

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 3 January 2017 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr D Troake (Chairman for this meeting), Cllr J Bellamy, Cllr D Higman, Cllr B Owen (arrived at 8.15pm) Cllr E Ross and Cllr G Simpson

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), District Cllr Smerdon and one member of the public

The meeting was opened by Cllr Troake, Chairman for this meeting, at 7.30pm.

030117.01	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr B Owen (would be arriving late due to work commitments)• County Cllr Rowe
030117.02	Open Forum Mr French commended the efforts of those who had erected small Christmas trees on the village green in place of the usual tree which the Parish Council had been unable to arrange this year due to the lack of electricity supply from the Church House Inn.
030117.03	District and County Councillors' Report County Cllr Rowe was unable to attend the meeting but had nothing to report. District Cllr Smerdon reported that SHDC has issued more fixed penalties for flytipping than all the other Devon Councils put together. He also advised that SHDC has launched the Community Housing Fund for local housing groups trying to get affordable housing schemes off the ground. Loans of between £10,000 and £25,000 are available to help pay for certain pre-development costs.
030117.04	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation 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. All members declared their interest in item 4.2 as council tax payers in the parish but it was noted that all members, with the exception of Cllr Bellamy, had been granted a dispensation at the meeting on 30 November 2015. It was therefore agreed to grant Cllr Bellamy a dispensation to allow him to discuss and vote on, at this meeting and future meetings of Holne Parish Council, the budget and setting of the precept. This dispensation would be valid until the day before the next ordinary elections in May 2019.
030117.05	Ratification of Minutes Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 December 2016 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

<p>030117.06</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>6.1 New applications: None</p> <p>6.2 Decisions: 0577/16 – Installation of mobile telecommunications and ancillary equipment including the erection of a 12m high telegraph pole, supporting radio equipment and cabinet, housing power supply, eight consumer antennae and 4 backhaul radio antennae at land near Stoodley Farm, Holne</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p>
<p>030117.07</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>7.1 Members approved the following payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque no 779 - HMRC (PAYE) - £149.20 <p>7.2 Members received the budget for 2017/18. It was agreed to accept the budget as presented. The precept to be demanded would be £6,875 + £157 council tax support grant allocation which equates to a 0% increase/decrease on the parish’s council tax.</p> <p><i>(Note: Due to the increase in council tax base for this parish combined with the reduction in council tax support grant, the total figure to be received from SHDC in 2017/18 will be £7,032 compared with £6,904 in 2016/17. The parish band D rate, however, will be unaffected and will remain at £50.59).</i></p>
<p>030117.08</p>	<p>Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the meeting would be held on Tuesday 4 April with a time and format to be agreed at a later date.</p>
<p>030117.09</p>	<p>Leats</p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p>
<p>030117.10</p>	<p>Playpark</p> <p>Members discussed the grass-cutting contract for Playpark for 2017/18. The clerk advised that the current contractor will be holding his prices in 2017/17. After a discussion the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Ross to seek the opinions of Playpark Committee and report their comments at the next Parish Council meeting; - Discuss with the contractor about any additional requirements; - Ask the contractor’s opinion about whether the number of cuts is sufficient
<p>030117.11</p>	<p>Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues</p> <p>The following items were reported and would be brought to the attention of DCC Highways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The cattle grid leading to the Moor at Forestoke needs clearing as it is full and stock have been straying. - It has been three winters since the gullies on Holne Chase Hill have been cleared and they have become almost indistinguishable. - The road through Hembury Woods is in a terrible condition and is breaking up in parts because of the amount of water running down it.

030117.12	Clerk's or Councillors' reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda None
030117.13	Chairman's urgent business for action by the clerk if covered by delegated powers or for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting None
030117.14	Correspondence None
030117.15	Date of Next Meeting It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting as 7 February at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

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ClIr D Troake
Chairman