

# HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 7.30pm

### Present

Cllrs T Crook (Chairman for this meeting), R Applegarth, J Bellamy, T Crook, M Fairman (from item 2), B Owen and E Ross

### Also present

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

The meeting was opened by Cllr Crook at 7.30pm.

040220.01	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District Cllr Pannell</li><li>• Ross Gray</li></ul>
040220.02	<b>Casual Vacancy</b> <p>Members received an application from Malcolm Fairman to join the Parish Council as a co-opted member. The application was accepted. Mr Fairman signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the clerk, and immediately joined the meeting.</p>
040220.03	<b>Open Forum</b> <p>There were no comments from members of the public.</p>
040220.04	<b>County &amp; District Councillors' Reports</b> <p>District Councillor Smerdon reported as follows:</p> <p><b>Filming with BBC Countryfile</b> On 9 January, Kevin Bishop, DNPA CEO spent a cold, foggy, soggy afternoon with a film crew from BBC's Countryfile, filming a piece featuring Tom Heap, on the future of farming. The filming used the peatland restoration at Hangingstone Hill as a backdrop for a discussion about the new Environmental Land Management System (ELMS).</p> <p>It was an interesting experience – the weather was challenging, to say the least, and despite being forewarned about the prevailing weather and ground conditions, three of the film crew arrived without waterproofs or appropriate footwear!?! – a BIG thank you to Stuart Hooppell who helped 'clothe' and transport them at very short notice.</p> <p><b>Your Dartmoor – your comments needed!</b> 'Your Dartmoor' – the National Park Management Plan 2020-2025 is going out for consultation from 10 Feb to 20 April 2020. Please help to promote the consultation with your contacts, friends and family, and encourage people to respond using the online survey, and submit your own comments if you wish (but please indicate if you are responding in a personal or professional capacity).</p> <p>The draft Plan, associated documents and survey will be available online at: <a href="http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/managementplanreview">www.dartmoor.gov.uk/managementplanreview</a></p> <p>Copies will also be available at Parke reception, National Park Centres, local information points, and promoted via libraries, local council offices and Parish and Town Councils.</p>

	<p><b><u>Next Generation Manifesto Survey</u></b></p> <p>The Next Generation Vision for Dartmoor has been developed in response to the EUROPARC Youth Manifesto. The EUROPARC Youth Manifesto acts as a source of ideas and inspiration for decision makers in Protected Areas and rural communities to ensure the involvement and empowerment of young people. The Next Generation Vision and Manifesto for Dartmoor is a Dartmoor specific response to EUROPARC Manifesto. The Next Generation Vision and a summary of the Manifesto ‘asks’ are included as a cross cutting theme in the Management Plan. It will also be used as a standalone document to represent what the Next Generation want for the future of the National Park.</p> <p>To ensure that we engage young people effectively in delivering the Next Generation Manifesto, we are carrying out a Youth Engagement Survey to run alongside the Management Plan Consultation. The purpose of the survey is to understand the level of interest for involvement in the work of the Authority among young people, and to identify what options for engagement are most appealing. The survey is aimed at people between 16ish – 30ish and will run from 17 Feb to 20 April 2020. Please share the survey with anyone who might be interested and encourage them to share it further among their friends, or any groups they might be part of. The survey and Next Generation Manifesto will also be available online at: <a href="http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/managementplanreview">www.dartmoor.gov.uk/managementplanreview</a> Jen Manning Assistant Access &amp; Recreation Officer</p> <p><b><u>Moor Otters are on their way back!</u></b></p> <p>80 Moor Otter and cub sculptures are currently staying with artists to be decorated - painted, mosaicked, felted and découpaged. Hosts have been found for most of them, with just five still looking for a summer home.</p> <p>Focus is now on the sponsors; sponsors of otters, sponsors of print materials, sponsors of badges and stickers, sponsors of radio campaigns and sponsors of just about anything so that we can ensure as much funding as possible goes to Dartmoor National Park. If you know of any individual, or company, that would like to show their support for Dartmoor through the Moor Otters project, please let Sophie James know (xtn 1046), it doesn’t need to be a huge amount, £100 will print invites; £300 could pay for the Otter costume being created in-house! And yes, there are much higher amounts required for printing plaques, catalogues, postcards and more...but every penny helps</p>
040220.05	<p><b>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</b></p> <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>
040220.06	<p><b>Ratification of Minutes</b></p> <p>Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 January 2020 and agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
040220.07	<p><b>Finance and Governance</b></p> <p>7.1 There were no payments requiring approval.</p> <p>7.2 It was agreed to remove David Higman as a cheque signatory and add Cllr Applegarth.</p>

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## Planning

### 8.1 New applications/appeals

8.1.1 Pre-Application Consultation on the proposed base station installation at EAS0545\_B - Land at Stoney Post Cross, Holne.

The technical network requirement is:

- To provide emergency services coverage to this locality and the surrounding area
- The installation of a 27.5m mast housing 3 antennas, 1 x 1.2m dish and 2 x 0.6m dishes. The mast will be situated within a fenced compound that also houses an equipment cabin and ancillary development.

The Parish Council agreed that it would not comment on this pre-application consultation.

### 8.2 Decisions:

8.2.1 0544/19 – Change of use of land for the siting of two shepherd huts for holiday lets, Priddons Farm, Holne

Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.

8.2.2 0580/19 – Erection of agricultural lean-to (36.57 x 9.4m) at Higher Mill Leat Farm, Holne

Members noted that this application has been withdrawn.

