

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County Cllr Hosking (from 9.05pm) and one member of the public

The meeting was opened by Cllr Owen at 7.30pm.

061118.01	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Crook• District Cllr Smerdon• Ross Gray (Tree Warden)
061118.02	Open Forum <p>A parishioner raised the following points:</p> <p>Why is DCC spending money cutting banks? Why doesn't the recycling centre take deep freezers? Concern was expressed about the state of the road at Shuttaford.</p> <p>(These points were brought to the attention of the County Councillor when he joined the meeting).</p>
061118.03	District and County Councillors' Report <p>District Cllr Smerdon was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:</p> <p>SHDC Members have begun debating aspects of the Budget for the coming year. One of the measures being discussed is reviewing the current policy of granting a discount on Council Tax to single occupancy dwellings. Some things which were included in the Government budget last week have positive implications for Councils, such as the decision to abolish business rates on public toilets.</p> <p>The Joint Local Plan Main Modifications have now been published and a consultation on these is now running until early December.</p> <p>South Hams and West Devon have set up a lettings agency, Seamoor Lettings. This makes use of the knowledge and expertise of our Officers to help families in need to find a home in the private rented sector.</p> <p>The Public Toilet Consultation with Town and Parish Councils is now drawing to a close. Some toilets will become Pay On Entry, and some taken over by Towns or Parishes. SHDC Executive Members will make decisions on the way forward for each individual set of circumstances.</p> <p>County Cllr Hosking joined the meeting at 9.05pm and gave the following report:</p> <p>All grit bins are being topped up this year. A review of the bins is also being carried out.</p>

	<p>An additional allocation has been awarded in the budget for pothole repairs.</p> <p>Applications to his locality budget for whist tables and a deep freezer have been approved and the grants have been paid.</p>
061118.04	<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>
061118.05	<p>Ratification of Minutes</p> <p>Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 October 2018 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
061118.06	<p>Finance</p> <p>6.1 Invoices for payment</p> <p>Members approved the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cheque no 815 – Moorland Parish Link (grant) - £60 - Cheque no 816 – RBL Poppy Appeal - £22
061118.07	<p>Planning</p> <p>7.1 New applications:</p> <p>7.1.1 0549/18 – Bearwood, Holne Single storey extension, alterations and additional slate hanging</p> <p>Members agreed to support this application.</p> <p>7.1.2 0514/18 – Construction of agricultural worker’s dwelling at Higher Mill Leat, Holne (Amended Plans)</p> <p>Members agreed that they had no objections to these amended plans.</p> <p>7.2 Decisions:</p> <p>7.2.1 0500/18 – Stoodley, Holne Alterations to first floor of existing farmhouse including removal of C20 partitions, Construction of new partition, levelling of floor, opening up of existing fireplace, relocation of downpipe and enlargement/replacement of existing window</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p> <p>7.2.2 0007/18 – Holne Park Farm, Ashburton Replacement dwelling, demolition of existing and construction of new garage</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p> <p>7.2.3 0008/18 – Holne Park Farm, Ashburton Change of use and extension of former farmhouse to provide estate offices</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p>

061118.08	<p>Defibrillator Training</p> <p>Members noted that the training had been arranged for Tuesday 20 November at 7.00pm. The shop/tearoom, Events Group and Playpark Committee are to be invited as well as people in the immediate vicinity of the shop and tea room.</p> <p>Members were advised that the defibrillator signs have been put up around the parish.</p>
061118.09	<p>Communities Together Fund</p> <p>Cllr Simpson reminded members of the proposal to make a joint application with Buckfastleigh West Parish Council for First Aid training. Costs were in the region of £600 depending on the number of attendees. Members agreed that it is important to establish whether there is sufficient interest in the community to run such a course. It was therefore agreed to revisit the idea next month once Cllr Simpson had established the level of interest. No further ideas were put forward for the funding.</p>
061118.10	<p>Christmas Tree</p> <p>Members discussed the siting of this year's village Christmas tree and a source of electricity for the lights. Electricity is usually provided by the Church House Inn but with the pub being closed this could not be guaranteed. It was also noted that there are now a number of benches on the village green which could restrict where the tree can be sited. It was agreed that Cllrs Ross and Higman would try and make contact with the owner of the pub to ask him about moving the benches to make room for the tree and whether he would provide the electricity for the lights. Cllr Higman offered to speak to David Mudge and Paul Arrowsmith about the tree and the whereabouts of the lights.</p>
061118.11	<p>Playpark</p> <p>11.1 It was noted that there is a spreadsheet being used to record details of play park inspections and any defects. The spreadsheet was available for all councilors to view on a shared file. Cllr Bellamy confirmed that nothing needed to be done at the moment.</p> <p>11.2 Cllr Ross reported that the Halloween event was a great success. The next meeting of Playpark is due to take place on 12 November.</p>
061118.12	<p>Leats</p> <p>There were no issues reported.</p>
061118.13	<p>Potholes, Highways Maintenance Reports and Other Highways Issues</p> <p>13.1 Members were advised that a parishioner had contacted DCC Highways direct informing them that the cattle grid at Forestoke was blocked again and that animals are walking over it. The Highways officer advised that the grid is down for routine clearance this month.</p> <p>13.2 The issue with the gate being obstructed by vehicles at Newbridge remains unresolved as DCC consider this to be a police matter. In the meantime, the Highways officer advised that he would look into whether there is any appropriate signage but wasn't convinced that this would be a solution to the problem.</p> <p>13.3 Members noted that the Mill Leat signage has been reinstated.</p>
061118.14	<p>Clerk's or Councillors' reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</p> <p>None.</p>
061118.15	<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>Members discussed the signage which had been erected around the village advertising the Church</p>

	<p>House Inn some of which is obstructing highway visibility. The signage is advertising the pub which is still currently closed which members believed is misleading. It was agreed that the clerk should contact DNPA for advice.</p> <p>Concern was also expressed that the pub was still closed despite having been sold. It was agreed that the clerk should look into registering the pub as a community asset and that advice should be sought from DNPA about future change of use, i.e. the criteria for such an application and whether DNPA would allow this to succeed.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the clerk should contact the Licencing Authority (South Hams District Council) to establish whether, by being closed, the pub was contravening the terms of its licence.</p>
<p>061118.16</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>16.1 Draft Local Plan Consultation newsletter – members noted the dates of drop-in events and the consultation period (3 December - 4 February 2019).</p> <p>Cllr Ross will attend the Parish Council workshop on 5 December.</p>
<p>061118.17</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that, unless there was any business which required urgent attention, the date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 4 December 2018 at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

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Cllr B Owen

Chairman