

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Harberton Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th April 2013 at 7.30.pm at Harbertonford Primary School.

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

Apologies Cllr. Williams.

Also present D. Cllr. Vint of Totnes

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Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone .

Harbertonford Village Hall report. Cllr. Clayton proceeded by saying that it is managed by a committee of 12 members meeting monthly. Many local clubs and events are held in the hall and it is a very popular venue. Thanks go to all who help to maintain it.

Harbertonford Primary School report had been received from Mrs. Ronson, Head teacher. There had been several water leaks during the year. The website had been redesigned, there were also various clubs & activities including Performing Arts , also Totnes Community Project with KEVIC in maths & science. Strong links had been forged with the other 5 schools in the Totnes Federation of Village Schools with joint staff meetings. Prudent financial management helps to maintain present staffing and around 70 pupils attend the school.

Harbourne Shuttle report from Simon Harrington. There had been declining usage on Thursday am. Also public hire. They had received £10,000.- from TAP Fund towards the aging bus and are continually seeking volunteer drivers and committee members. Joint discussions with Bob the Bus & West Dart Bus will hopefully prove useful.

Harberton Parish Hall report prepared by Cllr. Williams. The Pantomime was a great success. The new kitchen has been finished thanks to financial help from D. Cllr. Steer. New storage facilities also help. The photography project has been held over until the spring due to the bad weather. Regular bookings continue. Jubilee Picnic was a great success, village lottery helping with funding, reserves are around £20,000.-. Changes this year to committee with a new Chairman who is now Les Wright.

HAS (Harbertonford Allotment Society) Report from Cllr. Padfield and Mrs. Padfield. Every plot is now taken with 18 families in all. The Society has now been going 2 ½ years. A communal shed purchased with grants to house tools etc. Also some very successful crops produced in spite of the weather conditions.

Harbertonford Playingfields Assn. Report prepared by Jane Hutchinson. A search for new committee continues, several workshops have been held funded by a grant. A local gardener has now resigned & a replacement sought. Funds are dwindling but hopefully will cover the insurance and playground repairs for the next 2 years. Several problems with the equipment have been overcome. Thanks to the Parish Council, Harbertonford Primary School and Village Life magazine for continued support.

Feoffees. Report by Cllr. J. Hockings. There were two representatives from the Parish Council on the committee, himself and Cllr. Janes who attend two meetings a year. Very difficult conditions prevail with low interest at present. 40 grants are distributed of £20.- each at Christmas together with a few other donations each year.

Chairman's Report This had been a busy year occupying councillors with much discussion but not much action in the end, i.e. . The Luscombe Cross Turbines plan being the largest.

Thanks to Cllr. Broom the Vice Chairman and all Councillors for their support also to District Cllr.Steer, County Cllr. Black and to the Clerk Mrs. Crann .

Next month there will be County Council Elections also next month election of a new Parish Council Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.00.pm.