

The minutes of Harberton parish council meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2012 at Harberton Parish Hall at 8.15.pm.
Present. Cllrs. Hockings, Broom, Hoddinott, Janes, S. Hockings, Trott, Padfield, Hill, Camp, Beamish & Williams.
Apologies. Cllr. Clayton & D.Cllr. Steer.
Public 4.
Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone. The minutes of the previous month's meeting were then considered and after several amendments were signed by the Chairman as a true record

Matters Arising.

1. Re the notice board in Harbertonford opposite the Post Office Stores. Cllr. Padfield reported that Gerry , then Postmaster had offered help with the repairs, this was welcomed by all Councillors.
- 2.Ref. the small garden at the Ford area in Harberton at the entrance to the village. Cllrs. Hoddinott and J. Hockings had now replaced the broken paving stones and cut the grass. It was to be hoped that some of the residents of Town Farm cottages would be able to maintain this area in future.

Correspondence.

10. Land Society. – Eco Homes. (this item had been brought forward with approval of Cllrs.)
Following Mr. Hodgkiss' request at the start of the Annual Parish meeting it was now agreed to supply this group with names and addresses of the landowners who had been approached for the allotment land. Mr. Hodgkiss was again given permission to speak by the Chairman. He said he would provide the Clerk with informative literature about the Land Society and expressed his thanks for Councillors' offer of support. It seemed that it was up to the individual members of this group to approach the local landowners in both villages for suitable building sites. The members of the public then left and the meeting continued.

Planning. Decision at meeting.

23/0870/12/CU – Lower Cholwell Farm, Harberton. Retrospective plans for change of use of redundant agricultural buildings into light industrial, general industrial & storage use. Proposed by Cllr. Broom, seconded by Cllr. Hill to support this application in principle. 9 in favour, 2 abstentions (both declared an interest and took no part in discussion). This decision is provided the environmental. Impact of contamination of the watercourse is fully examined and DCC Highways approve.

23/0479/12/CLE – Bridge Farm, Harberton. Now withdrawn.

Correspondence.

1. Greengrounds Co. The Clerk had managed to stop the cheque for £87.- which had been lost in the post. During January '12. Another invoice had been received for £29.-which was to be paid so a second cheque for £116.- had been sent, signed between meetings. This had now been cleared on the bank statement. Proposed by Cllr. Beamish, seconded by Cllr. Broom. All in favour.
- 2.An email received from Totnes Mayor Elect inviting the Chairman to a Jubilee Service at Totnes Church 6.30.pm. on Sun. June 3rd had been declined as the Chairman was not able to attend. There had followed another invitation for any Councillor to attend. Cllr. Janes said she would try to attend as part of a very busy day of Jubilee Celebrations on that day.
- 3.Temp. Road Closure. Old Road, Harbertonford 6.6.12.
4. Email from SHDC Monitoring Officer re new Code of Conduct which came into effect from 1.5.12 will be the principle authority's code under the Localism Act 2011. More advice and information to come later.
- 5.A letter from Insp. Tomlinson of Totnes Police was passed around the meeting.
- 6.Annual Insurance Premium will be due 1.6.12. A request had been received for renewal from Came & Co. For the AVIVA policy - £491.67 to be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. Broom. All in favour. This included the new playground equipment for Harbertonford Playground and a cheque for £227.90 had been received to cover this cost from Harbertonford Playground Assn.
- 7.Details of Infrastructure Planning were passed around the meeting.

8.The Annual Audit for 2011/12 had now been completed by Mr. Maddox of Harbertonford who was the Internal Auditor and signed off by him. Once again Councillors thank Mr. Maddox for carrying out this work. The Chairman also signed the cash book, Bank Reconciliation and the Audit Statement. The date of the final Audit is to be 11.6.12.

9. HPFA. An Invoice had been received for £142.36 (VAT £23.72) from AGM Garden Machinery for repairs to the Harberton Mower. To be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Beamish, seconded by Cllr. Trott, all in favour. A grant cheque for £118.64 had been received and paid into bank.

11. Neighbourhood Plan. The letters circulated to all Cllrs. by Cllrs. Broom and Padfield were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings. All in favour. Following discussions regarding printing costs it was proposed by Cllr. Janes, seconded by Cllr. Camp to pay the £80.- suggested by Cllr. Broom. All in favour.

12. SHDC Cluster Meeting 10th May at Rattery Village Hall will be attended by Cllrs. Padfield & Broom.

13.A letter had been received from Mrs. S. Groom for HSSG requesting a grant towards the various Jubilee expenses. There followed a discussion and it was agreed that the Parish Council would grant £100.- to each village towards the cost of the Community Photograph in each village. Proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Hill. All in favour.

Other items on the table.

Voluntary Vine,

Junk Mail.

The Playing Field.

Devon Senior Voice.

GLEAM news letter.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1. Totnes on the Move. Cllr. Padfield reported there had been a reorganisation which should be a great improvement.

2. The Harbertonford Bottle Bank was in great demand. Unfortunately a car had blocked the lorry from emptying it recently. Cllr. Broom agreed to contact SHDC.

3.Cllr. Camp warned everyone to be aware of metal thefts in the district, particularly around the Dundridge area.

4. Cllr. Hoddinott asked the Clerk to contact HPFA for their annual report.

Cheques signed. Between Meetings.

No.556	E. Carson (Greengrounds.co.)	£116.-
No 557	AGM Garden Machinery	142.36
No 558.	Broker Network	491.67
No. 559	Harberton Parish Hall	100.-
No. 560	HSSG	100.-
d/d	Plusnet	9.99.

The meeting closed at 10.30.pm.. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th June 2012 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.