

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr B Owen (Chairman), Cllr D Bellamy & Cllr E Ross

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), District Cllr Smerdon and two members of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm.

070317.01	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr G Simpson• Cllr D Troake• Cllr D Higman• County Cllr Rowe• Ross Gray
070317.02	Open Forum There were no comments from the public.
070317.03	District and County Councillors' Report County Cllr Rowe was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report advising that Devon County Council is almost at the end of its four year period and a new council will be commencing on 4 May 2017. District Cllr P Smerdon advised that he had been contacted by a couple who are concerned that fibre broadband is not connected to Little Bewden. He is therefore trying to contact Connecting Devon and Somerset for advice. It was suggested that the clerk also tries to contact Connecting Devon and Somerset to establish what is happening. Cllr Smerdon also spoke about the Joint Local Plan which has now been passed by all three joint local authorities. This will now be subject to consultation after which it will go to the Planning Inspectorate who will have an Examination in Public in the Autumn with a view to approving it at the end of this year/beginning of next year. DNPA will also be feeding in to the Plan. They will be looking at housing numbers and will have to identify sites for 600 houses. Overall, the plan will identify sites for 29,000 new homes, 70% of which will be in Plymouth.
070317.04	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. There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

070317.05	<p>Ratification of Minutes</p> <p>Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 February 2017 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
070317.06	<p>Planning</p> <p>6.1 New applications:</p> <p>6.1.1 0087/17 - Infill above opening to South West corner, widening of entrance and new gates, repair of wall and installation of new gate to rear of barn, Long Barn, Ingletts Farm, Holne</p> <p>Members had no objections to this application.</p> <p>6.1.2 0109/13 – Conversion of barn to dwelling, Long Barn, Ingletts Farm, Holne</p> <p>Members had no objections to this application.</p> <p>6.1.3 0093/17 – Erection of agricultural building, Land at Higher Mill Leat Farm, Holne</p> <p>Members had no objections to this application.</p> <p>6.2 Decisions:</p> <p>There were no decisions to report.</p> <p>6.3 Other:</p> <p>ENF/0036/16 - Unauthorised residential use of barn – Barn at Michelcombe Farm, Holne</p> <p>Members noted that this enforcement case was heard at the Development Management Committee meeting on 3 March. The Chairman advised that enforcement action had been approved.</p>
070317.07	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>Members received two quotations for the electrical installation of the defibrillator, one written and one verbal. Members requested that both quotations are presented in writing for consideration at the next meeting.</p>
070317.08	<p>Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>Members discussed the format of the Annual Parish Meeting which is to be held on Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm . The main issue to be discussed is the future of the Church House Inn. It was noted that there would be no representation from the Church House Trust at that meeting although an update would be provided just before the meeting. The Chairman and Clerk would give their usual annual reports and there would be a discussion about whether the parish wishes to produce a Parish Plan. As always, there would be an opportunity for questions and comments on any matter relating to the parish.</p>
070317.09	<p>Church House Inn</p> <p>Cllr Ross advised that she had attended a recent meeting of local clerics at which she had spoken to the Archdeacon of Totnes about the future of the Church House Inn. She advised that it is he who will make the final decision on whether to accept an offer for the sale of the pub. She stressed to him that the parish were every concerned that the pub had been empty for almost 12 months and that a realistic deal should be made as soon as possible. The Archdeacon had the impression that the parish were not very interested in its future which Cllr Ross vehemently refuted. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the Archdeacon supporting Cllr Ross’s representations and advising that parishioners were very concerned about its future to the extent that a group had recently been</p>

	<p>involved in voluntarily cleaning the exterior of the pub and tidying its surrounds in an effort to improve its general appearance.</p> <p>Members discussed whether to nominate The Church House Inn as a Community Asset. It was agreed to put this on hold for the time being.</p>
070317.10	<p>Website</p> <p>Members were advised that Tim Crook has uploaded the Council's agendas and minutes to the new website together with the financial information as required by 'The Transparency Code for smaller authorities'. The clerk advised that notice has been given to the current website host which means that the old website will shut down on 30th June. Members were happy with the new arrangements and expressed their thanks to Tim for his help.</p>
070317.11	<p>Leats</p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p>
070317.12	<p>Playpark</p> <p>Cllr Ross advised that details of the AGM will be reported in the Parish Link. There are two new members of the Committee including a new treasurer. A meeting has been arranged with Earthwrights to discuss the cracks in the wood and some other maintenance issues.</p> <p>Cllr Bellamy confirmed that he is happy to liaise with the grass cutting contractor, Simon Birbeck, and address any issues with him direct.</p>
070317.13	<p>Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues</p> <p>No feedback had been received in response to issues raised at the last meeting and no new issues were raised.</p>
070317.14	<p>Clerk's or Councillors' reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</p> <p>None</p>
070317.15	<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>
070317.16	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None</p>
070317.17	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on 4 April at 6.45pm.</p> <p>The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 4 April at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.51pm.

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Cllr B Owen
Chairman