

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 6th December 2022**

**Present:** Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris and Gilly Bray, Anna West, Chris Flower (Parish Councillor), Jan Sellick. Also in attendance: Barry Pitt and Tessa Trapps-Lomax

- 1. Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Nirosha Gunatillake, John Sherrell, Tracey Ebbrell, Caroline Howarth, Tony Callcutt
- 2. Draft Minutes of 1st November 2022.** Accepted as correct.
- 3. Life on the Edge** Rob Skinner, Life On The Edge (LotE) Project Officer for South Devon AONB attended the meeting to make a presentation about Pollinator plans and how the LotE project can assist in local environmental projects. This project is a 5 year lottery project. The current development phase has +-£200 K matched funding. The subsequent delivery phase will have £2 million of funding. The prime aim is the conservation of plants and invertebrates in local “hot spot” areas. We as a local community need to think about what we can do to encourage pollinators. There are grants of £2K x 5 to donate for local initiatives. **Action JHB** to report to the next PC meeting, **All** to consider further at the next meeting.
- 4. Matters arising**
  - a) **Local Community Composting** It was agreed to put this onto the Agenda for January to allow more time for discussion. **Action: Barry Pitt and Tessa Trapps-Lomax** to attend the next meeting to lead the discussion.
  - b) **Holbeton News** climate change and environment pages and tip of the month. **Action: JHB to produce the content of the 4 pages.**
  - c) **Winter Bird Feeding.** The Parish Council has agreed to fund this project subject to Joe Clarke facilitating 2 guided bird watching walks.
  - d) **Environment library** CB and HB still need to visit the Mildmay Colours **Action: HB** to ring **CB**
  - e) **Parish Council Website:** no comments. Noted that the parish council will be considering paying for documents to be possible to download.
  - f) **River Erme Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>** Feedback from the meeting was not favourable in relation to SWW and the Environment Agency. There were strong feelings about private water companies. A need for water testing was identified. SWW need to produce a strategic plan. **Action: at the next parish council meeting JHB to put forward the need for an approach to SWW via our MP, with a view to producing a jointly agreed strategic plan for the Holbeton water treatment plant. Also to approach other relevant councils to form a River Erme water quality group.**
  - g) **Wild Flower Area by the Reading Rooms** The area has now been raked and reseeded. DB mentioned 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.
  - h) **Space in Holbeton News for environmental content** The PC has approved sponsorship for this and it has now started (see item 4b).

## 5. Other Matters

**Free Landmark tree for Holbeton:** as the Parochial Church Council wishes to have a small pollinating tree in the new churchyard, they should be suggested to receive this free tree. Other individuals and groups to be alerted to this offer via Holbeton News.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd January 2023, 7.30pm at Holbeton Village Hall**