

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs B Owen (Chairman), J Bellamy, T Crook, E Ross and D Higman

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County Cllr Hosking, District Cllr Pannell (arrived 6.30pm) and three members of the public

The meeting was opened by Cllr Owen at 6.20pm.

040619.01	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">District Cllr P Smerdon
040619.02	Open Forum <p>The applicant of planning application 0198/19 informed members that he was attending the meeting in order to answer any questions members may have in relation to this planning application to be discussed at item 5 (a)(i).</p> <p>The applicants of planning application 0210/19 informed members that they were attending the meeting to support their application to be discussed by members at item 5 (a)(ii).</p>
040619.03	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation <p>Members were reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and invited to state whether they have any interest in the items to be discussed during this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.</p> <p>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>
040619.04	County & District Councillors' Reports <p>County Cllr Hosking reported that he was delighted to attend the official opening of the Airband connection for Lower Coombe serving around 10 properties.</p> <p>He advised that he has received an email from a parishioner about roadside hedgecutting which had been done prematurely not allowing bluebells and wild flowers to reseed. The Chairman advised she was aware of the work and advised that this is usually undertaken as a gesture of goodwill by a neighbouring property. It might be that this has been undertaken earlier than usual and she would address it.</p> <p>Information has been sent to the clerk regarding new grant funds which replaces the TAP fund. Cllr Hosking also advised that he still has additional funding from Investing in Devon and his Locality Budget for 2020/21 (approx £200).</p> <p>Having had received no further update regarding the resurfacing of Shuttaford Road, he informed members that he would follow this up.</p> <p>District Cllr Pannell introduced himself as one the two recently elected District Councillors. He attended the first meeting of SHDC. The Conservatives have a one seat majority. Roles and responsibilities have been agreed. Cllr Smerdon will be the SHDC representative on DNPA. SHDC has agreed to focus on climate change and has also resolved to lobby the government and MPs to restore local control on building particularly on safety. Finally, he advised that there is a scam going on about council tax refunds.</p>

040619.05	<p>Ratification of Minutes</p> <p>Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 May 2019 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
040619.06	<p>Planning</p> <p>6.1 New applications:</p> <p>6.1.1 0198/19 – A small scale tented campsite of five grass pitches with mobile compost toilet shed at Mill Leat Farm, Holne</p> <p>After discussion, members agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern about the impact on this beautiful, quiet valley. • Access - the lane accessing the property from either direction is narrow and it would be inappropriate to encourage additional vehicles to the property. It also states in the planning statement that profits from the campsite will be put towards having accommodation in the stables and existing accommodation which would create even more traffic. • Concern that whilst the applicant states it is their intention to host only one family at a time, the granting of this application would allow 5 unrelated families to stay and up to 20 people. The proposed one compost toilet is insufficient for this many guests. • Concern about the location of the toilet which is on the higher side of the hill and the impact this would have on the leat. • Holne already has sufficient provision for camping and therefore additional camping is not required, particularly in this location. • DNPA's policy is to allow only working farms to provide camping to supplement income. This is not a working farm. • Looking at the Environment Agency's flood risk plans, the site is in a zone 3/high risk site for flooding. <p>6.1.2 0210/19 – Construction of agricultural workers dwelling at Higher Mill Leat, Holne</p> <p>It was noted that the previous application was supported by this Council. It was therefore agreed to support this application.</p> <p>6.1.3 0216/19 – Removal of condition 4 to approved planning ref: 0362/14 at Little Cross Cottage, Holne</p> <p>It was agreed to support the removal of the condition.</p> <p>6.2 Decisions:</p> <p>6.2.1 0134/19 & 0135/19 – Conversion of rear portion of small stone barn including change of use to form one-bedroom holiday let, Shuttaford Farm, Holne</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission and Listed Building Consent.</p>
040619.07	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 2 July 2019 at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

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ClIr B Owen
Chairman