

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr B Owen (Chairman), T Crook (from item 3), D Higman, E Ross, Simpson & Troake

Also present

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

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm.

040417.01	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr J Bellamy
040417.02	Casual Vacancy Members received an application from Tim Crook. It was agreed to co-opt him with immediate effect. Mr Crook signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.
040417.03	Open Forum Mike Cunniam reminded members that he has been keeping the northern leat between Little Cross and Butts Cross clear. A few years ago DCC dug the leat out but it has now built up again, particularly the middle section and has become rather vulnerable. In some places it is higher than the road itself. He advised that it needs digging out again to build up the bank to protect the bank from large lorries. Keith Evans referred to item 9 of March's Parish Council minutes and advised that the Archdeacon of Totnes is not the final decision-maker with regard to the sale of the Church House Inn. The decision rests solely with the Trustees. He urged anyone wishing to find out more about the sale of the Church House Inn to approach one of the Trustees who would be happy to try and help with the query. The Chairman advised that the Council had been corresponding with the Chair of the Trustees but it had sometimes struggled to gain detailed information.
040417.04	District and County Councillors' Report County Cllr Rowe gave a report to Council, a copy of which is attached. District Cllr Smerdon handed the Council a copy of the Joint Local Plan for their interest.
040417.05	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.

040417.06	<p>Ratification of Minutes Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 March 2017 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
040417.07	<p>Planning 7.1 New applications: 7.1.1 0132/17 – Conversion of existing stone courtyard of barns to form a holiday let unit workshop/home office and storage at Shuttaford Farm, Holne</p> <p>Members understood that this is an important breeding site for swallows. However, it was thought that the site would not be affected by this application and members therefore resolved to support it.</p> <p>7.2 Decisions: 7.2.1 0050/17 – Erection of horse shelter, Land at Langaford Bridge, Holne Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p>
040417.08	<p>FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE Members approved the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque no 782 – Ronnie Ricahrds Memorial Charity (Public Access Defibrillator) - £1,510.80 • Cheque no 783 – HMRC (PAYE) - £149.80 • Cheque no 784 – DALC annual membership - £64.28
040417.09	<p>Defibrillator Members received one written quotation and one verbal quotation for the installation of the defibrillator. It was agreed to accept the written quotation supplied by Totally Wired for £320.</p>
040417.10	<p>Leats Further to representation made in the open forum regarding the northern leat between Little Cross and Butts Cross, it was agreed to contact DCC as the suggested works may be something which could be undertaken by the Parish Lengthsman. County Cllr Rowe had also made a note of the issue and promised to look into it on the parish's behalf.</p>
040417.11	<p>Playpark Cllr Ross advised that there had been no recent meeting. However, she was pleased to report that Holne Books had donated £400 to enable Playpark to purchase a bench to replace the one that had disappeared. The Chairman added that an Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Saturday.</p>
040417.12	<p>Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues The poor condition of the road through Hembury Road was raised again. Cllr Higman raised the issue of the gullies on Holne Chase Hill which the Council had previously raised with DCC and had been informed that these were included on the annual programme of works. Cllr Higman refuted this and it was suggested that the Highways Officer contacts Cllr Higman to discuss further.</p>
040417.13	<p>Clerk's or Councillors' reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda None</p>
040417.14	<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 None</p>

040417.15	Correspondence Members received a letter from the Archdeacon of Totnes in response to this Council's letter regarding the Church House Inn, the contents of which were noted. The matter would be discussed further in the Annual Parish Meeting which immediately followed this meeting.
040417.16	Date of Next Meeting It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on 2 May at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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Clr B Owen
Chairman