

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllr G Simpson (Chairman for this meeting), J Bellamy and D Higman

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and one member of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm.

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| 040717.01 | Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr B Owen• Cllr T Crook• Cllr E Ross• Cllr D Troake• District Cllr Smerdon• County Cllr Hosking• Ross Gray |
| 040717.02 | Open Forum A member of the public commented that the Michelcombe signpost next to the bridge needs cleaning. It was also noted that the bridleway sign at the bottom of Lane End has disappeared. It was agreed that this would be reported to Bill Allen, DNPA. |
| 040717.03 | District and County Councillors' Report District Cllr Smerdon was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report advising that the main issue concerning SHDC is the investigation into whether it would be appropriate for SHDC and West Devon Borough Council to merge into one Council. This will be considered by members and officers over the next few weeks and a meeting with the Department for Communities and Local Government is planned for later this month. |
| 040717.04 | 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. |
| 040717.05 | Ratification of Minutes Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 May 2017 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting. |

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| 040717.06 | <p>Planning</p> <p>6.1 New applications: No new applications.</p> <p>6.2 Decisions: No decisions to report.</p> <p>6.3 Dartmoor Local Plan Consultation Members were invited to comment on the draft settlement profiles. It was agreed to defer this item until September's meeting to allow members more time to consider the proposals. The deadline is 15 September.</p> |
| 040717.07 | <p>FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE</p> <p>Members approved the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque 785 – Came and Company - £325.67 • Cheque 786 – Lee Accounting (SW) Ltd - £108 • Cheque 787 – Birbeck Landscapes - £135 • Cheque 788 – HMRC (PAYE) - £150.60 • Cheque 789 – Totally Wired - £266.40 |
| 040717.08 | <p>Defibrillator</p> <p>It was agreed that the defibrillator needs to be registered with the South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. The clerk would contact the Ambulance Service to arrange this. It was also agreed to publish information about the defibrillator in the Parish Link and on the Holybrook Exchange. The clerk advised that she had sent Cllr Troake some posters to put up around the village advertising the location of the defibrillator.</p> |
| 040717.09 | <p>Annual Walkabout</p> <p>The following items had been noted/actioned following June's walkabout of the village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The footpath running through the field between Playpark and Church Park requires strimming and the fence needs repairing. This has been reported to Bill Allen, DNPA. • Japanese Knotweed is growing in the field behind the church yard. The Chairman agreed to contact the owner of the field. • A new contract has been awarded for the maintenance of Little Bewden. • It was noted that the agents marketing The Church House Inn are continuing to show a good number of people around the property but as yet there have been no definite offers to purchase. <p>A discussion ensued about The Church House Inn as a further month had passed and no obvious progress has been made to secure a sale. It was agreed to write to the Trustees, copying in the agent, suggesting that it is offered freehold rather than leasehold and that a reduction in the asking price is considered.</p> |
| 040717.10 | <p>Leats</p> <p>There were no issues raised.</p> |
| 040717.11 | <p>Playpark</p> <p>11.1 Members received correspondence from SHDC advising that the cost of insuring and inspecting Playpark in 2017/18 will increase from £100 to £130 (ex VAT).</p> |

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| | <p>11.2 Members received the annual inspection report, a copy of which had also been sent to the Playpark Committee. It was agreed to ask the Playpark Committee how they intend to deal with the issues raised in the report.</p> <p>Members also noted a report from Cllr Ross advising that all is going well. The grass cutting is much improved, the equipment has been approved by ROSPA, the accounts have been approved and a rota has been established for monthly inspections over the summer. Decisions are yet to be made about the gate and benches. She advised that the trees over the slide are causing problems because of the roosting birds. There is also some barbed wire which will need removing.</p> |
| 040417.12 | <p>Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues No issues were raised.</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> |
| 040717.14 | <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> |
| 040717.15 | <p>Correspondence Members were made aware of correspondence on the Holybrook Exchange about problems at Spitchwick including the landowner's recent decision to close the car park. Members noted what was happening but agreed no action as it falls outside the parish boundary.</p> |
| 040717.16 | <p>Date of Next Meeting It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on 5 September 2017 at 7.30pm.</p> |

The meeting closed at 8.47pm.

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Cllr B Owen
Chairman