

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 4 January 2022 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr Owen (Chairman), T Crook, J Bellamy, M Fairman and C McLean

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and District Cllr Smerdon

The meeting was opened by Cllr Owen at 7.30pm.

040122.01	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr R Applegarth• District Cllr Pannell• County Cllr Thomas
040122.02	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 and requests for dispensation.</p>
040122.03	Open Forum <p>There were no comments.</p>
040122.04	County Councillor, District Councillors' and DNPA Reports <p>District Cllr Smerdon submitted a written report (attached).</p> <p>County Cllr Thomas was unable to attend the meeting but had nothing to report which was relevant to the parish.</p>
040122.05	Ratification of Minutes <p>Members approved and signed the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 2 November and 7 December 2021.</p>
040122.06	Finance and Governance <p>6.1 Payments for Approval The following payment were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HMRC (PAYE Q3) - £162.20 <p>6.2 Budget and Precept 2022/23 Members noted that the proposed council tax base number for Holne in 2022/23 will increase from 133.13 in 2021/22 to 134.46 in 2022/23. Members discussed Play Park and the possible need to repair and replace pieces of equipment. Cllr Bellamy advised that a small piece of equipment needs to be repaired fairly urgently at a cost of approximately £800; the main piece of equipment is also deteriorating and will need repairing. After discussion, it was agreed that a sum of £2000 should be built into the budget to include £1000 for urgent play</p>

	<p>equipment repairs and £1000 earmarked for future repairs/replacement. With regards to the precept request, having made no increase last year, it was agreed to demand a sum of £7006 representing a 3% increase.</p>
040122.07	<p>Planning</p> <p>7.1 New applications/appeals None</p> <p>7.2 Decisions 7.2.1 0611/21 & 0612/21 – Long Barn, Michelcombe Conversion back to former use as dwelling</p> <p>Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p> <p>7.3 Other planning matters A question was asked about the planning process when the Parish Council objects to a planning application. The Chairman advised that the process has changed fairly recently so that rather than automatically going to Committee, the Parish Council would have to specifically request that the application is considered by Committee giving reasons which would then be considered by DNPA. After discussion, it was agreed that the process was unclear and that the Parish Council should write to Head of Development Management, Chris Hart, to seek clarification on the reasons planning applications are determined by Committee (based on scale of the development, number of objections?), the grounds on which a request would be accepted and who makes the final decision.</p>
040122.08	<p>Highways and Footpaths</p> <p>8.1 The work behind Bakers Park is scheduled and the Parish Council will be given (short) notice of when the works will commence.</p> <p>8.2 The pothole on the road behind Bakers Park has still not been repaired. It was also reported that there are a number of potholes on the stretch of road between Stoneycross and Wooton Cottages. The Chairman also advised that if you come up the road from Gallant Le Bower towards the 5G mast, the road is already beginning to break up. Cllr Crook offered to report the potholes online. The clerk will remind the Highways Officer about the large pothole behind Bakers Park.</p> <p>8.3 With regard to the surface of the footpath from Hilltop to Holne Woods which had been raised with Bill Allen, it was suggested by the Chairman that digging out a drainage channel might alleviate the problem. It was agreed that the clerk would suggest this to Bill.</p>
040122.09	<p>Playpark</p> <p>9.1 Members discussed two quotations from Simon Birbeck and Geoff Partridge. The quotations were very similar but it was noted that Geoff Partridge will spread the grass rather than leaving it in clumps. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the quote from Geoff Partridge for the 2022 season.</p>
040122.10	<p>Leats</p> <p>Cllr Bellamy advised that the leat underneath the clapper bridge needs digging out when the weather improves. In the meantime, as a temporary measure, Cllr Bellamy will try and rake it out.</p> <p>Cllr Crook offered to help out with the maintenance of leats and suggested setting up a WhatsApp group for those who are willing to help clear leats in the parish when necessary.</p>

040122.11	<p>Clerk's or Councillors reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda</p> <p>Cllr Bellamy reported that some mature trees have been taken down in the grounds of Glebe House. It was agreed to contact Brian Beasley to establish whether permission had been sought. (It was thought that permission would only need to be given if the trees were subject to a Tree Preservation Order or were in a Conservation Area). Cllr Crook considered that this advice would be useful in relation to the woodland at the rear of Bakers Park.</p> <p>Cllr Fairman requested that an update is sought on what is happening at Venford Reservoir together with timescales. After the meeting last summer, it has gone very quiet.</p> <p>It was agreed that the article about landowners' responsibility for hedge and tree maintenance is re-run in the Parish Link.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed to speak to the church about whether there are plans afoot to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</p>
040122.12	<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>
040122.13	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>13.1 With regard to the Church House Inn, Cllr Crook suggested that if the peppercorn rent is not demanded by the freeholder, the leaseholder may be released from the covenant restricting how the building is used. It was agreed to write to Anthony Parker for advice.</p>
040122.14	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The date of the next Parish Council meeting would be Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>

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Cllr B Owen
Chairman

District Councillors' Parish Report, December 2021

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
For more support and useful contacts for help, please go to 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



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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