

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 7th March 2023

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris and Gilly Bray, Anna West Chris Flower (Parish Councillor), and Caroline Howarth.

1. Welcome & Apologies Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Nirosha Gunatillake, Tracey Ebbrell, Jan Sellick, and Tony Callcut

2. Draft Minutes of 7th February 2023. Accepted as correct.

3. Matters Arising

- a) An EV charger for Holbeton village – progress report.** David Little attended the last Village Hall Management Committee meeting to present the proposal. CH reported that there were some concerns that need to be addressed but in principle the trustees were in support of the idea. The meeting discussed the possibility of providing 2 spaces for charging to the left of the front of the hall. **Action – HB** to contact Christine Tarrant (Chair of Hall Trustees) to invite her to attend next Parish Council meeting to begin discussions.
- b) Life on the Edge project proposals –** These will imminently be sent to Life on the Edge. It was felt that there are local initiatives that could be undertaken without their help. **Action – HB** to be discussed more fully at next month's meeting.
- c) Local Community Composting** HB reported that the Flete Estate has been unable to identify a suitable site for composting at present. John MW has requested that we shelve the idea for the moment but there might be future opportunities. There have been no other sites identified at present. **Action – HB** to thank Barry Pitt
- d) Yealmpton Show stand for 5 parish alliance –** HB reported on a zoom meeting held 2 weeks ago to discuss the purpose and practicalities of the stand. Should there be activities for children? Should there be badges given out? What written information should there be? How would it be presented? It was suggested that a mind map of all the issues we cover might be useful. Could we involve other groups e.g farming group (very pertinent with issues about river pollution), River Quality groups for the Yealm and the Erme? **Action HB**
- e) Holbeton News climate change and environmental pages & tip of the month** **Action AW** to write about 2nd hand recycling and upcycling of clothing for the next Holbeton News. **Action AW**
- f) Environmental Library** HB and CB have now visited the pub to discuss display of some of the environmental books. **Action** Rick and Nicky happy for this to happen. **HB** and **CB** to organise. Also awaiting a response from the PCC on the church holding the library. **Action DB**
- g) Parish Council website – climate change page.** HB reported that this has been recently updated via the Parish Clerk.
- h) River Erme meeting held on 18th November** Subsequent to this meeting reports as follows: i) SWW was approached via Gary Streeter to take forward a strategic plan to deal with the problems experienced by SWW in relation to sewage discharges into the Erme. Vicky Garner will lead a small SWW team. The first meeting with SWW will take place on 21st March with John MW, HB John Sherrell (PC Chair), and Verto Homes representative. ii) John MW recently met with a small action group. iii) The Erme Water Quality Group will have its 2nd meeting on the 23rd of March chaired by Ann Turner. CH asked whether the Environment Agency were involved: they are aware of the new group. **Action HB** to report back to the sub committee.
- i) Landmark tree for Holbeton –** A Malus has now been planted at the top of the new churchyard. **Action DB** to ask the PCC about commemoration

4. New Items

- a) Application for Section 106 funding for Bee weekend in May-** Anne MW is organising a bee study day and a field trip day to look at solitary and bumble bee species. An application for funding has been made. **Action HB** to take to PC meeting next week.
- b) Application for Section 106 funding for village hall roof –** **Action HB** to assist hall trustees with an application to fund insulation for the hall flat roof area. HB to talk to Christine Tarrant about this and to take this matter to the PC meeting next week.
- d) To consider purchasing a thermal imaging add on for smart phones.** Martyn West is prepared to take the lead with this initiative. Should the group invest in one of these for community use? **Action HB** to take this proposal to the next PC meeting for their initial consideration.

5. AOB Litter Pickers Councillor Carol Ackroyd has proposed encouraging local volunteers to litter pick around the parish. She has requested funding to purchase litter picker sticks, bags and high viz jackets for anyone wishing to pick up litter.

6. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th April 2023, 7.30pm at Holbeton Village Hall