

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2013 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.

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

Apologies. Cllrs. Clayton, Camp, Trott & Hoddinott.

Public 2.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited the members of the public to speak. Mr. & Mrs. Groom from Harbertonford were present in order to answer any questions regarding plan 23/1179/13/O which was on the agenda. After several questions by Cllrs. which were answered by Mr. Groom, they both left and the meeting continued.

There were no reports from either County or District Councillors.

Police report received by email – One reported crime of criminal damage in May.

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

Matters Arising.

1.CLT. Cllr. Williams reported the progress being made. 12 houses were to be built including 1 for the landowner & one to be sold on the open market. A business plan was being prepared.

2. It had been established that the deep hole in the pavement outside No. 8 Marl Park, Harbertonford was on private land and would be repaired.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions at the meeting.

23/1179/13/O – Hillcroft, Moreleigh Road, Harbertonford. Erection of a single dwelling within garden of existing property. No objections, provided these plans were only outline. Proposed by Cllr. Padfield, seconded by Cllr. Beamish, All in favour.

23/1258/13/RM –Daynes Farm, Harberton.Erection of agricultural workers dwelling. No objections, but Councillors are disappointed at the suburban design in the countryside. Proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings, All in favour.

14/1040/13/F – South Downs, Dartington. Solar energy facility – revision of 14/21892/12/F.. Harberton Parish council have no comment to make.

It was proposed by Cllr. Padfield, seconded by Cllr. Wynne to support this decision. Subsequently Cllr. Wynne withdrew his seconding and Cllr. Beamish seconded this proposal. Voting was 5 in favour,. 2 against.

All Councillors agreed that extraordinary planning meetings will be held in future if response dates expire before the next Parish Council meetings.

For information.

23/1142/12/F – Foales Leigh, Harberton. Appeal APP/K1128/A 13/2196711 Appeal started 9.5.13.

Correspondence.

1. Harbertonford Playing Field Assn. Cheque for £230.90 received and paid into bank to cover insurance for playground equipment in Harbertonford for one year from 1.6.13. With thanks.

2. TAP Fund & Northern Cluster meeting. Cllr. Padfield will be able to attend the meeting 12.6.13. after all. After discussions Cllrs. agreed he apply to the TAP Fund for £5000.- towards construction of a new Bus Shelter on A381 on south side of Harbertonford on Kingsbridge side of the bridge. Proposed by Cllr. S. Hockings, seconded by Cllr.Williams. All in favour.

Cllr. Padfield also reported that progress had at last been made with the Toll House Cycle path on the Western Bypass. DCC had at last progressed with this, estimated cost of £15,000.-. This is also supported.

Totnes on the Move reported a reorganisation of the traffic lights at the Redworth junction in Totnes.

Some Harberton Parish Councillors expressed their concern at the proliferation of solar farms in the immediate district.

3.The lack of 164 bus service to and from Harberton also gave concern to residents and would be looked into.

4.HPFA. The Clerk had now received minutes of HPFA meeting held on 1.4.13. Cllr. Wynne had now taken up position as the Parish Council representative on their committee and had attended a meeting with Rob Pedersen together with Rob Harkness of SHDC to discuss a grass cutting contract for the coming season for £420.- pa. + VAT. Councillors discussed this and agreed a final decision will be made when the contract had been received and HPFA committee had also made their decision. It was proposed by Cllr. Beamish, seconded by Cllr. Williams that a £450.- grant from the Parish Council be used towards this . All in favour. Any balance could be used towards other costs of strimming etc. This will hopefully all be settled at a joint meeting between HPFA and the Parish Council at a site meeting on 9.7.13. before the next Parish Council meeting in Harberton.

The grasscutting contract between SHDC and Harberton Parish Council (for HPFA) will be agreed after sight of the contract. Proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Wynne.

5.The Clerk reported that the Annual Accounts had now been completed and sent to Grant Thornton, Bristol.

6. SHDC were now on Twitter and Facebook.

7.Neighbourhood Plan update. Following the two meetings in the parish more comments had been received and Cllr. Wynne also had several comments from Harberton residents to report. Cllr. Padfield said this plan was aiming for unanimity not division amongst residents.

8.Hazard Farm Solar Community Benefit. The Clerk had received from TGC Renewables Mr. Amner documents relating to their offer to the Parish Council of a Community Benefit of £1,000.- per MW for 10 years . After some discussion Councillors felt this had originally been 20 years. The Chairman agreed to take this matter up with Mr. Amner and report back to the Council also suggesting that this benefit should be index linked.

Following on this subject the Community Benefit promised following the Hatchlands Farm Solar Farm at Bluepost was raised as so far nothing had been heard from Steadfast Solar Ltd. on the subject. This will be followed up. Proposed by Cllr. Wynne, seconded by Cllr. Padfield voting 5 in favour, 2 abstentions.

9.Harbertonford PCC request for a grant towards upkeep of the churchyard had been received together with a copy of their accounts. It was proposed by Cllr. Padfield, seconded by Cllr. Beamish to grant £300.- All in favour.

For information.

DALC information leaflet. + Village Green

Came & Co. Insurance leaflet,

SHDC Neighbourhood Planning workshop 17.7.13.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1.Cllr. Beamish reported a caravan, motorbike & van on the verge near Luscombe Cross.

2. Cllr. Williams reported at S. Devon College, Paignton a new alternative energy centre.

3.Cllr. Wynne spoke about the various comments he had received about wind turbines from Harberton residents.

Cheques signed.

No. 595	Mrs. D.Crann	£745.28	No. 596	Harbertonford PCC	£300.-
d/d	Plusnet	9.99	Pd. In.	From Harbertonford PFA	230.90

The meeting closed at 10.15.pm. The next meeting will be held at Harberton Parish Hall on Tues. 9th July 2013. at 7.30.pm.