

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 3rd October 2023

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Anna West, Caroline Howarth, Chris Bray, Gilly Bray, Jan Sellick (from 8:30pm), Tessa Trappes-Lomax & Barry Pitt.

1. **Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from Chris Flower, John Sherrell and Tony Callcut.
2. **Draft Minutes of 5th September 2023.** Accepted as correct.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - a) **An EV charger for Holbeton village.** HB reported that it has been confirmed by a parishioner that an EV charger will be supplied for the car park in the new development on Church Hill. HB confirmed that ducting would be installed by the developers for further parking spaces in the public parking area of the new development so that further EV chargers could be easily fitted in future.
 - b) **Holbeton News Climate Change and Environmental pages.** TC produced a very good article on chimney cowl and fuel efficiency in last month's Holbeton News. AW happy to write something for next month based on a Which Report. AW asked whether we get any feedback on the 4 page environmental section in the HN. **Action HB** to send AW an article from Which magazine to use as a basis for an article and will ask for permission from Which magazine. **All committee members** to ask one or two parishioners whether they have any views (positive or negative) about the 4 page environmental section in the HN
 - c) **Parish Council website** HB will be arranging to meet with the webmaster to deal with minor issues.
 - d) **Section 106 Grant Application for water testing kits.** This was approved at the last Parish Council meeting.
 - e) **Wildflower Area by the Reading Rooms** DB reported that the area has now been cut by BP and scarified. **Action DB** to sow more Yellow Rattle next week.
4. **New Items**
 - a) **Section 106 funding application for an infra-red camera to assist in identifying heat loss from houses in the Parish** This is a device which is attached to a smartphone to identify where heat is being lost from peoples' homes. Martyn West has previously said he would be interested in facilitating this. BP expressed an interest to help as well. He also felt that a drone might be used with the device in order to look at heat loss from roofs. HB suggested that Martyn may wish to contact Sustainable South Hams to ask about training. **Action BP** to talk to Martyn West. **HB** to submit the funding application at the next Parish Council Meeting.
 - b) **Sustainable South Hams** Their short online video was noted.
 - c) **River Erme update** The last Parish Council Minutes, an update from the WATER group and bathing status information were shared with the meeting for information. HB has received an e-mail with a link to an article about the lack of auditing water companies' reports by the Environment Agency. SWW has not been audited since 2015. **Action** HB to circulate the email with the link to the committee.
 - d) **HPC draft response to DEFRA Dartmoor review consultation.** The consultation period has been extended to 16th October. The Parish Council has written a response to DEFRA but CB wished to add further comments. **Action CB** and anyone else wishing to, should send comments to HB to be included in the response to DEFRA.
 - e) **Draft minutes of Holbeton Parish Council of the 19th September.** These were attached for information.
5. **Any other Business**
 - a) **Devon Wildlife Trust – Wembury Rockpool Safari.** JS to contact them again to arrange a visit. **Action JS**

Date of Next Meeting: - Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.30pm