

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 6 February 2018 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr B Owen (Chairman) (arrived 7.40pm), D Higman (Vice Chairman), J Bellamy, T Crook, E Ross and A Vince

Also present

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

The meeting was opened by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Higman, at 7.30pm.

Cllr Ross asked that the Council took a moment to pay tribute to those women who campaigned for a change in the law 100 years ago which led to a change in the law granting women the right to vote. This was wholeheartedly supported by all members of the Council.

060218.01	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr G Simpson• County Cllr Hosking• Ross Gray (Tree Warden)
060218.02	Open Forum Members were informed that the Bakers, formerly of Playcross, are likely to be leaving the village soon. Having been an intrinsic part of this village for over thirty years, it was suggested that this should be marked in some way. There was a discussion about the Church House Inn which is understood to still have a buyer although it was believed that contracts have not yet exchanged.
060218.03	District and County Councillors' Report District Councillor Smerdon reported as follows: Steve Jorden, who has been SHDC Executive Director for Strategy and Commissioning and Head of Paid Service, is leaving on 9 February to take up a post with Swindon Council. We wish Steve and his family all the best. Sophie Hosking will take over Steve Jorden's role and combine the two Executive Director posts. Steve Mullineaux, Group Manager for Support Services will act as Sophie's deputy. This management structure will stay in place until after the May 2019 District Council elections, after which a full structural review will take place. The Public Examination of the Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon Joint Local Plan will start on Tuesday 30 January at the New Continental Hotel in Plymouth. The majority of the public hearings will take place in Plymouth, but there will be a session at Follaton House on Tuesday 27 February and one at Tavistock on Thursday 1 March. Whilst all these sessions are open to the public only those who made representations during the final consultation have a right to participate. The examination process will take several weeks. SHDC are circulating a leaflet regarding the budget for 2018/19. The leaflet explains that SHDC need to find £0.6m. to make ends meet. Some of the key changes being considered by SHDC include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stop accepting cash and cheques at all Council premises including Follaton House (excluding car parks). - Charge, close or give to the local community the public toilets - Reduce partnership funding - Increase car parking fees - Increase planning fees and introduce a charge for the duty planning service - Build and let beach huts <p>The Police and Crime Commissioner is running a survey to determine whether residents would be happy to increase the number of police officers in their communities. If residents are keen on offering their views and/or input, please complete the Survey that is available via this weblink https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G2S8QP7</p> <p>South Hams and West Devon have given the green light to proposals to set up a local community lottery scheme that will be shared across the South Hams and West Devon Borough areas. The planned lottery, with a jackpot of up to £25 000, will operate in a similar way to the National Lottery or Health Lottery, however all funds raised will be spent in the South Hams and West Devon areas. In addition, 50% of the ticket sales will go directly to a good cause, with customers able to choose a specific cause to support if they wish.</p> <p>SHDC is in the process of producing an up to date Apprenticeship and Graduate Strategy across South Hams DC and West Devon BC, where we aim to maximise the use of both the apprenticeship levy and existing budgets to enable us to produce a highly skilled and more resilient workforce across the organisation. Having completed the early stages of this process, there will be an initial focus on upskilling current members of staff and investing in graduates to provide the skills and knowledge required for Specialist roles in Development Management, which have become notoriously hard to fill.</p> <p>County Councillor Hoskings was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report which was received after the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Devon County Council have the third highest rate of recycling at 55.7%, a good record which I encourage you all to endeavour to improve on. - Tap fund applications were slightly oversubscribed and the decision was made to reduce all applications by about 70% in the Totnes Cluster Group area. The precise sums are not yet available on the website. - Pleased to report that your application for Locality funding for the Marquee for Community Events has passed the first stage of approval. - Apologies that you still do not have public information posters regarding the Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse helpline; I have sent a reminder to the head of service this evening.
<p>060218.04</p>	<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>Cllr Higman declared an interest in items 7.1.2 and 7.1.3.</p>
<p>060218.05</p>	<p>Ratification of Minutes</p> <p>Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 January 2018 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>

060218.06	<p>Finance and Governance Members approved the following payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque no 801 - P Owen (Playpark hedge cutting) - £36.00
060218.07	<p>Planning</p> <p>7.1 New applications:</p> <p>7.1.1 031/18 & 032/1817 – Construction of stone wall with double timber gates to front of Property at Shuttaford Farm, Holne</p> <p>Members agreed to support this application.</p> <p>7.1.2 0007/18 – Replacement dwelling, demolition of existing and construction of new garage at Holne Park Farm, Ashburton</p> <p>Members agreed to support this application.</p> <p>7.1.3 0008/18 – Change of use and extension of former farmhouse to provide estate offices at Holne Park Farm, Ashburton</p> <p>Members agreed to support this application.</p> <p>7.1.4 0011/18 – Agricultural workers dwelling at Higher Mill Leat, Holne (Outline)</p> <p>Members agreed to support this application.</p> <p>7.2 Decisions: None.</p>
060218.08	<p>Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 10 April at 7.00pm. April's Parish Council meeting will be held on the same evening starting at 7.30pm.</p>
060218.09	<p>Playpark Cllr Ross reported that the Committee are looking at how to resolve the problem of leaves falling on the slide from a nearby ash tree either by removing one or more limbs or felling the tree completely. The new gate is due to be fixed soon.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting of Holne Playpark Charity is being held on 19 February at 8pm in the Tradesmans Inn, Scoriton. All welcome.</p>
060218.10	<p>Leats No new issues were reported.</p>
060218.11	<p>Potholes, highway maintenance reports and other highways issues Having carried out some research, Cllr Crook outlined the Community Road Warden Scheme to members which enables parish councils to deliver minor works in or around the public highway. After discussion, it was agreed that the processes and conditions which would need to be adhered to in order to be covered by DCC's insurance were too onerous and that this parish would therefore not join the scheme at this time.</p>
060218.12	<p>Clerk's or Councillors' reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda None</p>

060218.13	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.
060218.14	Correspondence None.
060218.15	Date of Next Meeting It was confirmed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on 6 March 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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Clr B Owen
Chairman