

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

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

Also present

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

The meeting was opened by Cllr Owen at 7.30pm.

051119.01	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ross Gray• District Cllr Peter Smerdon
051119.02	Open Forum <p>It was reported that following the heavy rain, a large puddle formed on the highway at Gallant Le Bower which struggled to drain. Buddle holes are blocked. It was agreed that the clerk contacts SHDC about the Lengthsman service to enquire about the frequency and timing of visits. It would also be helpful to know in advance when they would be visiting.</p> <p>A resident commented on some highways issues in particular the recent flooding at Wotton, the buddle hole at Chase Gate and a pothole near Newbridge. As always, these issues can be reported on line on DCC's Report a Problem page.</p>
051119.03	County & District Councillors' Reports <p>District Cllr Pannell gave the following report:</p> <p>The climate change initiative has moved forward to the next stage. Citizens are invited to put forward ideas on DCC's website.</p> <p>SHDC and West Devon have carried out a survey on customer satisfaction levels. Both Councils are making efforts to improve service of answering calls and dealing with complaints. Customer satisfaction has increased by 6.6%.</p> <p>Election preparations are in hand. Extra staff have been taken on to deal with this. There has been a large increase in postal vote requests.</p> <p>SHDC is running a Christmas waste campaign. The clerk advised that this information has been circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr Smerdon sent a written report which was noted by members. In particular, he had followed up the issue of wild swimming which had been raised in October's meeting and advised that DNPA is aware of the issue and it is an ongoing problem which is being monitored.</p>
051119.04	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>

051119.05	<p>Ratification of Minutes Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 October 2019 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
051119.06	<p>Finance and Governance 6.1 Invoices for payment The following payments were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque no 834 – Moorland Parish Link (grant) - £60 • Cheque no 835 – Play Inspection Company (quarterly inspection of play equipment) - £63 • Cheque no 836 – S Birbeck - £495 • Cheque no 837 – RBL Poppy Appeal - £23
051119.07	<p>Planning 7.1 New applications: None received.</p> <p>7.2 Decisions: No decisions to report.</p>
051119.08	<p>Christmas Tree It was understood that the tenants of the pub had offered to contribute towards the purchase of a tree. It was agreed that Cllr Applegarth would check this and whether they would also be prepared to provide the electricity for the lights.</p> <p>It was further agreed that Cllr Crook would ask Bo Hansen whether he had any lights and decorations from last year. Similarly, the clerk would ask Paul Arrowsmith whether he still had any.</p>
051119.09	<p>Church House Inn Residents have commented on the untidiness of the wheelie bins and empty bottles which are stored down the side of the pub. Cllr Applegarth informed members that he has spoken to the tenants who advised that there is an ongoing problem with their waste collection which they are discussing with SHDC. In the meantime, they will try and move the glass to the back of the pub.</p>
051119.10	<p>Playpark 10.1 Hedge cutting It was agreed that it might be better to restrict the hedge cutting this year to a sensitive cut by hand of the roadside hedge only. It was agreed to ask Ross Gray for a quotation. Paul Pearse would be informed that he would not be required to cut the hedge this year.</p> <p>10.2 General report and update Following the recent inspection report, Cllr Applegarth advised that he has tightened the wobbly steering wheel so that it is now less of a finger entrapment risk. He has also rolled the small field.</p> <p>The Halloween celebration was a great success and Playpark hope to do it again next year.</p> <p>It was reported that the ash tree bordering play park may have ash die-back. A parishioner has offered to look at it and advise.</p> <p>Having seen an inspector at Playpark, it seems as though SHDC is still carrying out monthly checks of the play equipment despite the Parish Council having opted out of this scheme. It was agreed to seek clarification from SHDC.</p>

051119.11	Leats Cllr Applegarth advised that he has unblocked the leat at Play park. Cllr Bellamy advised that he will be clearing the sump.
051119.12	Highways and Footpaths It was noted that a fence and gate post on the footpath at the back of Church Park Cottages was broken. It was agreed to ask Bill Allen, DNPA, to provide a post which volunteers in the parish could then fit. It was also agreed to invite Bill Allen to the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the responsibility of maintaining the footpaths in the parish.
051119.13	Clerk's or Councillors reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda The sign at Bearwood is now on the floor. It was agreed that the clerk would follow this up again with DCC having previously been informed that the sign had been replaced.
051119.14	Chairman's urgent business for action by the clerk if covered by delegated powers or for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting Cllr Bellamy agreed to lay the poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at this year's Service of Remembrance.
051119.15	Correspondence 15.1 Members received an email from the owners of Middle Stoke regarding recent planning appeals and representations made by an objector in October's meeting. A response was agreed advising the owners that they also could have represented their views at the meeting had they been in attendance. 15.2 Members received a response from DNPA regarding the health issues associated with 5G. Chris Hart advised that DNPA is not able to consider health aspects when coming to planning decisions. There is an obligation on all applicants to produce a statement that installations comply with current regulations. If that is produced, then there is no way DNPA can challenge that aspect.
051119.16	Date of Next Meeting It was agreed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 3 December 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm.

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Cllr B Owen
Chairman