

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7.30pm

Present

Clrs T Crook (Chair for this meeting), R Applegarth, J Bellamy and M Fairman

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County Cllr Hosking, District Cllr Smerdon and one member of the public

The meeting was opened by Cllr Crook at 7.30pm.

020321.01	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Owen• District Cllr Pannell
020321.02	Open Forum <p>There were no members of the public present.</p>
020321.03	County & District Councillors' Reports <p>A report from District Councillors Smerdon and Pannell is attached.</p> <p>Cllr Smerdon advised that he had not yet followed up the issues at Shuttaford, Watery Lane and Great Combe but would following this meeting.</p> <p>County Cllr Hosking reported as follows:</p> <p>Devon has produced a draft Devon Carbon Plan which DCC is consulting on. He advised that he has forwarded additional information on the latest vaccination roll out and community testing. He reported that COVID cases are coming down with 240 cases reported in Devon w/e 25th February.</p> <p>Cllr Crook asked whether he had received any confirmation from DCC regarding whether the Parish Council could proceed with addressing the parking issue behind Bakers Park. Cllr Hosking would follow this up with Nick Colton, the Highways Engineer, and report back to the Parish Council.</p>
020321.04	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>
020321.05	Ratification of Minutes <p>Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 February 2021. It was agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting</p>

020321.06	<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"> • S Hughes – Zoom subscription - £13.39 • Mick Clare – Trapping of three moles at Play Park - £70
020321.07	<p>Planning</p> <p>7.1 New applications/appeals</p> <p>None</p> <p>7.2 Decisions</p> <p>7.2.1 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 that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p>
020321.08	<p>Devon Air Ambulance Mast</p> <p>Cllr Applegarth advised that the installation is taking place from 15-17 March. The connection for the electricity is being set up through EDF and will connect on 18 March. It was agreed that the Parish Council will fund the cost of the electricity but if Holne Books are able to make a contribution, it would be gratefully received. Cllr Applegarth advised that Toby Russell, DAAT, will be present on site during the installation and further contingencies have been put in place in case any problems are encountered during the installation.</p>
020321.09	<p>Land to the rear of Bakers Park</p> <p>Members agreed that further discussion regarding the maintenance of this land and the possible solutions to ease parking in this area should be deferred until a response is received from Cllr Hosking about whether DCC is happy for the Parish Council to action this without their involvement.</p>
020321.10	<p>Telephone Box</p> <p>The Chairman invited a member of the public to explain an idea she has for the telephone box. She explained to members that she would like the Parish Council to consider adopting the telephone box so that it can be used to stimulate conversation in the village about and promote action to address climate change with a particular focus on home energy and transport. The telephone box, which would be repainted, would become a symbol/beacon in the village and would be used as a place to go for more information about what residents can do to help in the fight against climate change. After a brief discussion, members agreed that they would be happy to explore the proposal further and that the more details should be submitted to the Parish Council at the next meeting. In the meantime, it was agreed that Cllr Crook would carry out some research about usage of the phone box and produce a notice for the parish advising residents of the idea.</p>
020221.11	<p>Playpark</p> <p>Cllr Bellamy reported that the exercise equipment will now be installed on 12 March (was originally 8 March). Playpark will be closed that day and the exercise equipment will have to remain unused for 48 hours to allow the concrete to set. The bird and dormouse boxes are in place, thanks to Malcolm and Yvonne Fairman. Cllr Bellamy also thanked Cllr Applegarth, on behalf of Playpark, for sorting out the moles.</p> <p>Cllr Fairman reported that there has been a spot of vandalism on the gate between Little Bewden and Playpark. It was noted that this was unusual and it has been reported to Hastoe.</p> <p>Cllr Applegarth offered to roll and chain harrow the field at the end of March/beginning of April.</p>

