

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Cllr B Owen (Chairman), J Bellamy, T Crook, D Higman, E Ross and G Simpson

Also present

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

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm.

071117.01	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ross Gray (Tree Warden)
071117.02	Co-option of New Councillor Members received an application from Annie Vince to join the Parish Council as a co-opted member. After receiving a brief resume, it was agreed unanimously to co-opt Ms Vince to the Council, who proceeded to sign her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the clerk, and immediately joined the meeting.
071117.03	Open Forum There were no comments from the public.
071117.04	District and County Councillors' Report Cllr Hosking reported as follows: The School Fair Funding Review - the final allocation for funding is complete. The allocation for Devon has increased to £7 million. No schools will receive a decrease in funding. 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 funding. Buckfastleigh Primary School will receive an increase of 0.4% above the base line in 2018/19 and 0.9% in 2019/20. Ashburton Primary School will receive slightly more. Grit bins will not be topped up automatically but empty bins can be reported online and hey will be topped up as required. Funding is available from the Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund to help local road wardens with the cost of carrying out their role on behalf of the community. Cllr Hosking advised that he would find out whether Chapter 8 training was still available to parishes at no cost. It was agreed to include the Community Road Warden Scheme on the next agenda. Finally, he reminded members about the deadline for the TAP fund. Cllr Smerdon reported that on Tuesday 31 October at 4.30pm, South Hams DC and West Devon BC members met, debated and voted (at separate meetings) on the proposal to form one Council. South Hams Members voted 19 for, 8 against with 3 abstentions. I voted in favour. West Devon Members voted 13 for, 18 against. The One Council proposal will therefore go no further. This puts West Devon in a very precarious position, which makes it difficult to understand why they voted as

	<p>they did, and why they didn't make their feelings known at an earlier stage. As to what happens now at this point I simply cannot say. After various meetings to be held this week the picture may become clearer. When I have more information I will forward it on.</p> <p>The TAP fund deadline for applications is Friday 15th December, with the decisions taken on 1 February. There will be a Town and Parish discussion event on 27 November at 6.30 pm at Follaton House, regarding SHDC and DCC budgets for 2018/19 and TAP fund changes.</p> <p>Devon and Cornwall Alert is a two way community messaging system operated by Devon and Cornwall Police. It tells people what is happening in their area and allows them to respond directly with any information. The system is designed to allow people who register to choose the type of information they would like to receive concerning crime and anti-social behaviour, witness appeals, crime prevention, community events and local good news. People can sign up at http://alerts.dc.police.uk. Please can you encourage as many people as possible to sign up.</p>
071117.05	<p>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</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>
071117.06	<p>Ratification of Minutes</p> <p>Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 October 2017 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
071117.07	<p>Finance and Governance</p> <p>Members approved the following payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque no 795 – Moorland Parish Link (grant) - £60
071117.08	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that she had met with the Ambulance Service and the defibrillator is now registered with them. The monthly checks and reports to the Ambulance Service will be carried out by Philippa in the shop. After discussion, it was agreed to keep the cabinet locked but to let key people, including the staff and volunteers at the Shop and Tearoom, know the code to expedite access to the defibrillator in an emergency. The Chairman informed members that she had attended the training in Widecombe but it was agreed that an additional session was required in Holne. It was also agreed to add something in the Parish Link to advertise that the defibrillator is now available to use.</p>
071117.09	<p>Memorial Bench</p> <p>The Parish Council's suggestion that the memorial bench could be sited at Playpark was rejected as the family desired a more central village location. However, members were unable to agree to the village green as a location as memorial benches were already sited there and another bench would create overcrowding. It was noted that there is a space next to the pub entrance but this is not the Parish Council's responsibility and permission would need to be sought from the Trustees or new owner of the pub. Somewhere near the shop was also suggested.</p>
071117.10	<p>TAP Fund</p> <p>Members received details of this year's scheme and some suggestions were made for possible projects. After discussion, it was agreed to defer the item until the next meeting to allow more time for preparation of ideas.</p>

071117.11	Christmas Tree It was agreed that as The Church House Inn would not be occupied before Christmas, Cllrs Crook and Bellamy would organise a community tree. Cllr Ross offered to donate the tree and Cllr Bellamy would arrange some LED lights.
071117.12	Church House Inn Members were advised that the Trustees have accepted an offer for the purchase of the pub though completion was not likely until after Christmas.
071117.13	Leats The clerk advised that the issues reported to Highways had been acknowledged but not yet addressed due to other priorities.
071117.14	Playpark Cllr Ross advised that there is a meeting planned for next week and there was nothing to report. Cllr Bellamy informed members that he had been cleaning out the sump.
071117.15	Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues The clerk advised that the issues reported to Highways had been acknowledged but not yet addressed due to other priorities. The clerk was also asked to report the surface water at Shuttaford which will wash the road away if it does not flow under the road.
071117.16	Clerk's or Councillors' reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda None
071117.17	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
071117.18	Correspondence None
071117.19	Date of Next Meeting It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on 5 December 2017 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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Cllr B Owen
Chairman