

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on Tuesday 5 January 2021 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllrs B Owen (Chairman), R Applegarth, J Bellamy, T Crook and M Fairman

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County Cllr Hosking, District Cllr Pannell and District Cllr Smerdon. There was one member of the public present.

The meeting was opened by Cllr Owen at 7.30pm.

050121.01	Apologies for Absence None
050121.02	Open Forum A parishioner sought clarity about the purpose of the mast to be discussed at item 7.1.1. Whilst the application suggests that it is for rescue services, which seems very legitimate, she expressed concern that the mast may also be used for other purposes such as 5G. Cllr Crook advised that he had looked at the application and it's use appears to be unclear. It was agreed that given the scale of the development, it would be useful to have more information. District Cllr Smerdon offered to speak to the planning officer for clarification on this and to ask any other questions on the parishioner's behalf. District Cllr Smerdon would contact the Chairman with the planning officer's response.
050121.03	County & District Councillors' Reports District Cllr Pannell advised that he had circulated additional information regarding business supports grants. He has also spoken to the Head Ranger regarding acceptable distances to travel for exercise. He suggested that Bovey Tracey to Haytor would be acceptable but not Newton Abbot to Haytor. Hopefully the bin collection situation has improved and they are getting on top of it. If bins are not collected on the right day, log it online. County Cllr Hosking's report is attached.
050121.04	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation 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. 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. There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.
050121.05	Ratification of Minutes Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 December 2020. A minor amendment was agreed at item 8 after which it was agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

<p>050121.06</p>	<p>Finance and Governance</p> <p>6.1 Payments for Approval</p> <p>The following payments were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr J Bellamy (Christmas tree lights) - £33.93 • HMRC (PAYE) - £162.20 <p>6.2 Budget and Precept 2021-22</p> <p>Members noted that the proposed council tax base number for Holne in 2021/22 has reduced year on year by 1.7% from 135.42 in 2020/21 to 133.13 in 2021/22. This is attributable to two main factors. Firstly, there is an increase in the number of council tax reduction awards for residents which is in response to hardship during the pandemic. Secondly, there will be an anticipated reduction in the council tax collection rate percentage (normally 98% but anticipated to be 97% in 2021/22).</p> <p>This means that if the Parish Council does not want to increase/decrease the Parish Council element of the council tax paid by parishioners, the precept it will receive will reduce from £6851 (2020/21) to £6735. Further, the Parish Council will no longer receive the council tax support grant as this has been phased out.</p> <p>After discussion and consideration of the budget proposals, it was agreed to accept the budget as presented. It was further agreed that the precept to be demanded would be £6735 which equates to a 0% increase/decrease on the Parish Council element of the council tax.</p>
<p>050121.07</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>7.1 New applications/appeals</p> <p>7.1.1 0594/20 – Land at Stoney Post Cross, Holne Installation of a 25m DC80 monopole with 3 no. antennas, 2 no. 0.6m transmission dishes, 1 no. 1.2m ground based satellite dish, equipment cabinets, generator within a compound enclosed with a 1.8m high ‘feather board’ fence all with ancillary development and new stone access track</p> <p>Members noted the concerns of residents regarding the height of the mast and the possibility that additional services (including 5G) may be tacked on to the mast.</p> <p>In response to the planning consultation, members understood the need for modern emergency services communications and therefore agreed to support the proposed application. However, it was agreed to raise concerns about the height and visual impact of both the mast and the compound.</p> <p>7.2 Decisions:</p> <p>7.2.1 0463/20 – Higher Michelcombe Farm, Holne Construction of shower/toilet block including utility area and water storage tanks in the loft area</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p> <p>7.2.2 0509/20 – Butts Leat, Main Road, Holne Single storey extensions and replacement of flat roof area with pitched roof</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p>
<p>050121.08</p>	<p>Devon Air Ambulance Mast</p> <p>Cllr Applegarth reported that WPD has sent the wayleave agreement to Hastoe to sign. Hastoe have agreed to sign the agreement and once returned, the project will recommence.</p>

