

# HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 7.30pm

### Present

Cllr B Owen (Chairman), T Crook, D Higman and E Ross

### Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), District Cllr Smerdon, County Cllr Hosking, Ross Gray and two members of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm.

<b>050917.01</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> 1.1 Apologies were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr J Bellamy</li><li>• Cllr G Simpson</li></ul> 1.2 Resignation: Members received the resignation of Cllr David Troake. It was agreed that the clerk would write and thank him for his contribution to the Council over the last six years.
<b>050917.02</b>	<b>Open Forum</b> Ross Gray informed members that the Tea Rooms sign at Vicarage Cross is broken and on the ground. He advised that the variegated holly in the churchyard has sprouted again and he is hopeful that it might grow back. As a matter of courtesy, he informed members that he will be felling some conifers at Priddons having received advice from a tree surgeon. DNPA is aware and permission is not required.  The applicants for the Higher Butts planning application, to be discussed at item 6.1.1, gave an explanation of the work they planned.
<b>050917.03</b>	<b>District and County Councillors' Report</b>  <b>Cllr Smerdon</b> advised that the main issue for South Hams at the moment was the 'One Council' consultation which members would be discussing at item 9. He informed members that there was an opportunity for parishioners to speak with officers about the proposal on Thursday 7 September when they would be present at Holne Community Shop and Tea Rooms.  <b>Cllr Hosking</b> reported that DCC Highways has been successful in competitive tendering for additional funding of £14.6 million for the North Devon Link Road and provision of LED street lighting. This will assist the County in delivering its Highways objectives despite ongoing reductions in the central support grant.  He informed members that he would be interested to hear about the success of the high-speed broadband roll out in the parish. Members replied that, on the whole, there had been improvements to speeds.  He also advised that plans for devolution have gone into the backwater but plans to reinstate the Dawlish railway line are still in progress and new trains, combining electric and diesel, are on their

	<p>way. Finally, DCC is issuing a single contract for all childrens' centres to offer a standardised service across the county.</p> <p>He reminded members that he has a locality budget of £10,000 available to share across 12 parishes for local projects needing financial support.</p>
<p><b>050917.04</b></p>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <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>
<p><b>050917.05</b></p>	<p><b>Ratification of Minutes</b></p> <p>Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 July 2017 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
<p><b>050917.06</b></p>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>6.1 New applications:</b></p> <p>6.1.1 0403/17 – Renovation of dwelling and replacement of conservatory and lean-tos with single storey extension at Higher Butts, Holne</p> <p>Members agreed to support the application.</p> <p><b>6.2 Other applications:</b> (Comments already submitted to DNPA during August)</p> <p>6.2.1 0322/16 – Extension to Linhay Hill Quarry, Ashburton - Regulation 22 submission of 'further information' Part I No additional comments were made.</p> <p>6.2.2 ENF/0036/16 – Appeal against Enforcement Notices issued at Michelcombe Farm, Holne No additional comments were made.</p> <p>6.2.3 0350/17 – Installation of new door and side panelling to existing rear porch at Annexe, Holne Court Farm, Holne Members had agreed that there were no objections to this application.</p> <p>6.2.4 0354/17 – Demolition of existing house and garage and replace with house ad garage on adjacent site (replaces approval for ref 0602/15) at Holne Park Farm, Ashburton Members agreed to support this application.</p> <p><b>6.3 Decisions:</b></p> <p>6.3.1 0329/17 – Alterations, additional slate hanging and rear extension at Bear Wood Members noted that DNPA had granted conditional planning permission.</p> <p><b>6.4 Dartmoor Local Plan Consultation</b></p> <p>Members received and commented on the draft settlement profiles as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holne Community Shop and the Tea Rooms are not listed as key services and facilities on page 8</li> <li>• Should The Church House Inn also be referenced?</li> </ul>

	<p><b>6.5 Planning Committee</b> Following the resignation of Cllr Troake, it was agreed that Cllr Crook should join the Council's Planning Committee.</p>
<b>050917.07</b>	<p><b>FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE</b> Members approved the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheque no 790 - Birbeck Landscapes - £315</li> <li>• Cheque no 791 - South Hams District Council (Inspection and insurance of Playpark) - £156</li> <li>• Cheque no 792 - Information Commissioner (Data Protection Licence renewal) - £35</li> </ul>
<b>050917.08</b>	<p><b>Defibrillator</b> It was agreed that the Chairman would arrange to meet with Justin Sharples of the South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation to complete the necessary paperwork to register the defibrillator.</p> <p>Members were advised that Teign Heartbeat has suggested a joint training session with Widecombe possibly in October. It was agreed that it would need to be established how many in the parish would wish to attend the training and who could travel to Widecombe. It was agreed that priority should be given to those working in the shop/tea room.</p> <p>The posters advertising the location of the defibrillator need to be put up around the parish.</p>
<b>050917.09</b>	<p><b>Consultation on the proposal for one council for South Hams and West Devon</b> Members were invited to comment on the proposal for one council for South Hams and West Devon. After discussion, members felt that insufficient information about the proposal and the impact it will have on South Hams residents has been provided. Members had been advised that in return for the increased council tax, the current level of services enjoyed by residents of South Hams will simply be maintained. In comparison, services in West Devon will also be maintained but there is no planned additional increase in the council tax. The direct benefit of one council to residents of South Hams is therefore unclear.</p> <p>In principle, Holne Parish Council concluded that it is unable to support the proposal for one council.</p>
<b>050917.10</b>	<p><b>Consultation on proposals to introduce a 'Pay and Conserve' Parking Scheme</b> Members were asked to comment on proposals to introduce a 'Pay and Conserve' parking scheme. After discussion, it was agreed the proposed charges are comparatively low and members would therefore not be averse to a proportionate charge of up to £3 a day. However, members requested that the income generated is used solely for the purpose of maintaining the car parks and their facilities. In particular, they would like to see the car parks and problem areas manned.</p>
<b>050917.11</b>	<p><b>Church House Inn</b> No further update.</p>
<b>050917.12</b>	<p><b>Leats</b> Cllr Crook reported that the leat behind Bakers Park adjacent to Holne Cott is at the same level as the Road and only separated by the verge. This need to be dug out to lower the level of the water. It was noted that it was the landowner's responsibility to maintain leats on their land and agreed that Cllr Higman would speak to the owners of Holne Cott to discuss the matter.</p> <p>It was also agreed to supply County Cllr Hosking with a copy of the leat map showing the section which needs to be dug out. Cllr Hosking advised that the Highways Officer for this parish was now Nick Colton.</p>

<b>050917.13</b>	<p><b>Playpark</b>  Playpark has compiled an action list of everything which needs doing. Two new gates are also being made to replace the large gate at the entrance to playpark which swings out into the road when opened. An application for funding has been submitted.</p>
<b>050917.14</b>	<p><b>Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues</b>  Cllr Crook reported a large pothole at Gallant Le Bower. He was advised to report this online on DCC's website.</p>
<b>050917.15</b>	<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>050917.16</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>  It was noted that DNPA has not yet undertaken any maintenance of the footpath running through the field adjacent to Church Park. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Bill Allen again.</p>
<b>050917.17</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  Members received correspondence from the Greenwood Penny Christmas Tree charity advising that they had recently received a donation of books within which they had found a book entitled 'The History of Holne' and two letters. It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to receive these for its archives.</p>
<b>050917.18</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on 3 October 2017 at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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**Cllr B Owen**  
**Chairman**