

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 4 December 2018 at 7.30pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County Cllr Hosking (from 8.55pm) and two members of the public

The meeting was opened by Cllr Simpson at 7.30pm.

041218.01	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Owen• Cllr Higman• District Cllr Smerdon• Ross Gray (Tree Warden)
041218.02	Open Forum <p>There is tree adjacent to Holne Bridge on the left as you travel towards Ashburton which is leaning towards the bridge. It was agreed that the clerk should write and inform DCC's Highways Officer.</p>
041218.03	District and County Councillors' Report <p>District Cllr Smerdon sent the following report: SHDC has a Full Council meeting on Thursday 6 December at which Councillors will debate proposals to review SHDC Waste Collection service. More information will be available after the meeting.</p> <p>Councillors are also being asked to consider supporting the formation of South West Mutual Bank, the aims of which are to support local enterprise and spread opportunities for locally driven business and employment. It's social and environmental aims are to tackle financial exclusion among some sectors of society, improve well-being, restore trust and improve environmental and social performance. The Bank would also plan to reestablish services in towns and villages which have lost their bank branches.</p> <p>I recently attended the DNPA Forum at Parke and will be at the DNPA Local Plan event tomorrow afternoon.</p> <p>County Cllr Hosking joined the meeting at 8.55pm and gave the following report:</p> <p>The mobile library service is likely to be coming to an end as people move towards digital books. He asked the Parish Council to inform anyone who might be affected by this.</p> <p>The Winter Service Task Group continues to explore the option of providing insurance for parish snow wardens providing them and their vehicles with cover.</p> <p>A partnership has been formed with Cornwall, Somerset, Torbay and Plymouth Councils called Peninsula Transport. The partnership will look at improving transport across the peninsula.</p> <p>Devon has received an additional £420 million of government funding to tackle highways defects.</p>

	<p>Grit boxes should now have been replenished. If they haven't, Cllr Hosking asked members to let him know.</p> <p>The sign which had fallen at Mill Leat has now been replaced. It is unlikely, however, that the defaced sign at Stumpy Oak end will be replaced.</p>
041218.04	<p>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</p> <p>Councillors are 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>
041218.05	<p>Ratification of Minutes</p> <p>Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 November 2018 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
041218.06	<p>Finance</p> <p>6.1 Invoices for payment There were no invoices for payment.</p> <p>6.2 Members received a first draft of the budget for 2019/20. It was agreed that this would be discussed further and agreed in January's meeting.</p>
041218.07	<p>Planning</p> <p>7.1 New applications:</p> <p>7.1.1 0620/18 – Holne Park Farm, Ashburton Variation of conditions 2 and 7 of planning reference 0007/18 to allow change of construction materials</p> <p>Members had no objections to this application.</p> <p>7.1.2 0610/18 – Holne Park Farm, Ashburton Replacement garage</p> <p>Members had no objections to this application.</p> <p>7.2 Decisions:</p> <p>7.2.1 0549/18 – Bearwood, Holne Single storey extension, alterations and additional slate hanging</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission</p> <p>7.3 A general concern was raised about enforcement action against applications which had been refused and whether these were being followed up by DNPA. As an example, it was alleged that following DNPA's decision not to issue a Certificate of Lawfulness (0246/18), the property at Middle Stoke continues to be unlawfully occupied. It was agreed to make a general enquiry to DNPA to establish the position.</p>

041218.08	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>Members commented on the recent training session which had been very well-received by all those who had attended. It was suggested and agreed that the Parish Council purchases a set of replacement pads. Cllr Simpson informed members that Holne Books had offered to fund this. It is estimated that the cost would be around £25. The clerk will action.</p> <p>Cllr Simpson also suggested that a list of people in the parish who might be called upon to help in an emergency situation is made available.</p>
041218.09	<p>Communities Together Fund</p> <p>Cllr Simpson reported that she had only generated interest from eight people across the two parishes of Holne and Buckfastleigh West to attend a first aid course. It was therefore agreed that there was insufficient interest to justify an application to this fund.</p> <p>The clerk advised that Cllr Owen had suggested a gritter but members thought that there was insufficient time before the application had to be submitted to fully consider the logistics including storage, security and who would be able to operate it.</p>
041218.10	<p>Christmas Tree</p> <p>Cllr Ross advised that the owner of the Church House Inn has agreed to provide the electricity for the lights. He had also agreed for the benches to be moved. Bo Hansen will source the tree.</p>
041218.11	<p>Church House Inn</p> <p>11.1 Following issues raised at the last meeting, the clerk advised that the Licensing Authority had confirmed that the pub does not have to open as it is at the discretion of the landlord. DNPA's Enforcement Planner has written to the owner regarding the signage around the parish asking for it to be removed.</p> <p>11.2 Members considered the form along with its guidelines to nominate Church House Inn as a Community Asset. It was agreed that the clerk and Cllr Crook would complete the form and, with the supporting documents, submit it to SHDC along for consideration.</p>
041218.12	<p>Playpark</p> <p>12.1 Members of the Playpark Committee were not aware of any issues arising from the inspections. A concern was raised, however, that the Playpark Committee should not be expected to carry out the maintenance of the equipment on a voluntary basis. The clerk advised that the Committee should put together a proposal for consideration by the Parish Council so that provision can be made in the Parish Council's budget.</p> <p>12.2 Cllr Ross advised that there were some problems getting volunteers to lay the hedge in Playpark. Quotations are therefore being sought to have it laid professionally.</p>
041218.13	<p>Leats</p> <p>There were no issues reported.</p>
041218.14	<p>Potholes, Highways Maintenance Reports and Other Highways Issues</p> <p>No new issues were reported. It was noted that cattle grid at Forestoke has been cleaned.</p>
041218.15	<p>Clerk's or Councillors' reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</p> <p>None.</p>
041218.16	<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</p> <p>None.</p>

041218.17	Correspondence There were no items of correspondence.
041218.18	Date of Next Meeting It was agreed that, unless there was any business which required urgent attention, the date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 8 January 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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Cllr G Simpson
Chairman for this meeting