

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 1st November 2022

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris and Gilly Bray, Tracy Ebbrell, Anna West, Caroline Howarth, Jan Sellick, Cllrs Chris Flower & Tony Callcut

1. Welcome & Apologies Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Tony Callcut, a new member. There were apologies from Nirosha Gunatillake & John Sherrell

2. Draft Minutes of 4th September 2022. Accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising

- a) **Holbeton News climate change and environment pages, and “tips of the month”** The Parish Council has agreed to fund (to be reviewed after 1 year) 4 extra pages in the Holbeton News for Climate Change matters including YCE information. It was also agreed that we should include diary dates for environmental events. There has been no progress with including a farming page as part of the environmental pages in the Holbeton News. It was also suggested that the Orchard Group might wish to submit something for the Holbeton News too. Ideas for future “tips of the month” were discussed. AW agreed to ask Shula Fitzgerald if she might be willing to write a piece about recycling clothing: **Action AW.** DB to write about disposing of toxic substances and drains for November submission. **Action DB.** HB to contact John MW about farming pieces. **TE** to send YCE submissions to HB each month for onward transmission to Christine Tarrant (Holbeton News)
- b) **Winter bird feeding.** Joe Clark’s application for funding has been approved by the Parish Council with some conditions. These conditions to be finalised at the PC meeting next week.
- c) **River Yealm riparian parishes water quality policy.** This has been incorporated as an appendix to HPC’s existing planning policy.
- d) **Environment library** CB and HB still need to visit the Mildmay Colours to discuss this with Rick and Nicky **Action: CB to ring HB**
- e) **Cross Park plant survey and hedge trimming** HB is still awaiting Tom Whitlock’s response. HB has asked Dan Thomas, County Councillor to encourage a response.
- f) **Parish Council Website** No amendments suggested.
- g) **Life on the Edge Project.** HB discussed the e-mail from Rob Skinner (Project Development Officer, South Devon AONB) who talked about trialling Pollinator plans. The meeting was unsure what Rob Skinner was requiring of us/the community. **Action: HB** to contact Rob Skinner to find out more about Pollinator Plans and to discuss ways of involving parishioners in the project.
- h) **River Erme Meeting on November 18th** This is to be held in Holbeton Church. Both SWW and the Environment Agency have said they will attend along with Sir Gary Streeter. They have requested questions in advance. HB has a list of questions he has collated from various people. He will take these to the Parish Council meeting next week. John Sherrell will chair the meeting. A number of helpful suggestions were agreed.
- i) **Wild Flower Area by the Reading Rooms** The area has now been raked and re-seeded. DB reported on the Devon Churchyards Award – Holbeton Highly Commended. This acknowledged both the veg patch, wild area, bug hotel and mini pond in the New Churchyard and the wildflower area and its notice board by the Reading Rooms.
- j) **Space in Holbeton News for environmental content. Covered in 3a.**

4. Other Matters

Local Community Composting - possible options With the cessation of garden waste collections by SHDC, a group from Newton Ferrers have proposed a community composting scheme shared between parishes. The site being considered is at Collaton and may be linked to planned the new housing. Yealmpton are considering joining this scheme. Would Holbeton be interested or should we consider our own composting facility? **Action: HB to include in his briefing for councillors**

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6th December 2022, 7.30pm at Holbeton Village Hall