

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and one member of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm.

060916.01	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr T Powell• Cllr D Troake
060916.02	Open Forum <p>John Bellamy expressed an interest in being co-opted on the Council. It was agreed that he could be co-opted at the next meeting.</p>
060916.03	District and County Councillors' Report <p>County Cllr Rowe sent a written report – copy attached.</p>
060916.04	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation <p>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.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.</p>
060916.05	Ratification of Minutes <p>Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 July 2016 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
060916.06	Planning <p>6.1 New applications: None received.</p> <p>6.2 Decisions: 6.2.1 0354/16 – Erect a summerhouse/studio in garden, Greenleas, Holne</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning consent.</p>
060916.07	Finance <p>7.1 Members approved the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cheque no 768 - Birbeck Landscapes - £360.00• Cheque no 769 - Information Commissioner (Data Protection Licence renewal) - £35.00

060916.08	<p>Leats There was nothing to report.</p>
060916.09	<p>Michelcombe Noticeboard It was reported that the Michelcombe noticeboard requires some repairs. It looks as though it needs a new back board. Cllr Higman offered to have a look and report at the next meeting.</p>
060916.10	<p>Playpark</p> <p>10.1 Members received two quotations for works to the roadside hedge. After a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Higman would have a look at the hedge to ensure that all the work as detailed in the job specification was necessary.</p> <p>10.2 Concerns had been raised by a parishioner over the summer about the grass-cuttings from playpark clogging up the leat. The clerk advised that she had spoken to the contractor and made him aware of this and the problems it may cause. Concerns had also been raised about the overgrown hedge in playpark. The clerk confirmed that the contractor would be happy to cut this back if the Parish Council so wishes. It was agreed that the clerk would ask the contractor to undertake this.</p> <p>10.3 With regard to the clearing of the sump and leat at Playpark, the clerk informed members that the contractor would be happy to do this provided he knows exactly what to do. It was agreed that Cllr Higman would meet with the contractor to show him what it involves.</p> <p>During the winter period when the contractor would not be cutting the grass, Cllr Ross advised that Wayne Grimley would clean out the sump at no cost to the Council.</p> <p>10.4 The Chairman advised that the Playpark Committee is meeting next Monday and they will be looking at the access gate.</p>
060916.11	<p>Defibrillator Cllr Troake was not present at the meeting and so this item was deferred.</p>
060916.12	<p>Closure of Lloyds Bank, Ashburton Members noted that it was likely that Lloyds Bank in Ashburton will be closing. Whilst it was understood that closure is facing opposition from local people, members noted that the service will be provided by the Post Office.</p>
060916.13	<p>Proposal to form a Parish Cluster Members received a proposal from Buckfastleigh Town Council to consider forming a cluster with adjacent parishes. The cluster would meet two or three times a year to share ideas, experiences, advice and resources. After a brief discussion, members agreed that they did not see how Holne would benefit from this as the issues facing those parishes involved are too different and it would therefore be of little value.</p>
060916.14	<p>Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues The following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stoke Lane - a request from a parishioner has been received for a 'No Through Road' sign. It was agreed that a request should be made to DCC. • Great Combe bridleway needs attention - the hedges are overgrown hedge and the surface has been washed away. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Bill Allen, DNPA, and advise DCC.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combestone bridleway – the gates are difficult to open. It was agreed to contact Bill Allen, DNPA. <p>The clerk advised that with regard to the additional sum of money that has been allocated by the government for pothole repairs and the suggestions made by this parish as to how this could be spent, DCC has advised that the road to Mill Leat has been repaired from the Storm Legacy Fund which dates back to the 2012 storms and damage which occurred during the events of that year and Cllr Rowe has allocated her allowance from the Pothole Action Fund.</p> <p>Members expressed their disappointment with the apparent lack of consideration given to residents by the recent road closures to allow BT Openreach to carry out works. Signs were erected stating the road was closed for a week even when work was not been carried out and the roads could have been used. Workmen were rude and signs have been left in the village. It was agreed that the clerk should write to BT Openreach and DCC to complain about how this road closure was managed.</p>
060916.15	<p>Clerk’s or Councillors’ reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</p> <p>None.</p>
060916.16	<p>Chairman’s urgent business for action by the clerk if covered by delegated powers or for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting</p> <p>None.</p>
060916.17	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>17.1 NHS South Devon and Torbay CCG Community Consultation – 1 September-23 November</p> <p>Members noted that the period of consultation was now open with regard to the closure of Ashburton and Buckfastleigh Community Hospital. A series of public meetings have been arranged. The Chairman advised that Mike Bonney, a member of the Patients Participation Group, has requested that the Parish Council asks someone from South Devon CCG to come to talk to the parish about the proposals.</p> <p>17.2 The Chairman informed members that she had been invited by Cllr Smerdon to attend a Harvest Festival Service in Rattery. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend.</p>
060916.18	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting as 4 October 2016 at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Cllr B Owen
Chairman

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT to end of August 2016

Points of discussion recently have included.

The referendum and The Election of new prime minister and Government. The effect it will have on local government which is not yet known.

Refugee Children. There are many misplaced children being cared for at facilities near Gatwick Airport.

Budgets. Peoples Budget has to date since April 1st an overspend of £7 mil pounds. There are 539 more people in D.C.C. care than was budgeted for .This is mainly due to the mild winter and the fact that people are living longer.

Schools.91% of D.C.C.Schools who has had Ofsted report in the past Academic Year has been graded good or outstanding. 71% have not academicised .Key Stage 2 results are about average.

The C.C. is still fighting for fairer funding for our schools as we are still £270.00 per pupil less than average across the country. Social services Children`s care. What do we want? Early help working with the Police and the Schools to pickup with families in need of help before problems get too complicated .On average each social worker has 20 cases on their books at any one time. Domestic Violence in the home. Post 16 Transport to schools and Colleges. The list of financial expenditure is endless within the peoples Budget.

Recycling. The Rte at present is 57% across the county. This needs a boost as it has been level for a long time. Broadband phase 2 is coming soon if it is not in your area already.

Scams .Do please be careful.

Enjoy your Summer holiday if you are lucky enough to get one or indeed have already had a break.

Rosemary Rowe