

# HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 6 December 2016 at 7.30pm

### Present

Cllr B Owen (Chairman), Cllr J Bellamy, Cllr E Ross, Cllr G Simpson and Cllr D Troake

### Also present

Mike Brokenshaw (Teign Heartbeat), Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and four members of the public

**The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm.**

<b>061216.01</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr Higman</li><li>• County Cllr Rowe</li><li>• District Cllr Smerdon</li><li>• Ross Gray (Tree Warden)</li></ul>
<b>061216.02</b>	<b>Open Forum</b> A parishioner raised general concerns about the state of the highway at Staddicombe. It was agreed that the clerk would report this to DCC.  A parishioner reported a blocked buddle hole on Michelcombe Lane. It was agreed that the clerk would report this to DCC.  Paul Arrowsmith explained the process for obtaining and setting up this year's Christmas Tree on the green. This would be discussed further at item 9.
<b>061216.03</b>	<b>District and County Councillors' Report</b> County Cllr Rowe was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report gave a report – copy attached.  District Cllr Smerdon was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report – copy attached.
<b>061216.04</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</b> Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and to declare any disclosable interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they have in any items to be considered at this meeting. Unforeseen requests for a Dispensation to be considered at this point only if there was no way a Councillor would have been aware of such before the meeting.  There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.
<b>061216.05</b>	<b>Ratification of Minutes</b> Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 November 2016 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

<p><b>061216.06</b></p>	<p><b>Defibrillator</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Mike Brokenshaw from Teign Heartbeat to the meeting who gave advice on purchasing and installing a defibrillator. He informed members that in the UK, 50,000-60,000 sudden cardiac arrests occur outside a hospital and the survival rate in the UK is currently 6-8%. Access to a defibrillator, particularly in rural communities, will improve this statistic. He advised that usually they are sited in an area with the highest concentration of footfall as you have around 3-5 minutes to act. The other key thing is ensuring everyone knows where it is. Signage is therefore very important. The device needs to be visible and, if housed in a cabinet, will need an electricity supply (pads lose their stickiness in cold weather and the cabinet has a heater which maintains an even temperature). The cost of one unit is approximately £1,250 + VAT including a cabinet. There are some ongoing costs including replacement battery, pads and electricity supply. Cabinets can be locked or unlocked. If locked, it would be linked to the ambulance service. We would need to appoint a 'guardian' who would check the device on a monthly basis. Teign Heartbeat will also run a two hour training session for up to 20 people free of charge which will cover use of the defibrillator and CPR training. Finally, the Parish Council will need to put together a governance document setting out how the device is managed. Sample documents can be provided by Teign Heartbeat.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Brokenshaw for his presentation which members found very useful and interesting.</p> <p>After discussion, the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Troake to be appointed guardian</li> <li>- Make an application to the TAP fund for £600 to cover the shortfall in funding</li> <li>- To mount the device outside the Shop and Tearoom. Permission had already been sought and granted for this from the Shop and Tearoom Committee.</li> <li>- To draw up a list of First Aiders to be displayed and circulated in the parish who were able to perform CPR</li> </ul>
<p><b>061216.07</b></p>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>6.1 <b>New applications:</b> None</p> <p>6.2 <b>Decisions:</b> No decisions received.</p>
<p><b>061216.08</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>8.1 Members approved the following payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheque no 778 – Birbeck Landscapes – £270</li> </ul> <p>8.2 Members received a first draft of the budget for 2017/18. It was agreed that this would be discussed further and agreed in January's meeting.</p>
<p><b>061216.09</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Tree</b></p> <p>Members were advised that electricity could not be supplied from The Church House Inn this year as the building was empty and the electricity had been turned off. Alternative locations for the siting of the tree were mooted and the option to purchase battery operated LED lights was discussed and rejected. After lengthy consideration, members agreed not to purchase a village Christmas tree this year as provision of an electricity supply was not possible and alternative locations were not viable. It was hoped that the Christmas tree would be reinstated next year once the Church House Inn was open again.</p>

061216.10	<p><b>Leats</b> There was nothing to report.</p>
061216.11	<p><b>Playpark</b> Members expressed their grateful thanks to the Bests, Powells and Mick Jones of the National Trust for laying the hedge in Playpark at no cost to the Parish Council. It was agreed that letters would be sent to the Playpark Committee and Mick Jones thanking them for all their efforts. Members also expressed their thanks to Bea Brown for trimming and reweaving the willow construction.</p> <p>It was noted that the latch on the gate still needed to be repaired. Cllr Higman had offered to do this.</p> <p>It was also noted that cars were being permanently parked in the piece of land opposite Playpark creating difficulties for those wishing to visit Playpark. It was thought that the cars did not belong to the owner of the land on which they were being parked. Cllr Ross offered to speak to the landowner to see if this could be resolved.</p> <p>The Christmas craft activity event which took place on Sunday 4 December was a success and very much enjoyed by all who attended.</p>
061216.12	<p><b>Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues</b> In addition to the issues raised in the open forum, the condition of the road at Hembury was raised again. It was noted that this had been reported a number of times and that DCC is aware.</p> <p>The clerk advised that an apology had been received from the contractors who undertook the work in August for the way parishioners had been spoken to and for any unnecessary road closures causing inconvenience to residents.</p>
061216.13	<p><b>Clerk's or Councillors' reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</b> Cllr Ross questioned whether the Parish Council was aware that the police surgeries were being held in the Shop and Tearoom. It was agreed to ask the Shop and Tearoom to keep the Parish Council advised of the dates on which the police were holding their surgeries.</p>
061216.14	<p><b>Chairman's urgent business for action by the clerk if covered by delegated powers or for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting</b> None</p>
061216.15	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>15.1 A letter was received from Ross Gray, Tree Warden, about the removal of the variegated holly in Holne Churchyard by contractors who considered that its roots had penetrated and blocked a low level drain. As Tree Warden with knowledge on how holly roots grow, he considered this to have been totally unnecessary. The holly was donated to the Church by the Parish Council in 1995 and had been lovingly cared for over the last 21 years. It was suggested that in due course the Parish Council discusses with the PCC a suitable replacement of the tree. In the meantime, the clerk would ask Mr Gray to add an article to the Parish Link explaining his role as Tree Warden and that he is always available for advice.</p> <p>15.2 A letter was received from SHDC asking communities to provide an outlet that can offer households a place to collect their domestic recycling sacks. People will then be asked to provide their signature and postcode in order to control usage and manage stock levels. Cllr Simpson advised that sacks are already available at the Shop.</p>