050121.09	<p>Parking on the Top Road</p> <p>Cllr Crook informed members that he had given some more thought to the options to ease the parking problem behind Bakers Park. He advised that the Bakers Park residents really value having this space for family/friends to park, and simply shutting it all off rather than trying to allow sensible parking seems a bit extreme. There's also a risk that having no parking at all along there will simply push the problem to other parts of the village even less suited to parking. Allowing a small amount of parking may get the balance right. Members agreed with Cllr Crook and it was agreed to explore this further.</p> <p>Cllr Crook also expressed residents' concerns about the ownership and maintenance of the piece of land behind Bakers Park. Whilst thought to belong to DCC, DNPA have managed it in the past but not for some years. Residents are concerned about the trees which are now quite large; some are also showing signs of ash die back. County Cllr Hosking offered to discuss both the ownership of this land and parking issues with the Highways Officer, Nick Colton.</p>
050121.10	<p>Venford Reservoir</p> <p>Cllr Fairman advised that South West Water has agreed informally that they are responsible for repairing the boundary fences and he has been informed that some repairs have been made. He has requested that a management level employee walks the perimeter with him. He advised members that he will continue to call them every two weeks until action is taken. Sections of the fence are rusting significantly and need attention.</p>
050121.11	<p>Playpark</p> <p>Cllr Bellamy reported that Earthwrights have replaced some wooden pieces under warranty. Two new pieces of equipment are being supplied with money from Hastoe, County Cllr Hosking and Holne Books. The moles have returned and will be monitored. The sump has been cleaned out but filled up again very quickly.</p>
050121.12	<p>Leats</p> <p>Cllr Applegarth reported that there was a blockage by George's field which he has now cleared. He also advised that the leat running through the churchyard has been professionally cleaned.</p>
050121.13	<p>Highways and Footpaths</p> <p>The clerk advised that there has been no response from Bill Allen regarding the issues previously raised relating to Shuttaford, Watery Lane and the bridlepath at Great Combe. She would write to him again.</p>
050121.14	<p>Clerk's or Councillors reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</p> <p>None</p>
050121.15	<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</p> <p>None.</p>
050121.16	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None</p>
050121.17	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Zoom on Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 7.30pm.</p>

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Cllr B Owen
Chairman

**DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOSKING
HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL – 5th January 2021**

1. The disappointing news is that we move into another lockdown with effect from midnight tonight. This tightening of restrictions is largely due to a new Variant of the virus that spreads more prolifically (by bouncing). The danger is that NHS resources stretched through staff illness may become overwhelmed. www.gov.uk for advice.
2. The good news is that a second Vaccine has received approval for use in the UK and the first doses were delivered on January 4th. The Astra Zenica Vaccine is easier to store and thus easier to deliver and the Government is accelerating the vaccination programme as fast as possible. The ambition is that the delivery of immunity to the vulnerable through vaccination will overtake, reduce and contain the spread of the new variant virus, however we must remember that immunity takes at least a fortnight to establish following vaccination.
3. There have been 1,258 cases of Coronavirus confirmed in Devon in the week to 31st December, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the County to 13,135. There were sadly 47 deaths confirmed in the week to 18th December.
4. Schools are now opening only for vulnerable children and those of key workers to be reviewed on 14th February 2021. Tuition will be delivered online. Additional funding has been made available to provide those in need with the hardware to view content on the internet.
5. The Government will be supporting families that qualify with free school meals and anyone facing hardship should contact Neil.Hawke@southwestdevon.gov.uk.
6. The helpline telephone number is (01803) 861297.
7. This morning the Chancellor announced £4.6 billion in new lockdown grants to support business and protect jobs.
 - a) The introduction of one-off top up grants for businesses forced to close in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors with grants worth up to £9,000 per-property.
 - i) Businesses with a rateable value of £51,000 or above: £9,000
 - ii) Businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000: £6,000
 - iii) Businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or below: £4,000This one-off grant is in addition to the existing monthly closed grants of up to £3,000 per month that businesses continue to be eligible for.
 - b) A further £594 million is also being made available for Local Authorities and the Devolved Administrations to support other businesses not eligible for top up grants.
8. A further reminder that guidance on how to obtain help is available for Parishioners through;
 - a) the Citizens Advice Bureau 0344 411 1444
and soft touch signposting for businesses through;
 - b) the Heart of the Southwest Local Enterprise Partnership 03456 047047
9. **Broadband.** Connecting Devon and Somerset, with support from DCMS, have just before Christmas signed new contracts with three separate suppliers, Airband, Truespeed and Wessex Internet, that will deliver full fibre connectivity to 56,396 homes and businesses across six procurement lots within Devon and Somerset in phases between 2021 and 2024. These contracts represent public funding of £36.8 million including £12.3 million from local authorities and the Heart of the South West LEP.
 - Current total delivered: 350,631 (85.37%).

10. **Recycling Centres**

Household Waste Recycling Centres will remain open through lockdown, however the resale shops will be closed.

The winter opening hours are;

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm

Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 4:30pm.

11. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers throughout South Brent & Yealmpton Division who are still, nearly a year after the announcement of the pandemic, helping the vulnerable who are isolating or quarantined.

12. We have not been notified of any variation in the recognisable symptoms of the virus;

- a) temperature 37.8 degrees plus
- b) new, continuous cough
- c) loss or change in our sense of taste or smell.

13. **Hands, face and even more space**

14. **Please remember to exercise during lockdown**

15. The United Kingdom has now largely completed the transition and emerged from the European Union with a Trade Deal.

a) How to Import

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/91015/5/How to import goods from the EU into GB from January 2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/91015/5/How_to_import_goods_from_the_EU_into_GB_from_January_2021.pdf)

b) How to export

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/92705/1/How to export goods from GB into the EU from January 2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/92705/1/How_to_export_goods_from_GB_into_the_EU_from_January_2021.pdf)

16. Pleased to answer any questions.

17. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year