

# HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 7 December 2021 at 7.30pm

### Present

Cllrs T Crook (Chairman for this meeting), R Applegarth, J Bellamy and M Fairman

### Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County Cllr Thomas, District Cllr Pannell and one member of the public

The meeting was opened by Cllr Owen at 7.30pm.

<b>071221.01</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr Owen</li><li>• Cllr McLean</li><li>• District Cllr Smerdon</li></ul>
<b>071221.02</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</b> <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 and requests for dispensation.</p>
<b>071221.03</b>	<b>Open Forum</b> <p>There were no comments.</p>
<b>071221.04</b>	<b>County Councillor, District Councillors' and DNPA Reports</b> <p>District Cllrs Pannell and Smerdon submitted a written report (attached).</p> <p>County Cllr Thomas submitted a written report (attached). He had noted the correspondence regarding the pothole on the section of road behind Bakers Park and advised that the Highways Engineer, Nick Colton, would be visiting the site tomorrow to look at it. Cllr Crook suggested that when the repair is undertaken, the contractors might also be able to create a tarmac lip at the top of Hilltop's drive to divert water running down the road.</p> <p>Cllr Smerdon submitted a written report as DNPA representative (attached).</p>
<b>071221.05</b>	<b>Ratification of Minutes</b> <p>This item was deferred until January's meeting as the minutes had not yet been circulated.</p>
<b>071221.06</b>	<b>Finance and Governance</b> <p><b>6.1 Payments for Approval</b></p> <p>The following payments were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paul Pearse - Playpark hedge trimming - £50</li><li>• Carol Harper - Christmas Tree - £55</li><li>• Royal British Legion - poppy wreath - £23</li></ul>

	<p><b>6.2 Budget and Precept 2022/23</b> This item was deferred until January's meeting.</p>
<p><b>071221.07</b></p>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>7.1 New applications/appeals</b></p> <p>7.1.1 0611/21 &amp; 0612.21 – Long Barn, Michelcombe Conversion back to former use as dwelling</p> <p>Members agreed not to comment on this application.</p> <p>7.1.2 0671/21 – Langaford, Holne Alterations to ancillary building</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Crook would try and visit the site before making any comment.</p> <p><b>7.2 Decisions</b></p> <p>7.2.1 0395/21 – Sky Garden, Holne Replacement dwelling, garage, outbuildings, new swimming pool and landscaping</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission. It was noted that there was a number of planning conditions. However, addressing a point raised by the Parish Council regarding taking water from a leat, it was observed that the planning officer did indicate that the leat is to be utilised within the garden landscaping and the use of the water is not an issue to be dealt with in the planning assessment. There followed a discussion about the 'rules' relating to the leat system and its maintenance. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Applegarth would try and speak to the Reeve of the Manor (Phil Cleave) and the Steward of the Manor (Chief Executive of DNPA) to establish whether there are any leat 'rules' and how these are enforced.</p> <p>Members also noted an email from a parishioner to DNPA, which the Parish Council had been copied into, expressing disappointment about this decision and concerns about the scheme of delegation. DNPA's response was also received and noted.</p> <p><b>7.3 Other planning matters</b></p> <p>Church House Inn – members noted that DNPA's Enforcement Officer has visited the pub and spoken to the new owner. He was informed that they have spent the last three months emptying the property of rubbish, upgrading the electrics, removing the bunk house at the rear, cleaning the chimneys and repairing the cracked render on the chimneys. The owner has other works in mind and are aware that Listed Building Consent may be required. The Conservation Officer has also been appraised of developments and is aware of the situation.</p>
<p><b>071221.08</b></p>	<p><b>Highways and Footpaths</b></p> <p>8.1 Members received a response from DNPA Ranger, Bill Allen, regarding the heavily eroded footpath to Holne Woods from Hilltop. He advised that he will have a look and report back as to what we might be able to do to improve things although he confirmed that this will be due in part to the leat breaching beside the road and any resurfacing material that is laid will just wash out in the next heavy rain. Members discussed landowners' responsibility for maintaining the different sections of the leat in this location including the section under the road. Cllr Applegarth will make some further enquiries.</p> <p>8.2 There were no new highways or footpaths matters reported.</p>
<p><b>071221.09</b></p>	<p><b>Playpark</b></p> <p>9.1 Cllr Bellamy reported that the maintenance day took place on 13 November and was very productive. The sump has been cleared out but debris has built up under the clapper bridge which will require digging out with a digger. The hedge has been trimmed.</p>

	9.2 Cllr Bellamy advised that he is continuing to pursue Earthwrights with regards to the defects which have been raised by SHDC Localities Officer.
<b>071221.10</b>	<b>Leats</b> There were no further matters other than those previously raised and already discussed in the meeting.
<b>071221.11</b>	<b>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b> Members discussed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and whether the village will be planting a tree to commemorate this. Possible locations were discussed. It was agreed that there should be a discussion with the church and events organising group about how the community can commemorate the event.
<b>071221.12</b>	<b>Clerk's or Councillors reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</b> None
<b>071221.13</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>071221.14</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> 14.1 Members noted a response from a landowner regarding parking in the centre of the village which advised that they would be happy to open up land to support the odd event but not on an enduring basis. No further responses from landowners have been received.
<b>071221.15</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 4 January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

### Helping residents to pay essential bills this winter

**As the winter cold starts to bite, South Hams District Council invites households experiencing financial hardship to get help with paying essential bills. The council will be handling applications for the Government's new Household Support Fund from today, 15 November 2021, and throughout the winter. There's also a reminder of other support available to residents who are struggling to make ends meet over the coming months.**

