

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30.pm.

Present. Cllrs. Broom, J. Hockings, Padfield, Janes, Clayton, Trott, Williams, Beamish, Hoddinott, S. Hockings, Camp, Wynne, C.Cllr. Vint & D. Cllr Steer.

Public 2.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and then invited the members of the public to speak. Mr. & Mrs. Inder from Harbertonford had come to the meeting to comment on the planning application 23/2278/13/F, Mill Meadow, Harbertonford which was on the agenda. Mrs. Inder gave the Chairman copies of two letters of objection from residents of Mill Meadow which had been sent to SHDC Planning Dept. As this plan had now been resubmitted the only obvious difference was minimal as the height of the houses had increased, blocking out their view of the village. After further discussions they then left the meeting.

D.Cllr.Steer then gave his report. He had to report the sad death of D.Cllr. Carter after a short illness. He had served on the Planning Cttee. The Council Tax this coming financial year had been increased by 1.90% by South Hams Councillors. There had been a Civic Service held in Modbury Church which had been a great success. The new Boundary Commission map had been published to be approved by Parliament and to come into force for the Local Elections next May 2015.

C.Cllr.,Vint then gave his report. He had been following up on our request for the use of red diesel in tractors wishing to help maintain the road and byways which were to be downgraded. He had not yet received a definitive reply. The Highways budget meeting had been approved. There was now a consultation on how to manage all the cuts. Cllr. Williams reported on Marldon Road there were particularly large potholes and Cllr. Padfield discussed various items relating to TOM and sustainable transport.

The minutes of the previous meeting were considered and after 2 amendments were then agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising.

1. The matter of extra parking space opposite Ford Farm, Harberton. Cllr Camp had looked at this site and consulted with the agent of Mrs. Donne. He and Cllr. Hoddinott volunteered to carry out the work.
2. Advertising for a new Clerk. This had provided several new applications which the Chairman was dealing with. – Further reports next month.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Decision at meeting.

23/2278/13/F – Mill Meadow, Harbertonford. Readvertisement of plans for replacement of dwelling with two new dwellings. It was proposed by Cllr.S. Hockings to repeat the previous response on 5.11.13. there was no seconder. An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Broom, seconded by Cllr. Clayton to repeat the previous response on 5.11.13. adding “ We emphasise the importance of the site at the entrance to the village and landscape”. Voting on the amendment :- 9 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention. The amendment was carried.

For information the original response on 5.11.13 was as follows :- 1. As too high and dominant next to the Old School House & School Masters House. Ridgeline too tall. 2. Overbearing on neighbouring bungalows behind, stealing winter sunlight. 3. Existing plans lack SW elevation for plot 2 & missing montage.

Monthly Reports.

1. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Padfield reported that there were to be displays of the plans in both churches from 24th March to 6th April also on the internet.
 2. A Northern Cluster meeting will be held in Harbertonford School at 6.30.pm. Tuesday 18th March. Cllr. Padfield will take the chair as neither Cllrs. Broom nor J. Hockings are available. Cllr. Beamish will also help with the refreshments. The agenda had been sent to participating Parishes by SHDC and distributed to all Cllrs.
- 3CLT Cllr Willams reported that 2 tranches of their funding grant. ie £11,000.- was to be paid.

4. Finance Cttee. Cllr. Broom reported that finally there had been an email from Mr. Gomes of Martifer Solar UK Ltd. Re the Hatchlands Farm, Solar Farm. He apologised for the delay in community benefit payment. He said he would be sending us a draft of the documents to be signed early next month. He agreed also to pay two monthly instalments of £10,000.- instead of the previously agreed instalments of 4 monthly instalments of £5,000.-.

Correspondence.

- 1.Repayment of Parish Loan. SHDC had sent an Invoice for £1530.55. being the final instalment payment including interest of £15.98 to be paid. Already previously agreed. All in favour.
2. Annual Rental of Allotment Field due. A cheque for £500.- had already been paid into the bank from the Allotment Society and this will be paid on to Mr. C.Finch. All in Favour.
3. Room hire invoices due. DCC. £41.26 and Harberton Parish Hall. £51.- Proposed by Cllr. Hoddinott, seconded by Cllr.S. Hockings. All in favour. It was also agreed by all Councillors to pay the increased fee of £8.- per session at Harberton Parish Hall.
- 4.The New Electoral Roll for 2014. had been received by the Clerk.
- 5.Local Boundary Commission map of final recommendations was discussed by Councillors. It was reluctantly agreed to the proposals which will come before Parliament soon to be implemented at the May 2015 elections.
6. Allianz 6 monthly reports from SHDC on each playground have been sent to each committee for consideration.
7. Devon's Best Kept Village Competition 2014. Details to be passed on to Mrs. Ronson by Cllr. Janes.
8. DCC Highways. C.Cllr.Vint had not yet been able to obtain a definitive ruling from DCC on the use of red diesel in tractors for maintenance of minor roads and by ways. – more next month.

Annual Grants.

Applications had been received from CAB, Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride and Victim Support. After discussions it was proposed by Cllr. Camp, seconded by Cllr. Janes to grant £75.- to CAB. All in favour.

For information.

S. Hams Society Bulletin.	DCC Press release on Superfast Broadband.	DALC Newsletters
Came & Co. Flood Bulletin.	D&Somerset Fire & Rescue concert 16.12.14.	Community Radio,Totnes
Residential Care details.	S.Hams Metal Detecting Club	Police Messaging sevice.
CPRE meeting with Dr. S. Wollaston	DCC Adult Social Day CareService.	

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1. Cllr. Padfield requested that the Parish Council join the S. Hams Community Voluntary Services by paying the annual fee of £15.-. This will enable the Parish to borrow display boards for the Neighbourhood Plan displays for 24.3.14. It was proposed by Cllr. Clayton, seconded by Cllr. Hoddinott to pay this amount. All in favour.
2. Cllr. Hoddinott also reported that Screws Lane in Harberton had suffered badly from the flooding and run off from the fields in recent bad weather. This will be passed on to Highways.
3. Pound Court.
4. Cllr. Broom had received an invoice from D&C Newspapers for the recent advertisement for a new Clerk for £81.90 (incl. £11.70 VAT) This to be paid, All in Favour.

Cheques issued.

No 615.	Mrs. D.Crann.	£703.72.	No.616	Colin Finch	£500.-	No 617	DCC.	£41.26
No 619	SHDC	£1530.55	No.620	Harberton Parish Hall	£51.-	No.621.	D&C Newspapers	£81.90
No. 622	S.Hams Community & Voluntary Services.	£15.-	No.623	CAB	£75.-	Plusnet	d/d	£9.99
Cheque No 618	cancelled.		Paid into bank	from Harbertonford Allotment Society	£500.-			

The meeting closed at 9.25.pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th April 2014 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm