

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr B Owen (Chairman), Cllr J Bellamy, Cllr T Crook, Cllr D Higman and Cllr A Vince

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), District Cllr Smerdon, Bill Allen (DNPA Ranger) and one member of the public

The meeting was opened by Cllr Owen at 7.30pm.

050219.01	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Simpson• Cllr Ross
050219.02	Open Forum <p>Bill Allen (DNPA Ranger) informed members that the Rangers had been restructured earlier in the year and whilst still covering Holne, he now has a wider area to cover.</p> <p>He commented on the impact of the snow over the weekend due to the number of visitors to the moor. The behaviour of motorists was very challenging with some cars being abandoned.</p> <p>There have been quite a significant number of dog attacks particularly in the Vennford area. Signage has been erected for the lambing season. DNPA is also looking at vegetation management in that area. Extra vigilance would be appreciated.</p> <p>The Ranger groups are doing really well (Ranger Ralph Club for 5-11 year olds and Junior Ranger Club for 12-15 year olds). A Youth Rangers group for 15-18 years old is being launched this year. He commented that he is very proud and encouraged by this.</p> <p>The Enjoy Dartmoor magazine will be out before Easter.</p> <p>He has been very busy on the public rights of way. He thanked the voluntary wardens who have done some great work.</p> <p>Michael French asked whether DCC has done anything about the tree leaning into Holne Bridge. The clerk advised that DCC had initially visited the incorrect tree. It was agreed to follow this up again with DCC to establish whether there had been any further progress.</p> <p>The pothole at Mount was raised again. The clerk would follow this up with DCC.</p>
050219.03	District and County Councillors' Report <p>District Cllr Smerdon reported that he had sent some information to the clerk regarding nominating a property under the Community of Asset value. Cllr Crook advised that the application to nominate The Church House Inn was almost ready to submit.</p> <p>The Joint Local Plan is looking to be adopted in March. The team from the three Councils responsible for it have won an award for the way they put it together.</p> <p>South Hams has agreed to support the setting up of a Mutual Bank. This will help people who struggle to access banking facilities. SHDC has allocated £50,000 towards it.</p>

	<p>County Cllr Hosking was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have received correspondence from and between Carol Oliver and Belinda, Chairman of the Parish, regarding the road leading to Mill Leat and her proposals for signage. I hope that a solution can be found and will be more than happy to attend a meeting for this purpose if you feel it will help. • Budget. It is proposed that the County Council precept will increase by 3.99% this year to enable a balanced budget. The County is still running a deficit this year of about £4 million though we anticipate that we will be able to make savings to meet this shortfall by the year end. Pressures on the budget going forward include additional demand for Statutory Services, particularly Children’s Services where there has been a significant increase in Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCPs) and the cost of placements for Children in Care. DCC policy is emphasising early intervention to try and keep families together and reduce the number of children coming into our care. Budget details will be confirmed next month. • Street Lighting. The installation of LED street lighting has produced encouraging savings and we will continue to roll this out across the County to the extent that our capital budget allows.
<p>050219.04</p>	<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>Cllr Owen declared an interest in item 7.1.2.</p>
<p>050219.05</p>	<p>Ratification of Minutes</p> <p>Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 January 2019 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
<p>050219.06</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>6.1 Invoices for payment</p> <p>Members approved the following payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cheque no 819 - S Hughes (Land Registry searches) - £12
<p>050219.07</p>	<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 variation of conditions application.</p> <p>7.1.2 0018/19 – 5 Church Park Cottages, Holne Demolish existing single storey extension and erection of two storey side extension</p> <p><i>Having declared an interest in this item, Cllr Owen left the meeting for this item.</i></p> <p>Members agreed to support the application.</p> <p>7.2 Decisions:</p> <p>There were no decisions.</p>

<p>050219.08</p>	<p>Church House Inn</p> <p>The clerk advised that she has written to the owner of The Church House Inn, Russell Stevens, about the benches on the green, as agreed in January’s meeting. As yet, there had been no response. It was therefore agreed that the benches should be removed from the green and stacked up next to the pub.</p> <p>CLlr Crook advised that the application to nominate The Church House Inn as an Asset of Community Value was almost ready to submit pending receipt of letters of support from the shop and Playpark.</p> <p>It was noted that the owner had recently been the subject of an item on the BBC programme, Rip Off Britain, which was of great concern. With the pub still closed, it is understood that there is an increasing desire in the village for some kind of action.</p>
<p>050219.09</p>	<p>Playpark</p> <p>9.1 Inspection reports: CLlr Bellamy advised that there was nothing to report and no action required following January’s inspection.</p> <p>9.4 General report from Holne Playpark: There had been a meeting in January. There is some interest, through the Events Group, for having a petanque/boule pitch. As this would need the approval of the Church and possibly planning permission it was agreed that a proposal should put together and submitted to the Parish Council to seek the relevant approvals.</p>
<p>050219.10</p>	<p>Leats</p> <p>There were no issues reported.</p>
<p>050219.11</p>	<p>Potholes, Highways Maintenance Reports and Other Highways Issues</p> <p>11.1 Signage at Mill Leat lane: Members were advised that representations had been made by the owners of Mill Leat Farm to DCC Highways for signage on Mill Leat lane to deter large vehicles.</p> <p>The highways engineer advised the clerk that he is supportive of community-based solutions that are within legislation but ‘authorised’ highway signs have to be in accordance with legislation contained in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.</p> <p>Signs warning of Sat Nav issues are not yet authorised in England. However, private individuals have erected unauthorised signs on private land warning of sat nav issues. If this is done in this location, they must not look like official signs and planning guidance would need to be sought from DNPA.</p> <p>The alternative is to find a source of funding for two authorised signs (Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles) and order them through DCC. This would be slightly against current policy but the highways officer would be willing to order them if it was felt that it would be beneficial to the local community.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed to write to the owner of Mill Leat Farm and advise her that the Parish Council does not have any control over, or responsibility for, the highway in this location. Members were also content that the existing authorised signage which identifies that the road is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles, is an adequate deterrent and that any additional signage is therefore not necessary.</p> <p>11.2 It was reported that the road sign in the centre of the village and the finger post at Bearwood have both blown down. The posts are rotten and will need replacing. Clerk to report to DCC.</p>

050219.12	Clerk's or Councillors' reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda None.
050219.13	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.
050219.14	Correspondence There were no items of correspondence.
050219.15	Date of Next Meeting It was agreed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 5 March 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

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Cllr B Owen
Chairman