	15.3 The clerk to Buckfastleigh West Parish Council advised that she was hoping to arrange a planning training session in the New Year with the DNPA's Director of Planning for those members still interested in attending.
<b>061216.16</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting as 3 January 2017 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.

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**Clr B Owen**  
**Chairman**

## DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

We recently held a meeting with Jenny Rayner who is the Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer at Devon County Council. This took place at Staverton P.C. and was in ref. To encampments at various sites including Charlie's Cross. Views were exchanged between some of those present and M/S.Rayner.

The South Hams Council is responsible for providing a site and it is possible that at least one will be included in the J.L.P. Framework which is being worked on at present. Equality and Human Rights have to be considered as well as their health and welfare. Less than six units can be tolerated on encampments until a permanent site is provided. It was felt that this had been a useful discussion.

The Devon county highways maintenance contract was due for renewal and has been awarded to Skunnska .The present highways staff will be transferred to this company via T.U.P.E.

Peoples Scrutiny Committee (of which I am a member) recently had a very long meeting at County Hall. Sessions included integrated children's services /Health and Social Care/ Mental Health issues etc. The setting of contacts for care issues must make sure that we get what we want from them.

People in care. There are 500 adults more than we budgeted for having home care packages. There are 4000 care packages in place at present. Some will be waiting for a care package if there are more complex issues involved.

There are 700 children under than 16 involved with the care of D.C.C. 14 to 16 year olds tend to need the more expensive care.

We have been looking at risk assessments. Register of risks, costs of Elderly Care, Child Care, and Public health. The list is long and we can then see how easy it is to go over budget as it is never possible to predict the exact number of persons' who will come into the Council's remit.

T.R.A.Y.E. which stands for Totnes Rural Area Youth Engagement. This group was set up last spring with Cllr.Hodgson and I being the members of Council mainly involved with representatives from parishes that are involved.We have managed to put together a funding package with contributions from various pots from Local Parish Councils and Cllr.grants. We appointed a Youth Worker, Kerry, who is brilliant at what she does and successful groups have been set up inTotnes, Dartington, Staverton and Marlton. There are about 120 young people on the attendance list across the area.

There has been a meeting of The Farm Estates Committee and 2 Farms have been up for tender recently and have been let to new entrants to set up farming on their own.We wish them well.

We have a Full Council Meeting coming up on the 8th of December and one of the main issues will be a debate on the health service and the proposed closure of some of our local hospitals.

We will be meeting to consider the budget for the coming year from April 2017.This will be a difficult task (as usual).

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and Successful New Year.

Rosemary Rowe.

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Atmos Totnes: Totnes residents had their opportunity to vote on the redevelopment project for the former Dairy Crest milk factory site next to the station at Totnes, and voted overwhelmingly in favour. This referendum was held as part of a Community Right to Build order, one of the first places in the country to test this piece of legislation where the community decides if a development should go ahead by using its vote rather than normal planning channels. A care home and housing project are proposed to be built there, plus a business innovation centre and performance space.

From 1st December, Fusion Lifestyle will be taking over the running of six leisure centres in S.Hams and W. Devon from Tone Leisure who have run them for the last ten years. The new deal will see Fusion invest in improvements to the centres, as well as running them at lower cost. At Totnes a special deal has been struck to allow the community group Tadpool to have a major input into the way the Totnes Leisure centre is run. Last Saturday also saw the opening of the new Dartmouth Indoor swimming pool by Duncan Goodhew OBE and Olympic Gold medallist.

South Hams beaches have done well in the recent ratings by the Environment Agency, 15 beaches were rated as having excellent water quality, a further 3 were rated good.

The first houses have been completed at the Sherford development, this project is now proceeding quickly and a scheme has been set up by the developers to provide apprenticeships for young people from the South Hams and Plymouth who want to work in the construction industry. Much of the infrastructure, roads, drainage etc is complete. Work is about to start on a new primary school, which should be ready to receive children by September 2017.

I attended the Devon County Council Highways conference at Buckfastleigh Town Hall two weeks ago, it was well attended by Parish councils from across South Devon. DCC now seem keen to help Parishes which are interested in their self help schemes such as Snow Wardens, employing local lengthsman, and a new Road Warden initiative which will allow villages to fill in some potholes, provided the person doing it is accredited and has received the appropriate training.