

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Harberton Parish Council held on Tuesday 08 March 2011 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Hill, Hoddinott, Janes, Steer, Williams, Johnson, Hookway, Hutchinson & District Cllr Robert Steer.

Members of the Public: 1.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the member of the public to speak. Mrs Harvey of Harbertonford spoke about the collapsed wall in Harbertonford car park. She agreed that the wall belonged to her and that her builder would make the area safe after the bottle bank had been removed. Councillors thanked Mrs Harvey for her co-operation and Cllrs Williams and Hill agreed to meet with the builder to progress matters. The Clerk will notify our insurance company, arrange with SHDC to remove the bottle bank and ask if the temporary fencing can remain until the wall is repaired.

Mrs Harvey left the meeting.

District Cllr Steer then gave his report.

Referring to Mr Halliday and the interactive lights on A381 at Harbertonford, he wondered if light coloured tarmac, as at Avonwick, might reduce speeding motorists on A381. He also reported unauthorised development at Beenleigh Meadow, part of Leigh Farm, Harberton. The site at Tigley had been inspected and certain enforcement problems had arisen. There was another problem with an unauthorised lake at Daisy Hills, near the border with Diptford Parish Council. Cllr Steer had welcomed 10 pupils from Harbertonford Primary School at an Executive Meeting of SHDC. This had proved a success and the children had learnt a lot. Affordable Housing was high on the agenda with some new properties now in operation.

The Police report had been received by email. 9 crimes reported in the Parish – 7 of these were burglaries from sheds/out-buildings. The public should make sure sheds/out-buildings are secure. Councillors requested that Police be notified of parked cars blocking Old Road during hours of darkness.

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 08/02/11 were considered and after two amendments signed by the Chairman as a true record. Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 22/02/11 were considered, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record. The Tenancy Agreement between the Landowner and the Local Authority (ie Harberton Parish Council) and the Agreement between the Council and the Gardeners' Association had both been signed on 02/03/11 to be effective from 31/03/11 until 28/02/21. The Chairman wished to record the thanks of Harberton Parish Council to Colin Finch, HAS and Cllrs Knight & Beamish for concluding this matter satisfactorily.

Matters Arising:

- 1)** Re proposed travellers' site at Tigley – still ongoing.
- 2)** Interactive lights on A381 at Harbertonford. Reference was made to District Cllr Steer's suggestion of light coloured tarmac at approach to crossing.
- 3)** Re collapsed wall in Harbertonford car park. Following Mrs Harvey's visit to this meeting, it was agreed to proceed with her offer to meet with her builder. Cllrs Williams & Hill to make arrangements. The Clerk will contact SHDC & the insurers, AVIVA.
- 4)** Dog Fouling in Harbertonford. Following display of posters supplied by SHDC and posted by Cllr Knight, it appeared the problem had improved somewhat.
- 5)** Re Greengardens, Wrangaton. The Clerk had taken up the references supplied - these were satisfactory. It was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Knight to accept the quote for grasscutting at the Ford Area in Harbertonford of 8 cuts each year @ £29.00 per cut (no VAT).

Planning: Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions between meetings -

23/0365/11/F – Hallalen, Harberton.

Demolish existing garage, erection of new garage with studio/games room above to rear of existing garage. No objections.

23/0428/11/F – The Bungalow, Kings Court, Old Road, Harbertonford. Erection of glazed entrance porch. No objections.

Decision at meeting -

23/0399/11/CLE – Chippel Park, Harberton.

Lawful Development Certificate for siting two touring caravans for residential purposes.

This site was not known to any councillors present, so no comment was available.

Correspondence:

1) SHDC Invoice for repairs to Harbertonford playground equipment - £168.00 inc £28.00 VAT. To be paid. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Janes. All in favour. A grant cheque for £140.00 from Harbertonford Playground Association had been paid in to the bank.

2) Invoice received from Andrew Shilston for £360.00 for tree work at the Ford Area in Harbertonford to be paid. Proposed by Cllr Hutchinson, seconded by Cllr Knight. All in favour.

3) Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Draft Corporate Plan, together with questionnaire shown to the meeting. Cllr Knight will complete and return the questionnaire.

4) Temporary road closures in Moreleigh Road 12/04/11, in Bow Road 14/04/11, both in Harbertonford. Also in Harberton on 26/04/11 at Vicarage Ball to Wesley Place.

5) Room hire for meetings 2010/11 to be paid. For Harberton Parish Hall £25.00. For Harbertonford Primary School £68.78. Proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Hutchinson. All in favour.

6) Email received from Cllr Hutchinson re maintenance cost of playground equipment in Harbertonford shown to the meeting. Cllr Hutchinson outlined some of the costs and hoped councillors would include these in the future precept.

7) Email received from Ann Francis regarding a future planning application for improvements to the kitchen and storage at Harberton Parish Hall. It was proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Hill to support this and the Clerk will send a letter to that effect.

8) A letter from the Audit Commission was read out to the meeting. The new Auditor for Harberton Parish Council will be Jackie Bellard and all business is now centralised at their Bolton office.

9) DCC Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Core Strategy. Details shown to the meeting.

10) HMRC – Registration of Parish Councils for PAYE. All Councils must register from 2011/12.

11) SHDC LDF Site Allocations Development Plan. Documents circulated amongst councillors.

12) Email received from Mrs Schutt of Harberton re proposed windfarm at Luscombe. This email was discussed, but following the public meeting at Harbertonford recently there will be no further developments until a planning application is lodged with SHDC.

Other items on the table:

Kompan Playground funding; Going Solar; Housing Benefit leaflets; DALC Newsletter; Village Green magazine; Neighbourhood Watch Forum.

Annual Grants:

CAB. It was proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Knight to increase the grant to £75.00. All in favour.

No other grants were proposed as the Precept has not been increased. All in favour.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

1) Cllr Hutchinson reported that work on the Willow Den at Harbertonford Playground will soon commence, helped by some of the pupils from the Primary School. She expressed surprise to learn recently that the caravan in the garden of 4 Riverdale was being used for residential purposes.

2) Cllr Johnson reported street lights out in Harberton near the Tall House.

She also mentioned potholes in the road from Dundridge to Ford Barn Cross, Harberton. This was repeated by Cllr Steer.

Cheques signed:

No 508 – SHDC - £168.00

No 509 - Andrew Shilston - £360.00

No 510 – CAB - £75.00

No 511 - Harberton Parish Hall - £25.00

No 512 – DCC - £68.78

No 513 - Mrs D Crann - £508.68

D/D - PlusNet - £9.99

Paid into bank

Harbertonford Playground - £140.00

The meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next will be held at Harbertonford Primary School on Tuesday 12 April 2011 at 7.30pm.