

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 6th September 2022

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris and Gilly Bray, Tracy Ebbrell, Jan Sellick

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

2. Draft Minutes of 5th July 2022. Accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising

- a) **Net Zero Future Visions response from David Sergeant** HB reported that the Parish Council agreed that this project should not be pursued & he has responded to David Sergeant accordingly.
- b) **Holbeton News “tips of the month”** As agreed previously, a page from The Greenpeace Guide to Life was put into the Holbeton News last month but unfortunately the text was too small. **Actions: HB** to talk to Liz Lewthwaite (co editor of HN) with the proposal that the Environmental sub group sponsor extra pages in the Holbeton News to ensure that key environmental messages are included in the Holbeton News. As previously agreed, **CB** to write a piece on plastics for October’s HN.
- c) **Environmental library:** HB reported that the Parish Council website now has a list of all available books on the website. There has been no further progress with housing the environmental library in the pub. **Action HB & CB** to approach Rick and Nicky again. **DB** to raise the issue of possibly storing books in the church with AMW at the next PCC meeting.
- d) **Cross Park plant survey and verge trimming.** HB reported that we are still awaiting Tom Whitlock’s review of the “special verges” database. **Action HB** to contact Tom Whitlock again.
- e) **New Parish Council Website.** This has now been up and running for several months. There is a link on it to the Holbeton Climate Change sub group. There is also a link to the Holbeton Eco Group. The many links to other relevant sites was considered a strength.
- f) **Section 106 money for climate change action plan.** This money has now been paid to the Parish Council. There is £1,500 remaining to be spent before next year’s money is due in January 2023.
- g) **Rebel Botanist Scheme.** Given the lack of progress and the time of year it was agreed that this should be shelved for the time being.
- h) **Life on the Edge Project.** **HB** to attend a forthcoming project board meeting at Mothecombe.
- i) **Communication from Sir Gary Streeter.** HB suggested that the 18th November (proposed by Sir Gary) should be the date to hold the open meeting with SWW and the Environment Agency. It was agreed that John Mildmay-White should also be invited to participate. **Action: HB** to contact JMW to discuss.
- j) **Gardening for Wildlife booklet** Nothing to report at present.
- k) **Joe Clarke revised grant application** Jo has submitted a revised application. **Action: HB** will take this to the next PC meeting for approval.
- l) **Holbeton Village Hall grant application.** £1,500 has been awarded by the Parish Council for repairs and insulation to the leaking kitchen roof.

4. Other Matters

- a) **Wildflower area by the Reading Rooms.** Tracy to ask Tom to strim the area and we will then rake and clear it after 7 days. **Action: TE, HB, DB**
- b) **Annual Review of the Parish Environmental Action Plan** No changes have been made to the plan.
- c) **Annual Review of the Parish Council Environmental Policy** This to be considered at the next Parish Council Climate Change Meeting.
- d) **Consideration of the Yealm Water Quality Group’s addition to their planning policy.** The meeting discussed this and it was proposed that HB take the document to the next Parish Council meeting with a view to adopting this guidance for Holbeton (on the River Erme).

5. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th October 2022, 7.30pm at Holbeton Village Hall