

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 6th June 2023

**Present:** Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Tony Callcut (Parish Councillor), Chris Flower, Jan Sellick

**1. Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Anna West, Chris and Gilly Bray, Caroline Howarth, Nirosha Gunatillake, Tracy Ebbrell and John Sherrell

**2. Draft Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.** Accepted as correct.

## 3. Matters Arising

- a) An EV charger for Holbeton village.** This was discussed at the last PC meeting where it was agreed that the Mildmay Colours should be approached to see whether they would be interested in having an EV charger on site. The Village Hall Trustees have raised a few issues which need to be considered. If a feasibility study was to be based on the Village Hall it would need one of the trustees to help. There is currently £5K S106 money available for projects. **Action HB** will ask David Little to assist with a feasibility study looking at any village location.
- b) Local Community Composting** HB reported back to Holbeton PC about the proposed site. Concerns were raised about access to the site. The PC awaits progress on this proposal.
- c) Yealmpton Show Stand for 5 parishes alliance – see progress report attached with meeting agenda.** There will be 2 more meetings before the show. **Action HB** to ask fellow councillors for help by manning the stand. The Parish Council will be asked for free entrance tickets for Councillors helping.
- d) Holbeton News climate change and environment pages and tip of the month** Last month Martyn West wrote about train travel across Europe. This received positive feedback. There was discussion about chimney cowl that reduce particulates. Phil Ward has one and has supplied information about this. It was agreed this would be a good topic for the autumn. **Action HB** to talk to Phil Ward about his cowl. **TC** to talk to a local chimney sweep about cowl. **HB** to put a Greenpeace Lesson for Life into next month's Holbeton News. **All** to consider suitable topics.
- e) Environmental Library** The library books have now been moved to the back of the church. **Action HB** to update the list of environmental books for the parish website.
- f) River Erme "Wild about the Erme "** HB attended the first meeting of a newly formed activist group at The Watermark in Ivybridge. This group organised by John M-W will have a focus including improving monitoring and the analysis of the river water and on trying to get SWW to address the pollution issues in the river Erme.
- g) The River Erme Quality group** This group of local councillors from parishes along the Erme will continue to meet and work with the Environment Agency whilst keeping the local MP on board. **Action HB** to discuss proposals designed to facilitate the terms and conditions and membership of this group at the next PC meeting.
- h) Meeting with SWW representatives (e-mail attached to agenda)** HB had requested confirmation that the minutes produced from this meeting are correct and can be more widely circulated.
- i) S106 funding for Bee weekend in May.** This funding was approved by the PC.
- j) Thermal imaging add on for smart phones.** HB has sent information to Martyn West. He had said that he is willing to lead this.
- k) Litter Picking.** Awaiting investigation by the parish clerk.
- l) Funding application from Holbeton Cricket Club.** The PC have approved matched funding towards the purchase of 2 electric lawnmowers.

## 4. New Items

- a) SWW report on Mothecombe Beach** An executive summary was circulated for the meeting to consider. John Mildmay-White had agreed to SWW entering Flete Estate land to collect water samples from the Erme for testing. The data has been analysed. Possible causes for the pollution were discussed.
- b) Holbeton PC supports the 20's plenty campaign.** The parish council had resolved to support the campaign in April 2023.

**Date of next meeting:- Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7.30pm**