

# HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 1 November 2016 at 7.30pm

### Present

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

### Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and District Cllr Smerdon

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm.

<b>011116.01</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr Troake</li><li>• County Cllr Rowe</li><li>• Ross Gray (Tree Warden)</li></ul>
<b>011116.02</b>	<b>Open Forum</b> There were no comments.
<b>011116.03</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 gave a verbal report informing members of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The affordable houses in Rattery are now built and occupied.</li><li>- SHDC are producig a Joint Local Plan with West Devon and Plymouth. Holne will not be affected by this as DNPA is producing its own Local Plan on which they are currently consulting.</li><li>- Plymouth City Council is considering a fortnightly refuse collection.</li><li>- A Town and Parish Council event is being held on 30 November at Follaton House. There will speakers from DCC and SHDC.</li><li>- An improved telephone system has been installed at Follaton House.</li></ul>
<b>011116.04</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>011116.05</b>	<b>Ratification of Minutes</b> Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 October 2016 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.
<b>011116.06</b>	<b>Planning</b> 6.1 <b>New applications:</b>

	<p>6.1.1 0566/16 - Use of barn as a dwelling at Michelcombe Farm, Holne (Certificate of Lawfulness)</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council had no evidence to disprove that the barn has been used as a dwelling for the last four years.</p> <p>6.1.2 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 antennas and 4 backhaul radio antennas at Land near Stoodley Farm, Holne</p> <p>Members had no objections to this application.</p> <p><b>6.2 Decisions:</b></p> <p>6.2.1 16/0042 – Land adjacent to Village Farm, Holne Beech – Crown lift to give 3m ground clearance and reduce lateral branches by 2m</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted permission for these works</p>
<p><b>011016.07</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>7.1 Members approved the following payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheque no 773 – S Hughes (Postage/ink) - £20.54</li> <li>• Cheque no 774 – RBL (Poppy Appeal) - £22.00</li> <li>• Cheque no 775 – P Owen - (Playpark hedgecutting) - £36.00</li> <li>• Cheque no 776 – J Bellamy (reimbursement for pinboard) - £23.28</li> </ul> <p>7.2 Members approved a donation of £60 to the Parish Link (s.137 LGA 1972) (cheque no 775)</p>
<p><b>011016.08</b></p>	<p><b>Leats</b></p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p>
<p><b>011116.09</b></p>	<p><b>Michelcombe Noticeboard</b></p> <p>Cllr Higman informed members that Cllr Bellamy had purchased some new pinboard, mounted it on a frame and together they had fixed it into the noticeboard.</p>
<p><b>011116.10</b></p>	<p><b>Playpark</b></p> <p>The following matters were reported and/or discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Chairman reported that Playpark had had a very successful leat clearing session in October and the hedge is now ready to be laid.</li> <li>- There are ongoing concerns about the disposal of grass cuttings and Playpark intend to look at alternative places for the cuttings to go.</li> <li>- In the New Year, the Parish Council will need to review the current maintenance contract for Playpark and obtain additional quotes to ensure good value for money is being obtained.</li> <li>- The play equipment is starting to look tired and some posts are cracking. This is a matter for Playpark to look into.</li> <li>- With regard to the laying of the hedge, it was unclear whether the offer to lay the hedge in Playpark at no cost to the parish had been confirmed. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Hannah Best for confirmation and the matter would be raised at the next meeting of Playpark by Cllr Ross.</li> </ul>

