

HOLBETON PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held at Holbeton Village Hall on 2nd April 2024

Present: Cllr Harry Baumer (Sub-committee Chair), Diana Baumer (Hon Secretary), Chris Flower, Barry Pitt, Chris Bray, Gilly Hancock, Anna West

1. **Welcome & Apologies** Harry Baumer welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were apologies from John Sherrell, Jan Sellick, Tracy Ebbrell, Tessa Trappes- Lomax and Caroline Howarth
2. **Draft Minutes of 5th March 2024.** Accepted as correct, with alteration to the date.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - a) **Holbeton News Tip of the month.** It was agreed that we should re visit some of the old “tips of the month” as some of the information and products available have changed. CB suggested that his piece on water butts could be submitted in the summer. **Action DB** to rewrite the piece on environmentally friendly toilet rolls in light of new information published in Which magazine. To be submitted to Holbeton News by 18th April. **AW** to ask Caroline Howarth to rework the piece she submitted about laundry products
 - b) **Parish Council Website** HB has sent update information to Dave the website manager. There are now 36 tips of the month on the website and 21 links to various organisations. Action HB to highlight the links in HN Environmental section.
 - c) **S106 grant Infrared camera project.** BP reported that he has carried out 2 more surveys but that more households needed to come forward and request household surveys. CB reported that his house has now been surveyed. It was suggested that the free survey should be advertised with a view to carrying out more surveys in the cooler months of Autumn and Winter. **Action CB** to submit his survey findings to HB for publication in the October HN (PC Environmental pages). **Action BP** to prepare simple user manual for residents wishing to use a camera for their own property.
 - d) **River Erme update** HB reported that he had attended a River Erme Parish Council representatives meeting in Modbury recently. Mark Walker from Ermington is setting up a volunteer group to remove alien plants which are colonising the banks of the River Erme. **Action HB** to contact John M-W to talk about volunteers. There was an update from the WATER group. CB read out an email from Donncha Scollard about the huge increase in spillages of effluent into the Erme **Action HB** to send CB the name of the Ivybridge rep on the River Erme Councils Group (RECG).
 - e) **Devon Wildlife Trust – Wembury Rockpool Safari** Cora is still away. **Action JS** to contact Cora when she returns to identify a suitable date in the summer months.
 - f) **Section 106 funding for village hall roof insulation** £3K has been approved by the Parish Council to contribute towards the project. This was matched funding. The hall needs >£30K. There was discussion about the merits of putting solar panels on the village hall roof.
 - g) **Stand at 2024 Yealmpton Show** There has been no support from the other 4 parishes in the alliance . HB has done a costing exercise for a single large shared marquee and sent this to Jane Nicholls at Sustainable South Hams as a possible idea for next year.
 - h) **Greenpeace plastic waste survey.** This has now taken place and Greenpeace will be publishing the results between the 19th and 21st April.
 - i) **“Food for thought”**a Cornwall Climate Change Care documentary and **“Local Climate Adaptation Tool”**. These have been added to the Parish Council website links page.
 - j) **Gardening for Wildlife booklet** The PC has approved this initiative. A booklet will be circulated to each household in the parish – 400 should be enough. HB has approached the other 4 parishes in the alliance. Newton & Noss would like 2000 but HB feels this is an overestimate of their needs. Wembury would like some booklets (1,828 properties), Yealmpton has a PC meeting next week and will decide then. Brixton does not want to be involved. **Action HB** to make a YCE funding application for matched funding to cover the production and possibly distribution costs.
 - k) **Environmental Library Location** The new Mildmay Colours pub managers have agreed that the library can be moved into the pub where there is a greater footfall. They will supply a bookcase to store the books. **Action CB** to measure the length of shelving needed. When the shelving is ready CB & HB to move library.
4. **New Items**
 - a) **The Local Electricity Bill, Power for people and correspondence with our MP.** HB include correspondence relating to this with the Agenda. This Bill has spent 4 yrs + travelling through Parliament.

5. **AOB - None**

Date of Next Meeting: - 6th May 2024 at 7.30pm