

# HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 3 October 2017 at 7.30pm

### Present

Cllr D Higman (Chairman for this meeting), J Bellamy, T Crook, G Simpson and E Ross

### Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), District Cllr Smerdon and one member the public

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm.

031017.01	<p><b>Election of Chairman for this meeting</b></p> <p>Members were advised that the Chairman, Cllr Owen, had given her apologies and was unable to attend the meeting. It was also noted that following the resignation of Cllr Troake, the Council had no Vice Chairman. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr Ross and agreed unanimously by all members present that Cllr Higman should Chair this meeting.</p>
031017.02	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr B Owen</li><li>• County Cllr Hosking</li></ul>
031017.03	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p>
031017.04	<p><b>District and County Councillors' Report</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Hosking</b> was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report advising that the Fair Funding review now proposed an increase in funding for Devon schools of £7.5million. None of our schools now face a reduction in spending.</p> <p><b>Cllr Smerdon</b> reported that there was still time to comment on the proposal to merge South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council to form one council. Members will be voting on this on 31 October. Should members vote in favour of one council, it will have to be approved by government and would not come into force until 2020. South Hams District Council has started to look at its budget for next year and, being under considerable financial pressure, will be looking at how it can make savings.</p>
031017.05	<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>
031017.06	<p><b>Ratification of Minutes</b></p> <p>Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 September 2017 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>

<b>031017.07</b>	<p><b>Appointment of Vice Chairman</b> It was proposed by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr Ross and agreed unanimously by all members present that Cllr Higman should be appointed Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.</p>
<b>031017.08</b>	<p><b>Planning</b> 7.1 <b>New applications:</b> There were no new applications.</p> <p>7.2 <b>Decisions:</b> 7.2.1 0350/17 - Installation of new door and side paneling to existing rear porch at Annexe, Holne Court Farm, Holne Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p>
<b>031017.09</b>	<p><b>FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE</b> 9.1 Members approved the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheque no 793 - S Hughes - £35.06 (postage; ink; envelopes; paper)</li> <li>• Cheque no 794 - HMRC (PAYE) - £150.80</li> </ul> <p>9.2 It was agreed that following Cllr Troake's resignation, it was necessary to replace him as a signatory. It was agreed that Cllr Higman would become a signatory.</p>
<b>031017.10</b>	<p><b>Defibrillator</b> Members were advised that training would take place at The Church House, Widecombe, on Monday 16 October at 7.00pm. Cllr Simpson advised that this unfortunately clashed with an important meeting of the Shop and Tearooms and therefore those involved in that meeting would not be able to attend. She would, however, contact the volunteers at the shop and suggest that they attend if they were able. Cllr Crook also confirmed that he would be attending and could offer a lift to anyone who needed it.</p> <p>The clerk would confirm with Cllr Owen whether the defibrillator was now registered with the Ambulance Service.</p>
<b>031017.11</b>	<p><b>Service of Remembrance</b> It was agreed to ask Cllr Owen as Chairman whether she would lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>
<b>031017.12</b>	<p><b>Memorial Bench</b> Members received a request to permanently site an oak memorial bench in the village in memory of George and Molly Bales. The bench had been commissioned by the family and made by Dartmoor Timber. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the most appropriate position would be in Playpark. It was agreed to ask Holne Playpark whether they would be happy for the bench to be sited there and for them to liaise with Dartmoor Timber about the most suitable location.</p>
<b>031017.13</b>	<p><b>Church House Inn</b> Members were advised that a potential buyer was looking at the pub this week but other than that no further progress appears to have been made. It was noted that the Trustees may need additional support and it was therefore agreed to write to the Trustees and propose that Cllr Ross becomes a Trustee.</p>
<b>031017.14</b>	<p><b>Leats</b> Cllr Higman advised that he had spoken to the owners of Holne Cott who denied having responsibility for the leat outside their property. It was therefore agreed to contact Highways and ask that they arrange for the leat to be dug out as the water is now spilling out into the road. It was agreed that it was necessary for this to be done before the onset of winter to prevent freezing water on the road and flooding in the village.</p>

031017.15	<p><b>Playpark</b></p> <p>Cllr Ross advised that there is a monthly maintenance rota with members taking responsibility for inspection and maintenance of the equipment each month. She also advised that two smaller gates will be installed to replace the large single gate at the entrance to Playpark. The grass cutting has been satisfactory but the barbed wire still needs removing. Cllr Bellamy informed members that he had been clearing out the sump and was happy to continue doing this through the winter. He advised that there was a lot of overgrowth on the section above the sump towards Little Bewden. Cllr Ross replied that this was in hand and would be cleared. The clerk advised that she had contacted Western Power and asked if they could fit some suitable protection around the tie wire and bottle screw of the power line post. An engineer has visited the site and has agreed to construct a small fence around it. Holne Playpark will be running the Bric a Brac table at the Michaelmas Fayre – all donations would be gratefully received. The next meeting of Holne Playpark is being held on Monday 10 October.</p>
031017.16	<p><b>Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues</b></p> <p>Cllr Crook advised that he had reported the pothole at Gallant Le Bower online. Cllr Simpson advised that a hole had formed at the entrance to the Shop and Tearooms. She would also report this online. Cllr Bellamy advised that the signpost at the junction opposite Bearwood had fallen over and that there was a large branch overhanging the road which could be dangerous if it fell into the road. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Highways about both issues.</p>
031017.17	<p><b>Clerk's or Councillors' reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</b></p> <p>None</p>
031017.18	<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></p> <p>Cllr Simpson reported that there had been a white transit van sleeper parked in the village for several nights. He had now moved on but it was agreed to give the vehicle details to the police for their information and records.</p> <p>Cllr Ross asked that there is a discussion at the next meeting about this year's village Christmas tree.</p>
031017.19	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>None.</p>
031017.20	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on 7 November 2017 at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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