<p><b>011116.11</b></p>	<p><b>Defibrillator</b>  After discussion, members agreed that the Parish Council should invest in a defibrillator for the parish.</p> <p>It had been suggested and agreed that the preferred location for mounting the device would be the shop and tearoom rather than the Village Hall as it was likely there would be more people about during the day to assist with the use of the defibrillator. The clerk was asked to write to Holne Community Shop and Tearoom to seek their permission for this and ask whether its volunteers would be prepared to undertake some training as well.</p> <p>The clerk suggested inviting Mike Brokenshaw from Teign Heartbeat to the December meeting so that he could advise members about the next steps.</p>
<p><b>011116.12</b></p>	<p><b>Dartmoor Local Plan – Consultation</b>  It was agreed that members would comment as individuals.</p>
<p><b>011116.13</b></p>	<p><b>BT Consultation on proposed removal of public payphones on Dartmoor</b>  Holne was unaffected by this and therefore members had no comments.</p>
<p><b>011116.14</b></p>	<p><b>TAP Fund</b>  Members considered an invitation from Buckfastleigh West Parish Council to make a joint application to the TAP fund for First Aid/Food Hygiene training.</p> <p>Members recalled that funding for these courses was granted in 2012/13 but the courses, in particular the food hygiene course, were poorly attended. It was therefore agreed to decline the offer as members felt a further application was not justified. Instead, members agreed to submit an application towards the cost of a defibrillator.</p>
<p><b>011116.15</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Tree</b>  The clerk advised that Paul Arrowsmith could arrange this year’s tree but would need help to collect and put the tree up.</p> <p>With the Church House Inn currently closed, members discussed the potential difficulty of obtaining electricity for the lights. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the Trustees to find out whether the Church House could supply this year’s electricity. In case this was not an option this year, it was further agreed that Cllr Bellamy would, at the same time, investigate the cost of purchasing battery operated LED lights.</p>
<p><b>011116.15</b></p>	<p><b>Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues</b>  The following matters were noted/raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members requested that the Parish Lengthsman is asked to clean the drains on Holne Chase Hill on his next visit. There are about four of them and would need to be done by hand.</li> <li>- The clerk advised that DCC has ordered a new cattle grid sign for Stoke Lane</li> <li>- DCC had declined the Parish Council’s request to install for a ‘No Through Road’ sign at Forestoke</li> <li>- It was agreed to ask Paul Arrowsmith whether he wishes to continue as the snow warden</li> </ul>
<p><b>011116.16</b></p>	<p><b>Clerk’s or Councillors’ reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</b>  None.</p>

<b>011116.18</b>	<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></p> <p>The following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Chairman advised that Richard Applegarth had cut the lower part of the verge adjacent to the leat opposite Tithe Barn. It was agreed that the clerk would write and thank him.</li> <li>- The Chairman also reported that someone had cut the upper part of the verge opposite Tithe Barn but it was not known who. It was agreed to write a short note of thanks in the Parish Link to whoever had voluntarily done this.</li> <li>- The clerk advised that she was currently unable to update the website as the version of Dreamweaver which had previously been used was not compatible with Windows 10. It was agreed that she would make some enquiries and present some options to improve the website for members to consider at a future meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>011116.19</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>011116.20</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting as 6 December 2016 at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.53pm.

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**ClIr B Owen**  
**Chairman**

## DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

We have been enjoying some wonderful Autumn weather which has considerably helped to set us all up for the winter. Some items of interest which I think you should know about that have come from meetings and events which have been held during the last month have included as follows.

I trust that all of you that are eligible to have Flu Jabs have done so and particularly if you are susceptible to chest infections, bronchitis etc... It is well worth having it done.

Which leads me into the round of meetings which have been taking place re. The closure of our local Hospitals. Fortunately Totnes is not on the list and it is likely to be used as a Central Hub for more parts of The South Hams. The Hospitals under threat are Ashburton, Dartmouth and Paignton which are used by Parishes and Towns within this area. I personally feel that whilst to do nothing is not an option (so we are told) alternative facilities for basic treatments and nursing needs must be in place before these Hospitals are allowed to be closed. We have a large proportion of residents who are very much in need of care facilities and I know that it is not always possible to get care packages in place to look after people in their own homes and there is no option but for them to be looked after in suitable accommodation, be it our Local Hospital or a Suitable Home for care and nursing if needed. Aspects of care are very important to The Old and Vulnerable People. Cuts should not be made in these areas; it is false economy as problems can be sorted before more expensive care is needed to be put in place. Please make sure you have your say if you have not done so already.

A group of Young Refugees from Calais arrived in the North of the County and there may be a group arriving locally. They will need care and help. Offers of support from a wide section of The Community to help with language skills and translation ,medical assistance from retired Doctors to name but a few of the necessities that are needed. All kinds of clothes from trainers, jeans, sweat shirts T Shirts , Coats, underwear ,rucksacks, holdalls and anything which youngsters need and like to have. I am sure there will be plenty of gear coming forward as people are always so generous in times of need. Donations are being collected via The Red Cross.( I believe.)

The Farm Wise event took place in October at West Point when 1200 Primary School Children had the chance to connect with Farming and the Countryside. It is organised by Devon County Council and The Farm Estates tenants take part.

With the dark nights now upon us please do be careful to make sure you can be seen when out walking in your local areas after dark, wear something florescent and take a touch with a bright light!! Watch out for Scams, there a plenty of them around. Keep Safe.

Rosemary Rowe