

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.p.m.

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

Apologies. Cllr Clayton & C.Cllr. Black.

Public 3.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He said how sad he was to hear the news of Cllr.Hill's recent death and called for 2 minutes silence.

Afterwards the Chairman reported on the good news that Cllr. Camp's wife had given birth to twins – a boy and a girl. Congratulations from everyone.

The Vacancy on the Harberton Ward of the Parish council was now being advertised in the Parish and on the internet until 25.2.13. If there was no request for an election by 10 or more members of the public the Parish Council could then co-opt.

There was no report from C.Cllr. Black.

D.Cllr. R. Steer then gave his report. SHDC had finally decided to increase the Council Tax by 3 ½%. This was unavoidable *this* year. He reminded all present of the Development Management Cttee. meeting at Follaton House the following day 13<sup>th</sup> February 1.00.p.m. when a final decision would be made on the Luscombe Cross Turbines.

Two speakers were invited from Harberton Parish Council which was unusual due to their split decision.

Police Report. There were no reported crimes.

Members of the public were then invited to speak. Mr. & Mrs. Cleeve from Harberton had come to enquire of any progress with the CLT. The Housing Needs Survey had now been delivered to everyone and results were expected after 10.3.13. so there will be no news until after that date.

Prana Simon then spoke. The CLT were still seeking further suitable building sites in the Parish. The CLT had an open day in Harberton Parish Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March 13.

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

#### Matters Arising.

1. The Flood Committee for Harbertonford had their first meeting and was to be Chaired by George Waite. It was suggested by the Parish Council Chairman Cllr.J. Hockings that any volunteers would be covered by the Parish Council Public Liability Insurance of AVIVA while working for this Committee.
- 2.Housing Needs Survey was being delivered to all households in the Parish and the results collated by John Scott of the Community Council in Exeter after 10.3.13. Mr. Scott hoped to report back at the April Parish Council meeting.
3. Cloud Storage. The Clerk was not happy at using Dropbox and would prefer to use the Live drive which automatically notes all documents entered on to the computer.
4. Precept for 2013/14.. Following the request for £7857.- for the precept for 2013/14 which was discussed and agreed at the last meeting the Clerk was advised by SHDC to include the additional £797.- Council Tax Support Grant .This amount is a one off grant from Central Government and will make a total of £8654.- for the coming Financial Year.
5. Standing Orders to be discussed further in the future.
- 6.Code of Conduct. The revised details have now been circulated to all Councillors and will also be discussed further at a future meeting.
7. Street Lighting also to be discussed at the next meeting
- 8.Cllrs. Padfield & S. Hockings complained to D.Cllr. Steer about the recent changes to SHDC websites, specifically those concerned with planning documents as being unavailable. D. Cllr. Steer will look into the matter

9. Cllr. S. Hockings complained (accompanied by several other Cllrs) about the hedges at Hatchlands having been cut contrary to plans.

10. Cllr. S.Hockings also referred to a hedge at Sandwell, Harberton bordering the Totnes/Avonwick road as being placed too close to the main road.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions at meeting..

23/0268/13/F – Land at Sandwell, Harberton Retrospective application for open field shelter & tool store etc. Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Broom. 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

23/0234/13/F – Field SX 45599, Hazard Farm, Harberton. Erection of 33kV Overhead power lines supported by wooden poles. No objections. Proposed by Cllr. Camp, Seconded by Cllr. Trott. All in favour.

Correspondence.

1. Invoice from Andrew Hockings for Live drive and attention to Clerk's computer, £45.- to be paid proposed by Cllr. Janes, seconded by Cllr Beamish. All in favour.

2. TAP application & Notice of Northern Cluster meeting 27.2.13. at Follaton House. Cllr. Padfield is still endeavouring to get some satisfaction from DCC re the Western Bypass Cycle Path application. The Parish Council appreciate the funding already allocated to the Harbourne Shuttle.

3. Best Kept Village Comp. to be passed on to the the Primary School by Cllr. Janes.

4. Notice received of Localism Act (2011) meeting in London 7.3.13. details shown to the meeting.

5. SHDC Affordable Housing & Housing Advice. Proposed changes shown to the meeting.

6. SHDC Members Allowances for 2013/14 shown to the meeting.

7. Electoral Review of South Hams. After discussions Councillors all agreed the boundaries in SHDC should remain as they are . Proposed by Cllr Hoddinott. Seconded by Cllr. Williams, All in favour.

8. Environment Agency. Following the collapse of the wall into the river Harbourne by the Harbertonford Mill, the owner had been contacted and repairs will be carried out.

9. Code of Conduct and Register of Interests. Following discussions Cllr. Hoddinott proposed Councillors should not sign up to the New Code of Conduct, especially requiring information on spouses interests. There was no seconder. Cllr. Padfield made a further proposal that they should sign the New Code of Conduct, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings. Voting 5 in favour, 6 against. It was suggested by D. Cllr. R.Steer that the Clerk contact the N. Huish P.C. Clerk specifically and also further local P.C. Clerks for information on whether their Councils had all signed up to the New Code. This proposal was supported by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Beamish.. All in favour..

10. Review of Standing Orders had been carried out by the Sub--Committee (Cllrs. Broom, Padfield & S. Hockings with the Clerk) and distributed to all Councillors to be discussed again at the next meeting..

11. Notice received of AGM of Totnes Ring & Ride at Follaton House, 16.4.13. 7.00.pm.

12. Invoice received from Viking for computer Ink etc to be paid. £100.14 (VAT £16.69) All in favour.

Other items on the table

SW Water – Future 2015/40.

Voluntary Vine Jan-Mar 2013.

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Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1. Cllr. Padfield handed the Clerk a cheque for £500.- from the Allotment Society for the 2013/14 rental to be paid on to Mr. C. Finch.

2. Cllr. Williams has now been appointed a director of CLT..

3. Harberton Panto is being played 14-15-16 Feb in Harberton Parish Hall. (Williams)

4. Cllr. Broom reported the Bottle Bank had been removed from Harbertonford Carpark. The Clerk had already been in touch with SHDC and will report back.

5. Cllr. Hoddinott reported the 164 Bus at 6.00.pm. does not now visit Harberton. Why not?

6. At Danes Linney, Harberton there is a large pothole in the road (Hoddinott)

7.The Chairman reported that Cllr. Hoddinott had replaced a drainage pipe in Screws Lane. Many Thanks to him. He was to meet with Jim Morrison of DCC Highways on 12<sup>th</sup> February at Ford Farm, Harberton to examine causes of recent flooding.

Cheques signed. No 580 Andrew Hockings, £45.- No 581 Viking Payments £100.14

No 582 Colin Finch £500.- d/d Plusnet £9.99 Chq paid into bank £ 500.-

The meeting closed at 9.45.pm. The next meeting will be held on 12.3.13. at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30.pm.