

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.00.pm. at Harbertonford Primary School.

Present. Cllrs. Broom, J. Hockings, S. Hockings, Padfield, Clayton, Janes & Williams.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

Councillors had been asked to assemble half an hour earlier than usual in order to meet with the two candidates for the post of Parish Clerk.:- Lynda Faulkner of Bow Road, Harbertonford attended first. She introduced herself, then answered several questions posed by the Councillors present. She expressed interest in getting to know more about the community where she had lived for the past 5 years. She then left the meeting. Next Cat Radford came in. She lived at Little Cholwell in Harberton, but had started off living in Bow Road, Harbertonford making a total of 19years in the Parish. Now she had two young children attending Harbertonford Pre School and the Primary School. Cat had many friends in Harberton and wanted to give back something to this community. After answering questions from Councillors she also left the meeting.

Other Cllrs. Now present were –Hoddinott, Wynne, Camp, Beamish & C.Cllr. Vint.

Apologies: Cllr. Trott & D. Cllr. Steer.

The Chairman suggested that those Councillors who had been present at the start of the meeting should now make the decision on the choice of the new Clerk.

After further discussions it was proposed by Cllr. Broom, seconded by Cllr. J. Hockings to appoint Cat. Radford..

Voting was 7 in favour.

C. Cllr. Vint then gave his report. This was also circulated to councillors. Concerns over secrecy and lack of consultation was high on the list, also stakeholder briefings on the cuts. There had not been any further development on the use of red diesel in tractors for maintenance of minor roads & byways.

No report from D. Cllr. Steer.

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

#### Matters Arising.

1. More next month on Red Diesel use.
2. Screws Lane follow up.

#### Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Decision at meeting.

23/0573/14/LB. - Tailrace, Crowdy Mill, Harbertonford. Replacement wooden windows. Removal of garden shed and reinstate upstairs bathroom. It was proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Camp to offer no objections, Voting all in favour.

For information. A letter received from Wendy Ormsby of SHDC :- Higher West Leigh Farm, Harberton . Alleged unauthorised building works and siting of caravan. SHDC conclude no breach of planning control. No person may live in the mobile home without planning permission.

#### Monthly Reports.

1. Neighbourhood Plan. There is to a public meeting in Harbertonford Village Hall. 24.4.14. at 7.00.pm. After discussions it was proposed by Cllr Padfield, seconded by Cllr. Clayton that the sub-committee could choose an independent person as chairman as this might be a lively meeting. Cllr. Hoddinott proposed an amendment, suggesting Cllr. Camp as Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Janes. Voting on the amendment 5 in favour, 1 abstention, 6 against.

Voting on the original proposal was 7 in favour, 4 against. The original proposal was carried.

2. Cluster & TAP Fund. Harberton Parish Council had hosted the Cluster meeting held on 18.3.14. in Harbertonford Primary School. This meeting was chaired by Cllr. Padfield . due to the unavailability of Cllrs. Broom and J. Hockings.

This parish had now received £6825.- from the TAP Fund towards the Old Toll House Cycle/Foot path and would hope to receive further grant funding to complete the job in the near future.

Cllr. Padfield also proposed the following-“ Harberton Parish regards the TAP Fund as a success and wishes it to continue, however we think that proposals which are just maintenance should be diverted to the precept, with TAP Fund explicitly confined to one-off initiatives designed to give people a better life, not just the same as before.”

Seconded by Cllr. Clayton. Voting 5 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstentions. Cllr. Hoddinott then left the meeting.

3. CLT. Cllr. Williams reported that things were progressing smoothly and lawyers were now being consulted.

4. Finance Cttee No further meetings.

#### Correspondence.

1. TAP Fund proposals already dealt with.

2. HPFA Grasscutting Cllr. Wynne reported that SHDC was to continue with the grasscutting for this season. Cost would be the same as last season - £420.- for 14 cuts (excl VAT) proposed by Cllr. Wynne, seconded by Cllr. Williams. All in favour. The Parish Council will continue to support this financially. All in favour.

3. CAB are seeking new Trustees. This will be included on the village websites.

4. Beating the Inner Bounds of Diptford will now be carried out on 17.5.14. Further details on the website of South Brent.

5. S. Hams Metal Detecting Club is seeking land owners who will welcome them.

6. Harbertonford Village Green. Reply from the Tree Wardens to tidy up the river bank was discussed again below the bridge on the Kingsbridge side and will be discussed further next month.

7. Letter from Richard Sheard, Chief Executive of SHDC was read out notifying us of his departure.

8. Request for the Annual Audit had been received from Grant Thornton for 9.6.14.

9. Community Benefit. Re. Hatchlands Farm, Solar Farm (Bluepost). Papers had now been received for signature of the Deed of Covenant for the Community Benefit from Martifier Solar UK Ltd. These are to be signed by Cllrs. Broom and Camp for the Parish Council and returned to Martifier Solar UK Ltd for their signature and return for safe keeping at the bank. Following this agreement the Parish Council will be receiving 2 monthly instalments of £10,000.- Re Hazard Farm, Solar Farm. Community benefit. Email received 3.4.14. from Lightsource notified us that they had commenced generating electricity at this site on 28.3.14. and would soon be making their first annual payment of £5656.- (This would be for ten years as agreed.)

10. The request for the DALC Annual subscription had just been received for £272.21 ( incl VAT £34.96) This to be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Beamish, seconded by Cllr. Clayton. All in favour.

For information.

S. Hams National Policy Planning Framework Diptford PC meeting 29.4.14. end of maintenance of minor roads. Harbertonford workshops on Energysaving 9.4.14. + 26.4.14. DALC Newsletter.

D&C Police Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. DCC Proposals for Childrens Centres also Library services.

Community Safety Forum 30.4.14. DCC Community News Roundup.

#### Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1. Cllr Wynne discussed comments on Neighbourhood Plan which had been sent to him.

2. Cllr. Padfield reported on a recent meeting with Mrs. Hookway and the muddy state of the surrounding area to Luscombe Cross. After discussions it was agreed that councillors would inspect the area and discuss it further at the next meeting.

3. Cllr. J. Hockings reported that the container in Harberton Playing Field was in need of painting and attention as had been promised.

4. Cllr. Beamish reported that some street lights in Bow Road Harbertonford were not turning off.

5. Cllr. Broom reported that the Oak Tree donated by Luscombe May last autumn would be planted at Harberton Cricket Field on Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> April. 10.00.am.

6. Cllr. Clayton apologised for her behaviour earlier in the meeting.

Cheque signed No. 624.      DALC      £272.21.      Cheque paid in      from SHDC      £6825.-

The meeting closed at 9.50.pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30.pm. This meeting will start with the Annual Meeting. Following by the usual monthly meeting