

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8 May 2007 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Janes, Beamish, Williams, I Steer, Johnson and Hockings.

Apologies: Cllr Jeffrey and D Cllr R Steer.

Also Present: PC Jacqui Hopper.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting of the new Council and welcomed everyone. He then invited PC Hopper to speak.

She had come to introduce herself and to explain the newly organised area for our Parish. This is now centred on South Brent, with herself, PC Debbie Taylor and PCSO Vicki Gummow as the Neighbourhood Beat Team West. Their main problem was a lack of transport, having very limited use of a vehicle. PC Hopper discussed the main local issues, which would be addressed. She said that there would be an increase in foot patrols and hope they would be able to build up good relationships with villagers – particularly the senior residents. PC Hopper's report for last month was 6 crimes recorded, two detected. There were 3 thefts from vehicles and 12 incident logs. Residents were reminded to lock up tools, power tools and garden equipment, marking them clearly. Also, lock away any equine equipment safely. She repeated Crime Stoppers number 08452 777444.

Cllr Steer made the point that the lack of vehicles was deplorable in such a rural area and proposed the Clerk write to the Chief Constable supporting this view. All in favour. Cllr Steer then read out a letter from a Harberton resident relating to several unprovoked dog attacks by a German Shepherd that had taken place in Harberton on other dogs. PC Hopper took note of these facts and would look into the incidents, together with the SHDC Dog Warden. After further discussion, PC Hopper left the meeting.

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

Matters Arising:

- 1) Re purchase of computer for use by the Clerk. She had spoken with Andrew Hockings, who was proceeding.
- 2) Re highway signs in Harbertonford. Ongoing.
- 3) Re letter from Harbertonford Football Club. Ongoing.
- 4) Letter from Harbertonford Primary School re grass cutting. Ongoing.
- 5) Re Harbertonford Parish Noticeboard repairs. Ongoing.
- 6) Installation of the bench in memory of the late councillor, Edmund Janes, was almost finished. An estimate for a plaque to be fitted to the back of the bench is £35.00. This was shown to the councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Beamish, seconded by Cllr Steer, to accept this. All in favour.
- 7) Replacement of the flowering tree at the Ford area in Harberton. Ongoing.

Planning: Parish Council recommendations – decisions between meetings.

23/0568/07/F Blacklands, Moreleigh Road, Harbertonford. Resubmission of 23/1084/04/F
Erection of dwelling and garage. No objections.

23/0722/07/F) Harberton House, Harberton

23/0723/07/LB) Conversion of attached barn to residential. No objections, but Parish Council concerns about parking. Cars should park off-road in front of the barn as the road is very narrow.

23/0348/07/LB Preston Farm, Harberton. Proposed dwelling in rear garden. Now withdrawn.

Correspondence:

- 1) Devon County Minerals & Waste Development Framework shown to the meeting.
- 2) Letter from Ivybridge Town Council. Meeting on 13/06/07 at Follaton House for a training day.
- 3) DAPC. Various items received and shown to the meeting.
- 4) SHDC. Election notices received and displayed.
- 5) GLEAM. Annual subscription now due. Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Johnson to continue and pay the £10.00 due. All in favour. Newsletter also received.
- 6) Invoice received from James Miller for clearing the Ford area in Harberton. First clearance £150.00 + £26.25 VAT as per quote. To be paid. Proposed by Cllr Hockings, seconded by Cllr Janes. All in favour.
- 7) A letter had been received from the Lord Mayor of Exeter explaining Exeter's point of view regarding their application for Unitary Status. There had also been a letter from DCC explaining their point of view on the same subject. Both letters were read out to the meeting and there followed a discussion. No firm conclusions were reached and this will be further discussed next month.
- 8) Model Code of Conduct update had been received and was shown to the meeting.
- 9) A letter had been received from Harbertonford Village Hall Committee asking for Parish Council support for their applications for grants to update the kitchen area. Support for this was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Steer. All in favour. The Clerk reminded councillors that £300.00 was being held in the Parish Council's bank account, which had been donated in November 2002 by Mr Wheeler of Harbertonford towards the cost of a microwave for the kitchen.
- 10) S Hams Strategic Partnership. Details shown to the meeting.
- 11) Crown Copiers Ltd. The tapes were now available for the Clerk's word processor and an extra cheque for £21.10 inc VAT was needed. Proposed by Cllr Janes, seconded by Cllr Johnson. All in favour.

Other Items on the Table:

Land Management Information; DAPC Newsletter; SHDC Newsletter; DPFA Newsletter; SHDC Minutes of Executive Meetings 05/04/07 and 26/04/07; DCC Newsletter.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

- 1) Cllr Janes reinforced the complaints of dog fouling in Harbertonford, specifically from Marl Park to Old Road early in the mornings before 8.00am. Also, along Woodcourt Road at no specific time.
- 2) Cllr Johnson reported the road breaking up down Shop Hill in Harberton.

Cheques signed:

No 389 – James Miller - £176.25

No 390 – GLEAM - £10.00

No 391 – Crown Copiers Ltd - £21.10

The meeting closed at 10.20pm. The next will be held on Tuesday 13 June 2007 at 7.30pm at Harbertonford Primary School.