### 8.3 DNPA Planning Process - Revisions to the Scheme of Delegation

Members were reminded of the recent revisions to the scheme of delegation:

The Authority resolved at its meeting on 26 July 2019 to amend the current scheme of delegation and to remove the automatic trigger that means an objection from a parish/town council will mean the application is considered by the Development Management Committee. This change took effect from 1 November 2019. This decision follows detailed consideration of the costs and benefits/added value of the current process and has been taken against a backdrop of seeking continued improvements and efficiencies in DNPA's planning service. DNPA considered the number of applications determined by the DM Committee, over a five-year period, as a result of a parish/town council difference of view to an intended officer recommendation. In 85% of cases the DM Committee determined in line with the officer recommendation and not in support of the parish/town council view. There is considerable officer cost in taking an application to Committee: preparation of a detailed report, presentation etc. DNPA has calculated that the change will save over £11,000 per annum.

In reaching this decision the Authority is clear about the importance of working with parish/town councils and ensuring that we provide every opportunity for your views to be considered.

Parish/town councils will still be able to approach a Member of the Development Management Committee and ask them to request that an application is determined by the Committee. These requests should be based on material planning considerations.

DNPA will continue to explain its decision making through the publication of officer reports on delegated decisions. Resources do not allow DNPA to give a detailed response on every application however Officers are always available to give an explanation. For a small authority with limited resources this will allow us to direct our attention to those applications which attract the wider public interest, have potentially the most impact and those that require detailed scrutiny. We aim to spend the time and resources saved to better effect on pre-application discussions and the monitoring of development permissions - equally important parts of the Development Management process.

	<p>DNPA will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- continue to consult parish/town councils on all applications allowing 21 days for a response</li> <li>- be available to answer any queries regarding detail or policy before a response is made</li> <li>- be willing to discuss potential conflicts of opinion and, through the Head of Development Management and Chair of Development Management Committee, consider whether this warrants presentation to the Committee where there are matters of wider public interest</li> <li>- act on requests from Members who 'call in' applications for specified planning reasons</li> </ul> <p>Above all, DNPA want to work with Councils to ensure our planning decisions are made in timely manner, are robust and easily understood by all.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council will need to be robust if a planning application is contentious and be sure to liaise with a member of the Development Management Committee if there is a desire for an application to be considered by the Committee.</p>
<b>040220.09</b>	<p><b>Devon Air Ambulance Lighting Mast</b></p> <p>Members received a report from Toby Russell, Devon Air Ambulance Trust, setting out the key considerations for the Parish Council. These include speaking with the owner of the field, Ru Roberts to agree a location for the lighting column and establishing her longer-term plans for the management of the field, contacting Western Power and asking for a quote to bring a power supply into the site, obtaining planning permission from DNPA, seeking insurance cover and finalising total project costs including ongoing costs to the community. It was agreed that Cllrs Applegarth and Bellamy would set up a meeting with Ru Roberts and report again at the next meeting. The clerk will check the insurance position.</p>
<b>040220.10</b>	<p><b>Church House Inn</b></p> <p>Members discussed the ongoing issue of empty bottles being stored outside the pub which not only looks untidy but is a potential health and safety issue.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Applegarth should speak to the tenants to establish whether there is a longer-term plan for the disposal of the glass.</p>
<b>040220.11</b>	<p><b>Playpark</b></p> <p>It was reported that the road-side hedge has now been cut.</p> <p>Members received an email from Ross Gray suggesting that the fence is removed on the Playpark side of the newly laid hedge to make future strimming easier. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be easy to remove the fencing in the open area but the fencing in the compound would be considerably more difficult as it would have to be dug out by hand. It was agreed that the fencing would be left in situ but that Cllr Applegarth would neaten it up.</p> <p>The AGM is next month. A community tidy-up has been arranged for the end of February.</p>
<b>040220.12</b>	<p><b>Leats</b></p> <p>No new issues were reported.</p>
<b>040220.13</b>	<p><b>Highways and Footpaths</b></p> <p>Cllr Applegarth reported that one of the gate posts on the path opposite Hill Top is rotten. It was agreed to ask Bill Allen to supply a new hanging post which Cllr Applegarth would then fit.</p> <p>Cllr Applegarth advised that there the remnants of an old 4" diameter metal signpost on the side of the road opposite Higher Butts. The post is sharp and would be damaging if someone were to fall on it or drive over it. The clerk would notify the Highways Engineer and ask for it to be removed.</p> <p>Cllr Bellamy advised that the Bearwood sign has been replaced but it's now on the opposite side of the road.</p>

<b>040220.14</b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> It was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm and would be followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.30om.
<b>040220.15</b>	<b>Clerk's or Councillors reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</b> None
<b>040220.16</b>	<b>Chairman's urgent business for action by the clerk if covered by delegated powers or for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting</b> None
<b>040220.17</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> 17.1 Members received an invitation to attend Dartmoor Assembly – Climate and Ecological Crisis Conversations – on Saturday 7 March in Jubilee Hall, Chagford (9.30-17.00). Cllr Crook informed members that he would like to attend this event.  17.2 Members received an email from a parishioner regarding the supply of sandbags. They advised that, unlike Teignbridge District Council, SHDC do not supply sandbags to parishes. It was therefore suggested that the Parish Council considers purchasing some sandbags for parish use. Members agreed that for the time being the Parish Council would monitor the situation. In the meantime, parishioners could purchase sandbags themselves should they be needed.
<b>040220.18</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> It was agreed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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**Cllr B Owen**  
**Chairman**