

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 1st August 2023

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris Flower, Tony Callcut, Chris Bray, Gilly Bray, Anna West, Jan Sellick, Tessa Trappes-Lomax & Barry Pitt.

1. **Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Caroline Howarth & John Sherrell.
2. **Draft Minutes of 4th July 2023.** Accepted as correct.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - a) **An EV charger for Holbeton village.** HB to meet with John MW to look at possible sites for a charger. The pub car park not an option at present as Rick and Nicky are about to move. TC suggested talking to the new owners of The Ivy Barns **Action: HB** to contact The Ivy Barn owners.
 - b) **Yealmpton Show Stand for 5 parishes** – Despite the rain there was a good attendance at the Yealmpton Show in the morning but less so in the afternoon. There was plenty of interest early on. There was good collaboration with the other 4 parishes and overall it was felt to have been a successful day. CB & GB were congratulated on the fine poster designs. It was suggested that the Holbeton posters should be posted up in the parish. **Action: HB** to suggest this at the next parish council meeting.
 - c) **Holbeton News climate change and environment pages and tip of the month** CB offered to write about rechargeable batteries for the next Holbeton News. **Actions: TC** will do a piece on chimney cowls for the October HN. **CB** to get his piece for the HN to Christine Tarrant by the 18th August. **HB** to send the information he received from Phil Ward to TC for his cowl article.
 - d) **Parish Council website** HB has recently contacted the Parish Clerk about tweaking the website. AW reported that the website looks good. **Action: All** to continue to review the climate change section.
 - e) **The River Erme Quality group** HB attended the meeting of the River Erme Councils on 27th July. The approved Terms of Reference for the group were circulated prior to the meeting. CB reported that he is now organising water sampling of the local river and streams as part of the remit of John MW's WATER group.
 - f) **Meeting with SWW representatives (took place on 21st March).** A copy of the report by Pell Frischmann dated the 26th April 2023 had been forwarded by SWW on the 18th July in response to a request from the parish council on the 14th June. This reported on the state of the village's existing surface water system. Significant shortcomings were highlighted and 2 recommendations for improvements were made.

It was agreed that the parish council should ask SWW for the current status of the report's recommendations. **Action: HB** to propose this course of action at the next parish council meeting.

SWW have recently forwarded an email from Devon Highways (Devon CC), indicating that they have the gullies in Holbeton village listed for inspection at the request of SWW. The gullies in Ford have been cleared in the last 2 months but blocked gullies up Vicarage Hill have yet to be cleared. The parish lengthsman is responsible for keeping gullies clear.

CB reported that he had attended a West Country Rivers Trust meeting on 29th July. He reported that The Holbeton Dippers (water sampling group) needed 12 more volunteers.
 - g) **Life on the Edge proposal: Butterfly Conservation's big butterfly count.** This ends on 6th August. If the count is successful then Life on the Edge will do further training next year for a butterfly transect. CF confirmed that he had highlighted the count on Holbeton Facebook. **Action: CF** to remind people about the count on Holbeton Facebook
4. **New Items**
 - a) **Draft revision to the Parish Council allotments agreement.** This agreement is reviewed every 5 years. The meeting supported the proposal for the Parish Council to tighten up on the use of pesticides, herbicides, artificial fertilizers and the use of peat.
5. **Any other Business**
 - a) **Projects which can involve the whole Parish** – a suggestion was made for invertebrate testing in local streams and water courses, involving those who took part in the annual beach cleanup in spring 2024. **Action: HB** to discuss this idea with John Mildmay-White.

Next meeting:- Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.30pm