

# HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 6th February 2024

**Present:** Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Caroline Howarth, Tracy Ebbrell, Chris Flower, Anna West, Chris Bray, Gilly Hancox. Tessa Trappes-Lomax & Barry Pitt attended as observers.

1. **Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Diana Baumer, Jan Sellick.
2. **Draft Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023.** Accepted as correct.
3. **Matters Arising**
  - a) **Holbeton News environmental tip of the month.** A number of potential topics for future tips of the month were agreed: thermal imaging your home; converting unused brown bins to composting; water butts to store water; cardboard to reduce weeds. Karen Flower has agreed to write a tip of the month on recycling used hearing aids. If this is not in time for March, AW agreed to write either on cardboard or thermal imaging. **Action: AW**
  - b) **Parish Council Website** AW suggested that more pictures on the climate change pages would add to the attraction. HB reported that he still needs to visit David Brett (the website manager) to discuss the website **Action HB** to contact David
  - c) **Section 106 Grant Application for an infrared camera.** The two thermal imaging cameras are now available. Although these can be used in cold weather any time of the year, March is likely to be the last ideal month before next autumn. Martyn West & BP to arrange a joint assessment of HB's house and barn, one not well insulated and the other very well insulated. **Action MW & BP, HB**
  - d) **River Erme update** The new WATER website was praised for its appearance. Final decision by DEFRA awaited on the Coastguards beach designation application.
  - e) **Devon Wildlife Trust – Wembury Rockpool Safari** the date of the 23<sup>rd</sup> April was approved, noting the cost per person will be £6.50. The following 8 will be able to attend: JS, HB, DB, CH, TE, CB, TT-L, BP. AW may be able to attend. **Action JS** to establish the time of day and maximum number that can attend. **Action HB** to invite parish councillors and those on the climate change forum.
  - f) **Advanced soil testing for local farmers group.** To note that this was approved by the Parish Council.
4. **New Items**
  - a) **Review of projects funded by the Parish Council's s106 money.** The list of projects was reviewed. It was agreed that the projects from the last 12 months including the bee weekend in May 2023 will be asked to provide an impact assessment. As there is not a proforma for this TE has agreed to forward one to use. **Action TE**
  - b) **Request from Trainline to have a link included in the parish council's climate change section.** This was not thought to be suitable given the complexity of rail ticketing and the commercial nature of the company.
  - c) **Consultation request from Peninsula Transport to Parish Council.** There were no comments. The deadline has now passed.
  - d) **For information: composting initiatives in the S Hams.** Noted that this includes people who wish to be trained locally in teaching others how to do composting.
5. **Any other business**
  - a) **Plastic waste survey.** GH reminded members of the Greenpeace national survey taking place on the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> March, [The Big Plastic Count](#). **Action: HB** to include this in March's environmental pages in Holbeton News. **Action: TE** to add the details to Facebook.

**Date of Next Meeting: - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm**