel Botanist Scheme.** This item to be re-scheduled as Anna West is away.
- h) **Life on the Edge Project.** HB reported on the evening walk that took place at Mothecombe to talk about the project.
- i) **Communication from Sir Gary Streeter.** It was agreed that Sir Gary Streeter's offer of facilitating a further open meeting with SWW and the Environment Agency representatives should be supported. **Action: HB** to take to the Parish Council.
- j) **The Greenpeace Guide to Life** See Item 3b
- k) **Gardening for Wildlife booklet** HB has contacted Maggie Horne about this. She has not responded to HB with her thoughts about it.

4. Other Matters

a) **Tesco soft plastics initiative.** See item 3b.

b) **Joe Clarke Grant Application** The grant application was discussed. Joe Clarke outlined the area to be farmed and explained about linking woodland to provide wildlife corridors along the coast. He explained why there

was a need to provide winter bird seed feed in the short term for Cirl buntings and other overwintering species. John Sherrell outlined current farming practices and explained that with the efficiency of modern farm machinery even leaving stubble fields over the winter would not leave enough seed on the ground for these birds. Specific crops would need to be grown for feeding. The meeting was in agreement with the project and that we should fund seed and feeders for Winter 2022 and seeds to be sown in Spring 2023. Joe Clarke to be asked to report next year prior to seeking further and final funding. **Action: HB** to take to the next Parish Council meeting for consideration.

- c) **Holbeton Village Hall grant application to insulate and replace the leaking kitchen roof.** It was agreed that £1,500 should be awarded. **Action: HB** to take to the next PC meeting for consideration.
- d) **Green Fair** HB reported that The 5 Parish Alliance was interested in this for 2023. Newton Ferrers is also proposing to have a stand at their village Apple Day. Could Holbeton do the same? **Action: HB** to contact Penny Callcutt to discuss this.

Date and venue for next meeting, Tuesday 6th September 2022, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall Green Room