020321.12	<p>Leats Cllr Applegarth reported that the leat at Water Park continues to be a problem but he will monitor it. There was also a blockage at Hilltop after a recent storm; he has dug this out and will continue to monitor it.</p>
020321.13	<p>Highways and Footpaths No new issues were reported.</p>
020321.14	<p>Clerk's or Councillors reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda Following the Council's response to the Venford Management Plan, members received an invitation to attend a site meeting around the middle of May to walk the site and discuss the points that have been raised. It was agreed that Cllrs Fairman and Bellamy would attend.</p>
020321.15	<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>
020321.16	<p>Correspondence None</p>
020321.17	<p>Date of Next Meeting It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Zoom on Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 7.30pm.</p>

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Cllr B Owen
Chairman

PARISH COUNCILS UPDATE – MARCH

Cllrs Peter Smerdon and Guy Pannell



SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL ENHANCED RECYCLING SERVICE

This new service will begin its roll-out in early March. There will be a phased introduction across the District. The vast majority of South Brent Ward will be in a LATER phase, probably MID APRIL. A small number of properties in Diptford and North Huish Parishes will be in earlier phases, MID MARCH or EARLY APRIL. This will depend upon which Collection Round they are on.

The new recycling boxes and bags will be delivered to properties 1WEEK prior to the new service starting, that obviously gives residents warning that things are about to happen! The details of the new service and how to use it are on the leaflets delivered to each participating household, on SHDC website www.southhams.gov.uk and on the Councils Facebook and Twitter pages. It's planned that from next week those in the first stage of the rollout will be able to see when they move to the new service using the link below

www.southhams.gov.uk/findmycollectionday

After this, properties will be able to see when they are moving to the new service at least 2 weeks in advance of their service start date.

BUDGET AGREED

At the Full Council meeting on Thursday 11 February, councillors voted to approve the budget for 2021/22 which put money aside for both services and key issues, which are important to the District's residents. As part of the budget, councillors agreed to a small increase in Council Tax of £5 (3%) per year, meaning a Band D property would pay £175.42 this year to the District Council for all of its services. This amounts to a total of £3.37 per week for the average household to ensure that key services such as recycling and refuse, housing and homelessness, licensing, dog fouling, food hygiene, planning, fly tipping, tree preservation, leisure and play parks continue. These are only some of the essential services that the District Council offers for only one tenth of the annual Council Tax bill.

A further commitment of £200,000 has been put towards the Council's Climate Change and Biodiversity goal to be carbon free by 2030 and to work with the community to make the District net-zero by 2050, at the latest. A further £500,000 will support the Council's Recovery and Renewal Plans to help the community 'build back better' from the wide ranging impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Council will also be lending their backing to local community and voluntary organisations through £10,000 of funding for the Community Volunteer Service (CVS) £9 million regeneration plans for Ivybridge will progress following a meeting of the South Hams Full Council today. Councillors agreed to take forward the proposals, which are hoped will result in an economic boost to reinvigorate the town.

IVYBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION SCHEME

At the Full Council meeting, Councillors agreed to proceed with this scheme. The regeneration plans include developing Leonards Road car park to include a discount food store, a proposal widely supported by local people through consultation. It is estimated the proposed store could create around 30-40 jobs for local people, with up to 100 shoppers able to use the store at any one time who are anticipated to make shared trips and use other town facilities. This is supported by 90 minutes free parking offered at the store, although average store visit are 30 minutes.

It was agreed the plan would succeed in regenerating Ivybridge town centre and should now proceed to the detailed design stage required ahead of any planning application being made. If the project proceeds through to construction, the cost to the Council is £9 million. The proposal has the full support of Ivybridge Town Council and Ivybridge Chamber of Commerce.

COVID VACCINATIONS

With the continuing rapid roll-out of the vaccine programme finally a better picture is beginning to emerge. Both of your District Councillors have been vaccinated in their respective age groups, and it's really exciting to see how the programme is rapidly expanding into younger people, and many more groups who are clinically vulnerable. Many of our older residents have now had two jabs. Very many thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the process, either at the actual centres or with transport etc.

Please follow the guidance re masks and distancing and stay at home if at all possible. SHDC has switched back from Recovery to Response mode, with staff continuing to work from home wherever possible. Some services may see a reduction in response times as staff are switched to more pressing work.

