

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

meeting Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 3rd May 2022

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris Flower (Councillor), Tracy Ebbrell, Chris and Jilly Bray, Caroline Howarth (Parishioners), & a parishioner.

1. **Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Andrew Hollett, Anna West, Jan Sellick and Nirosha Gunatillake
2. **Draft Minutes of 5th May 2022.** Accepted as correct.
3. **Matters arising**
 - a) **Advice on LED lights update** AH not present to provide an update. **Action: AH** to provide update at the next meeting.
 - b) **Net Zero Future Visions** HB previously suggested that Emma should be invited to the village to have a look around. She has contacted HB requesting photos for the project by today **Action: HB** to take 2 photos and send them to Emma.
 - c) **Holbeton News "tips of the month"** It was previously agreed that CB and Gillian Banner would do tips for the next two editions of the HN, the former on carbon footprints, the latter on flea and tick treatments for animals. **Action: CB, Gillian Banner.**
 - d) **May "book of the month".** We are still waiting for the arrangements for displaying books in the pub to be finalised. **Action: AH**
 - e) **Cross Park plant survey and verge trimming.** HB reported that a site meeting with Tom Whitlock to discuss hedge and bank trimming at Luson Cross, would take place on the 5th May. A protocol for the management of the hedges and verges at Luson cross could then be drawn up. TE suggested contacting Devon Wildlife Trust to submit details of the surveys performed. **Action: HB** to invite John MW, John Sherrell and DB to the meeting. **TE** to send link to Devon Wildlife Trust so that **HB** can contact them.
 - f) **Proposed carbon audit for parish farmers** HB shared a letter from John MW in which he proposed to facilitate carbon audits by estate farmers. This was expected to start in the autumn and would replace the proposed forum for which funds had been allocated. **Action: HB** to contact John MW and offer to donate the money we were going to use for the farming forum.
 - g) **Application for funding for water quality testing in Holbeton Brook.** Flete Field Lab has previously been granted £1280 funding to carry out testing of the water in Holbeton Brook in conjunction with Westcountry Rivers Trust. Shelley Castle had asked to change one of the tests for another to be supplied by WRT. Agreed that this was reasonable. **Action: HB** to respond.
 - h) **New Parish Council website, climate change page** This is now up and running. **Action: HB** needs to add some text to the pictures.
 - i) **EV charger sharing scheme for Holbeton** HB reported on an email from a parishioner proposing to donate an EV charger to the parish council. CoCharger provides a service to facilitate private charger owners to sell electricity to other EV owners.
 - j) **Green Fair under the auspices of the 5 parish alliance.** HB has contacted Matt Chown (Chair of the 5 parish alliance) with the suggestion this be held in Autumn 2023. **Action:** This will be discussed at the next Alliance meeting on June 28th. Gillian Banner suggested we had a mini climate change stall at the next Apple Day in Holbeton.
 - k) **Section 106 money for climate change action plan** TE reported not having had a reply to her request about this year's funding. **Action :** TE to contact Andre Savarin again for an update
 - l) **Support for the environmental management of All Saints Churchyard.** The parish council has agreed to support mowing the churchyard again. Further funding up to £200 agreed from the climate change subcommittee on receipt of evidence of environmental plans for the churchyard.
4. **Other Matters**
 - a) **Rebel Botanist scheme.** AW had proposed setting up a group to put this into action. **Action: HB** to contact AW when she returns from holiday to take this forward.
 - b) **Life on the Edge project (S Devon AONB Community Projects).** The Project Advisory Board have asked for a council representative on the project. A talk will be given at the Parish Council AGM tomorrow.

Date and venue for next meeting, Tuesday 7th June 2022, 7.30pm Holbeton Village Hall