

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 7th February 2023

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), John Sherrell (Chair, Holbeton Parish Council), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris Flower and Tony Callcut (Parish Councillors), Jan Sellick, Chris and Gilly Bray, Anna West. Also in attendance: Barry Pitt and David Little

1. **Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Nirosha Gunatillake, Tracey Ebbrell, and Caroline Howarth.
2. **Draft Minutes of 6th December 2022.** Accepted as correct.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - a) **Life on the Edge project proposals** The list of projects aimed at enhancing pollination were agreed. **Action: HB** to send the Holbeton Pollinator Plan to Rob Skinner at AONB.
 - b) **Local Community Composting** Barry Pitt explained how this would work. Barry described the community composting site in Stoke Fleming which occupies ½ acre. It would require the Parish Council to insure for public liability. A shredder/chopper is available for pre-booked use from SHDC. Fundamental to the project going ahead is identifying a location. HB has spoken to John MW and at present no suitable site has been identified. **Action: HB** to contact John MW again to discuss using space at the Sawmill, will also put something into the next Holbeton News.
 - c) **Winter Bird Feeding** HB reported that the Parish Council has approved funding for this project with two guided dawn bird walks to take place, one this year and one next year.
 - d) **Environmental Library.** The library remains in the Reading Rooms. As yet there is no progress on identifying a more accessible venue to display books. **Action: DB** to raise the issue at the next PCC meeting.
 - e) **Parish Council website** It is now possible to download pdf files.
 - f) **River Erme Meeting on 18th November and January meeting to discuss setting up River Erme Water Quality Group.** Since the meeting on 18th November, HB has liaised with Vicky Garner from SWW (see e-mail from HB to Vicky Garner following the telephone discussion). She had proposed an initial focus on the immediate proposal to extend the surface water drain from the road at Holbeton school to the top of Vicarage Hill. This is still to be agreed by SWW. HB had also attended a meeting in Modbury at the end of January where it was agreed to set up the Erme Water Quality Group.
 - g) **Free Landmark tree for Holbeton** The Parish Council have accepted the offer of a free landmark tree (a Malus) for Holbeton. It was agreed that this will be planted in the New Churchyard in the wildlife area.
4. **New Items**
 - a) **An EV charger for Holbeton Village.** David Little attended to explain the proposal for an EV charger to be installed in an accessible place for the community to use. This would consist of a wall charger with a lead provided free by David Little. A suitable site needs to be identified – Village Hall, pub car park, outside the public lavatories all suggested. There would need to be an identified “host”. The charger would be connected to the grid: this would have a setting up cost. A “Co Charger” app would need to be set up to manage bookings and payments. The “Co Charger” company would take 12% commission. **Action: HB** to take the proposal to the Parish Council meeting next week.
 - b) **Yealmpton Show stand for 5 parishes** HB stated that the 5 Parish Environmental Alliance (of which Holbeton is a member), is planning a stand at the Yealmpton Show to highlight local environmental initiatives. This could be funded from S106 money. **Action: HB** to take proposal to Parish Council meeting next week.
 - c) **Review of Section 106 grant application form** Parish councils are not allowed to make payments to support private individuals or businesses. The application form guidance currently states: “Individuals. If you are applying as an individual the parish council must oversee the project.” It has therefore been amended slightly to add the words: “You must show how the primary benefit will be for the community rather than you as the individual.” **Action: HB** to seek the approval of the Parish Council.
 - d) **Review of spending from the S106 funding in 2022.** Once the 2023 payment has been made there will be £5,500.42 in the account available for grant applications in 2023.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023, 7.30pm at Holbeton Village Hall Function Room