

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall Function Room on 4th October 2022

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris and Gilly Bray, Tracy Ebbrell, Anna West, Caroline Howarth

1. Welcome & Apologies Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Jan Sellick, Andrew Hollett (who wishes to step down from the committee), Chris Flower, John Sherrell and Nirosha Gunatillake

2. Draft Minutes of 6th September 2022. Accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising

- a) **Holbeton News “tips of the month”** The page from The Greenpeace Guide to Life put into the Holbeton News last month had text that was too small. HB will ask for it to be reprinted in larger text next month. HB has spoken to Liz Lewthwaite (co editor of the Holbeton News) about the possibility of the Parish Council Environmental sub group sponsoring extra pages in the Holbeton News to ensure that key environmental messages are included. Christine Tarrant has circulated a feedback questionnaire with this month’s Holbeton News to establish what people do or don’t want. There was discussion about next month’s “tip of the month”. **Action: DB** to write about what is safe to dispose of down drains for December’s Holbeton News.
- b) **Environmental library: Action HB & CB** to approach Rick and Nicky. **DB** to raise the issue of possibly storing environmental books in the church with AMW at the next PCC meeting.
- c) **Cross Park plant survey and verge trimming.** HB has had no response from Tom Whitlock. **Action HB** to discuss with District Councillor Dan Thomas.
- d) **New Parish Council Website.** CH reported that the website is not mobile friendly. HB reported that he couldn’t download material from the website. **Action: HB** to talk to the web administrator via the parish clerk
- e) **Life on the Edge Project** HB attended a study session which gave an update about the project. Councillor Tony Callcut has expressed an interest in attending Life on the Edge meetings. **Action: HB** to talk to Tony Callcut.
- f) **Communication from Sir Gary Streeter.** Gary Streeter has confirmed his attendance on the 18th November along with SWW and the Environment Agency. HB reported that there was an issue with using the hall because of an existing booking on the same evening. **Action: HB** to look at alternative ways forward.
- g) **Wildflower Area by the Reading Rooms** The area was kindly cut by Tom Flint 3 weeks ago and raked into a heap 1 week later. **Action: DB** to dispose of the heap and to sow some yellow rattle seed obtained from John Sherrell and Corn Cockle seed offered by Gillian Banner, with thanks to both.

4. Other Matters

- a) **SWW consultation document** Local Parish Councils were given no notice of this document and were only made aware of it after the original closing date had already passed, with a new deadline of 3 days time. HB read out his draft response which will be sent after discussion with the Chair of the Parish Council about how to achieve the new deadline after consultation with the other parish councillors. **Action: HB** to speak to John Sherrell.
- b) **Annual Review of the Parish Council Environmental Policy** One amendment has been made to the policy. The lower reaches of the River Erme estuary is a Marine Conservation Area.
- c) **Suggestion to review SHDC’s current planning policy on domestic efficiency: HB** to clarify the proposal

5. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st November 2022, 7.30pm at Holbeton Village Hall