

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 7.30.pm. at Harberton Parish Hall.

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

Apologies. Cllrs. Broom & Trott.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr. Broom the Vice Chairman Cllr. J. Hockings took the meeting. He opened and invited D.Cllr. Steer to give his report first.

D.Cllr.Steer wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said SHDC was busy with their budget for the coming financial year. They had a deficit of £780,000. but were hoping not to cut any services. There was a proposal for a wind turbine in Dittisham which was going to cause problems. The feed in tariff was to be reduced in April.

C.Cllr. Vint then gave his report. His main items were the Devon Waste Plan consultation, Sale of the old library in Totnes, also the Avonwick road closure dealing with subsidence was now completed and open again, the developments at the Redworth Road Junction in Totnes were under consideration.

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

Matters Arising. None this month.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions at the meeting

23/2918/13/F - Wilma, Woodcourt Road, Harbertonford. Lean to extension to existing studio. Cllr. Padfield proposed no objections, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings. Voting 9 in favour,. 1 abstention.

23/3017/13/F – 8, Youldons Close, Harbertonford. Single storey rear extension. No objections proposed by Cllr. Clayton, seconded by Cllr. Wynne, Voting all in favour.

Monthly Reports.

1. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Padfield reported that at the next meeting will be at SHDC in March the technical evaluation will be the next step. Carol Wellwood is now attending our meetings on behalf of Totnes & Cllr. Padfield attends the Totnes meeting on our behalf.

2. Cluster & TAP fund meetings. Cllr. Padfield attended the Ashprington PC meeting on our behalf for the cycle path application. They, however voted against the application, Totnes did support it. No date had as yet been fixed for the Cluster meeting.

3. CLT. Cllr. Williams reported they had been unable to ascertain the owner of the field bank on the border with Pendarves. An allocation meeting is to be held next week with SHDC. Also a grant of £25,000.- was on offer which they hoped to obtain.

4. Finance Committee. The first meeting had been held on 7.1.14. The increase in the precept had been agreed at 2.5%. Also copies of the South Brent Community Benefit fund had now been passed to councillors for information.

Correspondence.

1. Following on from the Finance Committee decision all councillors agreed to the 2.5% increase in the precept for next year 2014/5. It was proposed by Cllr. Wynne, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings to increase the precept by £196.- (total £8053.-) Also to include the Council Tax Support Grant of £689. This will make a total income of £8742.- for the coming financial year 2014/5. All in favour

2. Invoice received from Harbertonford Village Hall for room hire 31.10.13 – 1.11.13. – 9.11.13. & 19.11.13. totalling £50.- to be paid. This was proposed by Cllr. Camp, seconded by Cllr. Beamish, all in favour.-

3. Invoice received from SHDC for £328.36 for 15th repayment of the Harberton Flood Scheme Loan, this to be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Camp, seconded by Cllr. Janes, all in favour.

4. Email received from Cllr. Padfield regarding a resident's complaint of poor road maintenance was to be discussed.

It had already been reported to the Parish Council by C. Cllr. Vint that DCC were going to be unable to continue to maintain some of the local lanes due to lack of funds. He was hoping to be able to find out which they were going to be and let us know. Meanwhile it was suggested that some 'self help' would be very welcome.

5. Following the previous item the Parish Lengthsmans schedule had now been interrupted due to the severe weather.

6. Re TGC Hazard Farm Solar Farm. The hard copy of the Community Benefit agreements had now been received duly signed and will be lodged in the safety deposit envelope at the bank in Totnes.

7. A letter had been received from Harberton Parish Hall following the resignation of Cllr. Williams from their committee requesting a replacement. Cllr. J. Hockings agreed to replace him.

8. DCC letter received re the Strategy for Older People this was passed around the meeting.

9. Best Kept Village Competition. Details were passed to Cllr. Janes to be forwarded to the Primary School,

10. Letter received re Devon Countryside Forum and passed around the meeting.

11. Email received from DCC re the next Housing Survey which will be held at Follaton House 12.3.14.

For information.

Western Power Distribution.

Newton & Noss PC.

Rural Vulnerability Service.

Winter letter from Came & Co.

Devon Senior Vice.

DALC newsletter

Devon & Cornwall Police new messaging service

& Garden parties.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1. Cllr. Hoddinott raised the subject of a possible extra parking space at the side of the road opposite Ford Farm, Harberton. Councillors will discuss this further at the next meeting

Cheques signed. No. 611.	SHDC.	£328.36	No. 612	Harbertonford Village Hall	£50.-
d/d Plusnet	£9.99.				

The meeting closed at 9.10.pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 11th 2014. At Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.