

HOLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Holne Village Hall on Tuesday 3 January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr B Owen (Chairman), T Crook, M Fairman & C McLean

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and District Cllr Smerdon

The meeting was opened by Cllr Owen at 7.30pm

030123.01	Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Bellamy• Cllr Applegarth• County Cllr Thomas• District Cllr Pannell
030123.02	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>
030123.03	Open Forum <p>No comments.</p>
030123.04	County & District Councillors' Reports <p>District Councillors' report was circulated to members (copy attached).</p> <p>County Cllr Thomas was unable to attend the meeting but informed the Council that the deadline for locality fund applications is 24 February. After that, it won't reopen until at least May.</p> <p>Cllr Smerdon advised that there is a National Park Meeting on Friday at which a proposal to close the visitor centre in Princetown will be considered.</p>
030123.05	Ratification of Minutes <p>Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 December 2022. It was agreed unanimously that they be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.</p>
030123.06	Finance and Governance <p>6.1 The following payments were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £201 - HMRC (PAYE Q3)• £340 - G Partridge (Playpark maintenance) - £340• £60 - Parish Link (donation)• £216.30 - EDF (electricity for lighting mast) <p><i>(it was noted that Holne Books have reimbursed the Parish Council for this)</i></p>

	<p>6.2 Members considered the budget and precept for 2023-24.</p> <p>The proposed budget was agreed. With regard to the precept, members noted that the proposed council tax base number for Holne in 2022/23 will increase from 134.46 in 2022/23 to 138.11 in 2023/24. After discussion, it was agreed to demand a sum of £7411 representing a 3% increase.</p>
030123.07	<p>Planning</p> <p>7.1 New applications/appeals None</p> <p>7.2 Decisions</p> <p>7.2.1 0402/22 – Glebe House, Holne Proposed elevations to existing vehicular access Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission</p> <p>7.2.2 0383/12 – Hunters Reach, Michelcombe Lane, Holne Alterations to first floor level, with additional glazing and installation of dormer with balcony over existing entrance Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning permission.</p>
030123.08	<p>DNPA's Final Draft of Revised Byelaws There were no comments.</p>
030123.09	<p>Highways and Footpaths Members noted the concern raised by Highways about gritter access through the centre of the village. The Chairman advised that residents had been made aware of the problem and the email from Highways had been posted on the Holybrook Exchange. However, without any parking restrictions, there is a limit to what else can be done. It was agreed to ask Highways if there is a timetable which they could share with the Parish Council showing the time of day when the gritter is most likely to come to Holne. If this information was available, some action could be taken to clear vehicles and/or notify residents.</p> <p>Cllr Crook advised that a panel of iron railings has fallen at Venford giving access to the reservoir. He will forward a photograph to Cllr Fairman for onward transmission to South West Lakes Trust.</p>
030123.10	<p>Playpark There has been no meeting and therefore there was no report.</p> <p>Members discussed the advice given by Ross Gray about the ash tree at the back of playpark near the basketball stand. Having looked at the tree, he had observed a significant number of 'keys' (ash seeds) and more than half covered in strong ivy growth. This sometimes indicates that the tree is anticipating an early demise. Given its location in the park, it was agreed that the tree should be felled and cut into metre lengths for eco/log piles. Quotes to be sought.</p> <p>The wildflower management plan will be submitted to the Parish Council in time for February's meeting.</p>
030123.11	<p>Devon Air Ambulance Lighting Mast Cllr Applegarth was not present at the meeting so no update about solar battery was given.</p>
030123.12	<p>Leats Cllr Crook advised that the volunteer system is working well and there were currently no issues with the leats. There was a brief discussion about who is responsible for blockages under the highway; it was thought that it would be the responsibility of the Highways authority to clear.</p>

030123.13	Clerk's or Councillors reports on matters authorised by the Council at previous meetings not otherwise on this agenda None
030123.14	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
030123.15	Correspondence None
030123.16	Date of Next Meeting It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on 7 February 2023 at 7.30pm.

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Clr B Owen
Chairman

Parish report from your District Councillors

JANUARY 2023

Council Awarded £1m to Support Community Net Zero Targets

South Hams District Council has been granted funding of over £1m to help reduce carbon emissions in the District. The money will allow the Council to deliver targeted business and community support programmes. The award comes from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The Council is using the money to achieve the most sustainable outcomes possible to support its Climate Change and Biodiversity promise to become net-zero by 2050.

By working closely with specialist organisations, businesses and community groups, the Council can improve sustainable travel infrastructure, begin to decarbonise our marine sector, and help our farming community to adopt innovative approaches to farming that are better for our climate and ecology.

The first step towards improvements is **Active and Inclusive Travel** through:

- programmes of activities to encourage people to use sustainable travel for their work and leisure activities, particularly making our tourism sites accessible through low carbon transport
- the development of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, setting out and prioritising interventions to improve the local cycling and walking networks

Agriculture and Regenerative Farming improvements will support the rural economy by:

- bringing research and development to our agricultural communities, turning them into a test bed for new technologies and processes so that they can lead the way in improving the national agricultural sector.
- supporting farms to transition to regenerative farming processes. Focusing on improving soil quality, moving away from pesticides and fertilisers, and improving biodiversity on their sites.
- supporting farms and food producers to get their products into local market places.
- As a coastal district it is important also important to consider the **Decarbonisation of the**

Marine Economy. Therefore, the District Council will be using their funds to:

- decarbonise the Lower Dart Ferry and Salcombe water taxis.
- establish the carbon footprint of Salcombe Harbour and develop a strategy to decarbonise the site.
- deliver innovative pilot projects to bring new technologies and processes to the marine sector.

Across the District, the Council's specialist officers will be offering **Wider Business Decarbonisation Support and Consultancy** with:

- support for Community Energy Groups to help them bring projects forward and access funds to support their goals.
- support for village halls to strengthen the role they play in our most rural communities.
- delivery of decarbonisation plans for businesses, which will then be used to help them access grant support.
- work with the local construction sector and its supply chain to strengthen its ability to deliver decarbonised building projects.
- Some activities will begin delivery in January, but the bulk of our programme will run from April 2023 until the end of March 2025.

Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund

Before Christmas the Government announced that the Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund has opened for applications.

The fund is managed by the charity Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) and village halls in England can now apply for grants to improve and modernise their facilities.

Village halls interested in applying can request grants from £7,500 to £75,000, and up to a maximum of 20 per cent of eligible project costs. Capital grants will be allocated to support infrastructure improvements, the

refurbishment of facilities, such as kitchens and toilets, and measures to improve energy efficiency. The application window will close on 20 January 2023, with successful applicants being able to draw on the funding from April 2023.

To find out more information on the fund, visit the Government and ACRE websites.

Plymouth and South Devon Freeport Approval

The Plymouth and South Devon Freeport was the first of eight Freeports to be given the full green light along with two others. The approval unlocks millions of pounds of grant seed funding and enables applicable businesses to join and take advantage of the Freeport status.

The Freeport will:

- Enable new employment land to be bought forward at the three sites of South Yard, Langage and Sherford
- Accelerate the formation of advanced manufacturing clusters in marine, defence and space sectors with low carbon applications at the forefront
- Leverage £250m private sector investment
- Ensure seed capital grant from Government of £25m for essential infrastructure
- Include £29m investment from local councils
- Support a new £30m Innovation Centre at Oceansgate
- Provide a major expansion plan for Princess Yachts
- Deliver over 3,500 jobs

Support for Homelessness

South Hams and West Devon Councils work with all rough sleepers across the area to ensure they have access to appropriate services should they wish to engage and work with us to enable them to access accommodation. With the weather getting colder we have now activated the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol until 1 March 2023.

We would be grateful if you could let us know of anyone sleeping rough and advise them to contact a member of the Housing team on 01803 861234. Outside of office hours, the number is 01803 867034. SHDC will arrange for an outreach worker to make contact with them. This is particularly important during periods of severe weather.