

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 5th September 2023

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris Flower, Chris Bray, Gilly Bray, 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, Tony Callcut, and Anna West
2. **Draft Minutes of 1st August 2023.** Accepted as correct.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - a) **An EV charger for Holbeton village.** HB has spoken to the Ivy Barn owners who are not able to help and John M-W to consider the wasteland below Garden Close which it turns out is too narrow for access. However, the development up Church Hill is now going ahead and there will be public chargers in the car parking area. David Little seemed positive about donating one of the 3 chargers to this car park. **Action HB**
 - b) **Yealmpton Show Stand for 5 parishes** – The expenditure had been approved by the parish council. There was no obvious space within the village hall to display the posters relating to the climate change work of the parish council.
 - c) **Holbeton News climate change and environment pages and tip of the month** HB thanked CB for last month's article on re-chargeable batteries. TC will do a piece on chimney cowl for the October HN. JS suggested highlighting the Wembury Marine Conservation Trust (under the umbrella of The Devon Wildlife Trust) and the Rockpool Days they are offering in October. **Action HB** to put this in next month's climate change pages in the HN.
 - d) **Parish Council website** HB now has permission to liaise directly with the website administrator about any minor corrections that need to be made.
 - e) **Meeting with SWW representatives & Church Hill developers.** HB has written to SWW asking them what they were planning to do about the findings of the survey relating to the surface water drainage in the village. As yet there has been no response. We need to know what difference the new drainage will make to the sewage discharge. **Action HB** to make a further approach to SWW.
 - f) **Life on the Edge proposal: Butterfly Conservation's big butterfly count.** The findings were noted with red admiral butterflies doing particularly well. **Action HB** to include results in next Holbeton News, which hopefully might encourage more people to participate next year.
 - g) **Draft revision to the Parish Council allotments agreement.** The proposed changes had been approved by the parish council, and relate to the one new contract.
4. **Any other Business**
 - a) **S106 grant applications water testing kits.** £180 has been applied for the Holbeton dippers to undertake regular testing in the Erme. The committee supported the application. **Action HB** will take this to the next PC meeting for approval.
 - b) **Cutting the wildflower area outside the Reading Rooms** Tom Flint has previously agreed to do this but in the event of him being unavailable BP agreed to cut the area. **Action DB** to contact Tom Flint and then liaise with Barry Pitt
 - c) **20's plenty** DCC is to consider its policy on reducing speed in villages.
 - d) **Coastguards Beach project to become a designated bathing beach.** TL reported that Surfers against Sewage and WATER had already documented 100 people in the water on two consecutive days as part of the submission to DEFRA. There is now a consultation taking place and committee members were encouraged to respond. The consultation can be completed online or via a paper questionnaire. It was unclear who is leading this project. **Action HB** to contact JM-W and ask who is leading this initiative on behalf of WATER.

Next meeting:- Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.30pm