SHDC continues to work with the Local Resilience Forum and the Health Protection Board to support the response to the pandemic. The vaccination roll-out seems to be going well with the centre at St. Boniface House, Ashburton, in full operation, and new mass vaccination centres being set up in Exeter and Plymouth, together with injections also being offered at some GP surgeries. SHDC has have offered support for the vaccination roll-out if needed.

PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS FOR POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL, MAY 6th

Over the coming weeks, we will be risk assessing all our polling stations and count venues, looking at all aspects of safety to ensure COVID compliance. We will also be encouraging where possible the use of postal voting and media campaigns will begin shortly.

We are also looking to incorporate a flyer into Council Tax bills to encouraging electors to move to postal voting.

LATERAL TESTING FOR COVID-19

SHDC has been working with Devon County Council on rolling out lateral flow testing within the community. We have been asked for locations that would be suitable for mobile lateral flow testing locations and have proposed the following sites;

Leonards Road car park in Ivybridge

Cattle Market car park in Kingsbridge

Park and Ride car park at Dartmouth

Follaton House car park in Totnes

This is in addition to the current NHS mobile testing unit that is using Cattle Market car park in Kingsbridge.

BUSINESS GRANTS

The Government has announced a further round of grant support for the hospitality and leisure sector, as well as a top-up to the ARG grant fund.

A quick reminder on what grants apply now we are in lockdown three:

The national lockdown grant is called: LRSG Closed (Addendum).

The discretionary grant for businesses that aren't mandated to close but are impacted is called: Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG).

Hospitality grants on top of the LRSG Closed (Addendum) grant, which is good news for those businesses.

The amount that businesses get paid is linked to their RV rating.

£4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under

£6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000

£9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000

Inquiries to the SHDC website [Coronavirus: Information for Businesses - South Hams District Council](#)

SHDC can't issue the money until we have a) been told the rules, and b) actually have the money to give, but thereafter we will do so swiftly. The road map to unlocking has provided some clarity for the team and associated guidance has been issued. Grants will continue to be paid to reflect the extended lock down period. This will include the LRSG Closed (Addendum), Open and ARG schemes. The process of paying the funding for those who have already applied for grants will be simple, and will not require a further application on the part of the business.

Separately, BEIS have published some league table data and you can see from the table below that we are performing well in comparison to our neighbours in Devon.

LRSG CLOSED (Adendum)		Allocation	Spend	%
Torrige District Council	South West	£2,650,350	£1,947,532	73.482068
Plymouth City Council	South West	£4,043,775	£2,703,012	66.843778
East Devon District Council	South West	£3,750,234	£2,302,496	61.396062
West Devon Borough Council	South West	£1,411,373	£854,968	60.577041
South Hams District Council	South West	£3,991,507	£2,165,158	54.244124
Torbay Council	South West	£4,315,632	£2,263,884	52.457763
Mid Devon District Council	South West	£1,478,082	£750,313	50.76261
Exeter City Council	South West	£2,671,622	£1,306,642	48.908191
North Devon Council	South West	£4,435,261	£2,161,500	48.734449



CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE PERSONS

People who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) are receiving correspondence from central Government advising them to shield until at least 21 February 2021.

In November, South Hams District Council sent a letter advising people of the local hotlines and how we may help support them.

Anyone who joined the CEV list after 11 November 2020 should now have received a copy of that letter, with the local details. The Government has requested SHDC contacts people who received support from us in November, and staff have made these calls. We will receive any requests for support made by the CEV group daily via the Government database and make contact within seven days unless indicated it is more urgent. Community Pharmacies continue to help with medication. If you have anyone who you have concerns about, whether they are CEV or vulnerable for another reason, such as age or frailty, please contact community@swdevon.gov.uk and we will make contact.



HARDSHIP HELP

In the third lockdown, South Hams Council are very mindful of people in our communities who are struggling to make ends meet. The Council has funding available to assist with rent, council tax and homeless prevention. There is specific help for parents who cannot afford the additional costs associated with their children accessing the internet for online lessons. Anyone struggling with the cost of the extra data needed for remote learning can apply for support. This help is accessed via the schools, not the council. People just need to approach their school(s) who can assist them. Citizens Advice has also been awarded funding to make one-off payments to people struggling with their energy costs.