

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs B Owen (Chairman), J Bellamy and T Crook

Also present

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

The meeting was opened by Cllr Owen at 7.30pm.

030919.01	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Higman• Cllr Ross• District Cllr Smerdon• Ross Gray
030919.02	Open Forum <p>A member of the public commented that he was pleased to see that the tree leaning into Holne Bridge and other foliage has been removed.</p>
030919.03	County & District Councillors' Reports <p>District Cllr Pannell asked members if they were aware of the changes to the planning process which DNPA has recently approved. i.e. that the automatic trigger of parish/town council objections (contrary to officer recommendation), meaning an application is then considered by the Development Management Committee, is removed. However, should a parish/town council express a view which is contrary to officer recommendation and where there are clear material considerations, the opportunity would still exist for a DNPA Member to 'call in' an application on behalf the parish/town council. He advised that the Dean Prior Parish Council has queried how the Parish Council gains access to the Officers recommendation prior to decision when the recommendation is only made public after a decision has been made. This would block any request to ask a DNPA Member to 'call in' an application. Members had not been made aware of any changes but looked forward to some clarification about the changes and how they will be implemented. Cllr Pannell also discussed SHDC's involvement in the Climate Change declaration. Its aim it to be carbon neutral by 2030. SHDC is also looking at its investment strategies – it can currently borrow money at a low rate and invest it in capital projects. Finally, he informed members that there have been a number of flytipping incidents including Dean Prior, Mortonhampstead and Chagford.</p>
030719.04	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>
030719.05	Ratification of Minutes <p>Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 July 2019 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>

030919.06	<p>Finance and Governance</p> <p>6.1 Invoices for payment</p> <p>The following payments were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque no 829 - B Booty (Newbridge boulders*) - £240 • Cheque no 830 - S Hughes (Land Registry searches) - £18 • Cheque no 831 - Play Inspection Company - £69 • Direct Debit - Information Commissioners Office (Data Protection Licence) - £40 <p>* Rob Steemson has advised that, after feedback, two rocks will be slightly moved soon to enable safer pony and trap access. He has also asked Highways to see if they can place any relevant waste material from current cattle grid clearance and resurfacing works in the local area behind the rocks to start making up a bank.</p> <p>6.2 Members received and noted correspondence from SHDC regarding the withdrawal of the council tax support grant from 2021/22.</p>
030919.07	<p>Planning</p> <p>7.1 New applications:</p> <p>There were no new applications.</p> <p>7.2 Decisions:</p> <p>7.2.1 0262/19 – Retrospective application for dwelling adjacent to Little Cross Cottage, Holne</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p> <p>7.2.2 0216/19 – Removal of condition 4 to approved planning ref: 0362/14, Little Cross Cottage, Holne</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p> <p>7.2.3 0198/19 – A small scale tented campsite of five grass pitches with mobile compost toilet shed, Mill Leat Farm, Holne</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has refused to grant planning permission.</p> <p>7.3 DNPA Local Plan Consultation</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA is consulting on the final draft of the new Local Plan for Dartmoor between 16 September and 1 November 2019 and that drop-in events have been arranged for the public to attend.</p>
030919.08	<p>Hedge Maintenance</p> <p>Members discussed raising awareness about the responsibility landowners have for maintaining their own hedges. It was agreed to send an article to the Parish Link and circulate information (together with a link to DCC’s online leaflet) on Holybrook Exchange.</p>
030919.09	<p>Church House Inn</p> <p>9.1 It was reported and noted that members had met with the new tenants of the pub to discuss the village green maintenance and the tables on the green and access track. It was a positive meeting and it was agreed that it was important to stay in contact with the tenants to build up a good relationship. It was noted that the tables have now been removed from the access track.</p> <p>9.2 Members noted that The Church House Inn has been considered by SHDC to be land of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011 and that it has now been entered on the List of Assets of Community Value and will be listed for a period of five years from the date of entry.</p>

	<p>9.3 Members discussed the signage which has been placed on the green advertising food in the pub. Whilst it was agreed that the signage was perhaps excessive and has rather an urban feel, it was thought that this would probably be temporary to encourage customers to the pub during the summer and it was therefore agreed to monitor the situation and discuss again in October.</p>
030919.10	<p>5G and Smart Metres Members considered the concerns expressed in July's open forum. It was agreed to write to DNPA to establish DNPA's policy on the installation of 5G masts.</p>
030919.11	<p>Playpark The Chairman advised that the Committee had not met over the summer and there was nothing to report. The next meeting is Monday 9 September.</p> <p>The clerk advised that she had received a message from Simon Burbeck suggesting that the field should be rolled to smooth out the bumps. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Simon for some more information.</p>
030919.12	<p>Leats No issues.</p>
030919.13	<p>Potholes, Highways Maintenance and Footpaths</p> <p>13.1 Members received a response from DCC Highways Officer, Nick Colton regarding the request to improve warning signage around Playpark. He has agreed to provide a new playground sign at Little Bewden. Once the new sign is in, he will look to provide slow markings. He will leave the other playground sign which is currently in place and will order a replacement sign for the one opposite Church Park House.</p> <p>13.2 Members considered the parking issues in the centre of the village which had been raised by a parishioners in July's meeting. It was agreed that the completion of building works in the centre of the village will ease the situation though it was acknowledged that there was little else which could be done to improve the parking in the village.</p> <p>13.3 It was noted that the signage at Bearwood has still not been repaired. It was agreed that the clerk would contact DCC and remind them.</p> <p>13.4 Cllr Crook advised that he had walked the footpaths in the parish and had noted that on the Great Combe track up to the moor the gate in the middle is broken and the path is very overgrown. The gate at the top of Lane Head is also broken. It was also noted that the boundary stone on Watery Lane has grown over. It was agreed to report these issues to DNPA.</p>
030919.14	<p>Clerk's or Councillors reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda None</p>
030919.15	<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 None</p>
030919.16	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>16.1 Members discussed an offer from Ashburton's Fire Station Manager, Don Distin, to speak to the Parish Council to keep it informed reference the potential closure. It was agreed to invite him.</p> <p>16.2 Members received an email from Ross Gray advising that he is chasing up DNPA/Devon County Council about the poor state of the Woodland Shelterbelt next to Bakers Park and the tree safety issues. It was agreed to try and establish who owns that land.</p>

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Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 1 October 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Clr B Owen
Chairman