

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 4th April 2023

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

1. Welcome & Apologies Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Anna West, Jan Sellick, Caroline Howarth, Nirosha Gunatillake, Tracey Ebbrell, and John Sherrell

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

3. Matters Arising

a) An EV charger for Holbeton village. The Village Hall Trustees have raised a few issues which need to be considered. **Action HB** will consider undertaking a feasibility study with assistance from David Little.

b) Local Community Composting HB has been approached by Newton and Noss Parish Council about a proposal for a Community Composting facility at Newton Down Farm (the Riding School). HB took part in a site visit led by Chris D'Avery. Access is quite tricky and at weekends the riding stables are very busy with many children at the stables. **Action HB** to report to Holbeton PC next week.

c) Yealmpton Show Stand for 5 parishes The 5 parishes have collaborated and a draft poster design has been produced. The wording will need to be agreed by all before CB and GB create the poster.

d) Holbeton News climate change and environment pages and tip of the month Martyn West has agreed to write a piece about no flying travel across Europe using the railway.

e) Environmental Library DB reported that it was agreed at the last PCC to allow environmental books to be kept in the church for people to borrow when they visit the church. **Action** A working group will meet at The Reading Rooms at midday next Wednesday (12th April) to move books to the church.

f) Parish council website There are still 3 sub committee members who need their photo taken for the parish council website. **Action HB** to facilitate

g) River Erme water quality group HB attended the newly formed group which is chaired by Ann Turner (Modbury Parish Council). There was a representative from the Environment Agency. A facilitated meeting to assist in setting up the group is to be arranged with help from Sustainable South Hams. The Holbeton PC Climate change committee is willing to fund training for local water testing.

h) Meeting with SWW representatives HB attended this meeting with John MW and John Sherrell. SWW reported that there would be £1.2million to spend on improving the state of Mothecombe Beach – this would include the sewage works at Ivybridge. The installation of a proposed new surface water drain from Vicarage Hill in Holbeton down to the existing drain by Holbeton School was discussed, along with problems with existing drains. The SWW representatives will be undertaking a survey of existing systems but were unclear about what financial support they will provide for the new drain. **Action** The next meeting will be after SWW have conducted their survey.

i) S106 funding for Bee weekend in May. Anne MW has applied for funding for this weekend. **Action** It was agreed to fund as requested. **HB** to also request a feedback report after the weekend.

j) S106 Funding for village hall roof. HB has sent Christine Tarrant (Chair of Village Hall Trustees) a list of requirements raised by the Parish Council.

k) Thermal Imaging add on for smart phones. Martyn West to be asked to submit a formal application for this facility.

j) Litter Picking Carol Ackroyd no longer requires funding for this initiative.

4. New Items

a) Funding Application for electric lawn mowers, Holbeton Cricket Club In view of the club's healthy bank balance it was agreed to offer up to £500 which would need to be matched by the club.

b) Conversation with Holbeton Garden Society about the use of pesticides and herbicides. HB has met with Maggie Horne who felt the society was not adverse to promoting this.

c) Water Butts Plymouth University has produced a paper about "leaky water butts" for collecting water for slow release in order to prevent flooding. The volume of "leaking" is controlled. Brixton advertised these butts but there was poor uptake. This could be an idea for Holbeton to embrace.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd May 2023, 7.30pm at Holbeton Village Hall