**The new Household Support Fund is designed to provide rapid short-term financial support for people who don't have enough money to buy essentials like food or pay for heating. Anyone over 16 years old in the South Hams could be eligible, but you will need to confirm that your need is genuine. These grants aim to help people to meet daily needs such as food, clothing and utility bills. Payments will be made directly into your bank account. Residents without a bank account should contact us.**

As well as being the place to apply for Household Support Fund money, there are other ways the Council can help local people in crisis situations. This includes help with making adaptations to your home to help you to live their independently, support for people threatened with homelessness or struggling to pay their rent and help to reduce energy costs. The Council also works closely with a number of other agencies that provide more specific support and can help signpost residents to access all the help available.

All you need to do is go online or call 01803 861234. But the support we can offer does not stop there. We can also help to signpost residents to help with paying housing costs, reducing energy bills and provide assistance so people can carry on living in their home independently. We have a member of staff on hand to help individuals and community groups to access all that is available or you can also ask your local councillor for advice."

Devon County Council led the bid for a share of the government funding, securing a little over £5 million for the county.

South Hams District Council's support for local communities extends beyond helping individuals in crisis situations. It has been working closely with the voluntary sector as well as Devon County Council and the NHS to provide grants and support to reduce health inequalities and rural poverty. This includes investing £4m to develop an integrated health hub in Dartmouth.

To apply to the Household Support fund go to : [www.southhams.gov.uk/household-support](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/household-support)  
For more support and useful contacts for help, please go to [www.southhams.gov.uk/Benefits](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/Benefits)

## Co-Mingled Waste Collection

We've updated the video on our website explaining why we're asking residents to keep separating their recycling while FCC Environment uses co-mingled waste collection vehicles.

The video shows what happens to co-mingled collection waste at the Chelston Meadow Transfer Site:

<https://southhams.gov.uk/waste-service-updates>

<https://youtu.be/2NqhSIFnyho>

[Christmas recycling and waste collection schedule is below:](#)

### Recycling & Waste Collections

South Hams District Council

Collection day	New collection day
Mon 27 Dec	Wed 29 Dec
Tues 28 Dec	Thur 30 Dec
Wed 29 Dec	Fri 31 Dec
Thur 30 Dec	Tue 4 Jan
Fri 31 Dec	Wed 5 Jan
Mon 3 Jan	Thur 6 Jan
Tues 4 Jan	Fri 7 Jan
Wed 5 Jan	Sat 8 Jan
Thur 6 Jan	Mon 10 Jan
Fri 7 Jan	Tues 11 Jan
10 - 13 Jan	Two days late
Fri 14 Jan	Mon 17 Jan
17 - 21 Jan	One day late
24 Jan onwards	No change

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## County Councillor's Report, December 2021

### Covid

Happy to be able to include stats for boosters / third doses as well as standard 2 dose data.

#### Vaccination data for Devon

- 1,849,897 first and second doses have been given between 8 December 2020 and 14 November 2021, vaccination data published by NHS England and NHS Improvement shows:

Age group	Number of 1st doses given	Number of 2nd doses given	Approx % of age group received at least one dose*	Approx % of age group received both doses
80+	78,666	78,110	95% or above for people aged 50 and over	90% or above for people aged 40 and over
75-79	60,932	60,596		
70-74	76,827	76,336		
65-69	72,619	71,853		
60-64	80,108	77,962		
55-59	86,313	84,682		

50-54	80,639	79,021		
45-49	65,499	63,621	91.4%	
40-44	60,737	58,298	96.8%	
35-39	61,217	57,751	92.7%	87.4%
30-34	61,163	56,247	89.9%	82.7%
25-29	56,036	50,261	82.7%	74.2%
18-24	84,482	74,328	84.2%	74.1%
16-17	17,373	4,246	72.1%	17.6%
12-15	23,532	n/a	45.1%	n/a
Total (% 16+)	966,143	893,312	93.6%	88.7%

Age Group	Number of booster and 3rd doses given	Approx % of age group received booster or 3rd dose
80+	65,192	80.6%
75-79	50,703	87.5%
70-74	57,086	71.2%
65-69	37,506	50.1%
60-64	25,148	31.2%
55-59	21,766	24.8%
50-55	17,720	21.1%
Under 50	38,341	n/a
Total	313,462	

### Supporting Devon Residents into Homes of their Own

Very happy to report that Cabinet are recommending support of the motion and have agreed to lobby our local MPs to strengthen the criteria for properties becoming liable for business rates, instead of council tax. This would avoid the huge amounts of business grants paid out over covid in Devon.

## **COP 26**

A motion has gone to Cabinet asking Council to support the following:

[DCC] will work with Government and local Government networks, to make sure the COP26 text is translated into meaningful local and national programmes to reduce carbon which are supported by agreed and sufficient funding by Government.

### **Divestment of Fossil Fuels**

DCC has received numerous communications from Devon residents (including this Division) asking County to divest its pension fund stakes immediately. Regrettably, the administration has voted this down and for now, the various pension funds will continue to profit from fossil fuels. There is a commitment not to make new investments, but I know many residents will be extremely concerned. I will continue to vote against the status quo when I can.

### **Bakers Park top road**

Nick Colton (local Highways Officer) will attend tomorrow to see the state of the road for himself and will take photos as appropriate.

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