

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council
meeting held on Tuesday 08 July 2008 at
7.30pm at Harberton Parish Hall.

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Hookway,
Hockings, Janes, Johnson, Hoddinott &
District Cllr R Steer.

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ies: Cllrs I Steer, Jeffries, Hill, Beamish &
County Cllr G Date.

Guest: Cllr B Cane, Chairman of SHDC.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited Cllr Cane to speak. Cllr Cane introduced himself and welcomed the opportunity to meet everyone. His main concern at present was the report by the Boundary Commission for England which had just been announced and was to favour unitary status for Devon. Torbay & Plymouth would to remain the same. This was contrary to the suggestion put forward by SHDC for a South Devon & Dartmoor unitary proposal. Cllr Cane then took several questions from councillors. Cllr Hockings mentioned an officer of the SHDC Planning Dept had spoken to a local resident quoting a 16 week wait for attention. This was considered as unacceptable, so Cllr Cane & D Cllr Steer would look into the matter. There followed other questions.

District Cllr Steer then gave his report. The Devon Youth Games had just taken place in Plymouth. SHDC had won 11 medals and had come 2nd, doing exceptionally well. He also suggested the Clerk should write to Mr George, DCC Area Engineer (South) at Newton Abbot to get clarification as to the official position of the DCC towards the pedestrian crossing in Harbertonford. A report from C Cllr G Date was read out in his absence. He had attended a number of meetings.

A police report was then read out from PC Jacquie Hopper.

For May, 3 crimes.

For June to 07 July, 10 crimes, 4 detected including these included 3 burglaries & thefts,

1 arson attack, 2 driving with excess alcohol, 1 non-payment of goods & 1 taking of motor vehicle. PC Hopper said she would attend the Fordstock festival in Harbertonford on 12 July

The minutes of the previous meeting were then considered. The Clerk reported that Cllr Beamish was querying one item, but councillors felt it was correctly minuted. After consideration, the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising:

1) Cllr. Hoddinott's comments regarding County Cllr Date's early departure from the meeting to be further discussed.

2) The Clerk had spoken with Mrs Chattaway and she was kindly going to obtain some low wooden/plastic borders for the flowerbeds at the Ford area in Harbertonford.

Planning: Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions between meetings.

23/1066/08/F – 1 Riverside Mill Cottages, Harberton. Two storey extension. No objection, majority decision.

23/1072/08/BT - Telecommunications Mast SX780559 Moreleigh Rd. Harbertonford. Installation of additional equipment on existing mast for digital switchover. No objection.

23/1105/08/F – Tristford Cottage, Tristford Road, Harberton. Extension to side and rear. No objection.

Decision at meeting.

23/1242/08/F – Harbertonford Primary School, Harbertonford. New external canopy, pump, flues and air handling unit. No objection in principle, but suggest the canopy be constructed of more traditional material, i.e. wood as this would not be so unsightly in a rural setting. Proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Johnson. All in favour.

Correspondence:

1) Street Lighting in Harberton. Ongoing.

2) Repair of fence at lower entrance of Harberton Playing Field. Ongoing.

3) The Chairman read out a list of 10 Harberton residents who had suffered with

high water pressure, there are probably many more unreported. The Chairman will follow this up further before the Clerk writes to SW Water and Ofwat.

4) The annual payment for the lease of Harbertonford Playground will be due on 25 August. It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Johnson, to issue the cheque for £50.00 for payment in August. All in favour.

5) A letter of complaint had been received from SHDC regarding clay pigeon shooting in Harbertonford. This has been taking place on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 1100am for two hours for over twenty years down Kiln Lane. After some discussion councillors felt that this was an accepted county pursuit which had been carried on over many years. Several Harbertonford councillors who live opposite this site felt it was quite acceptable.

6) Invoice received from Veaseys, Printers for £25.62 (inc £3.82 VAT) to be paid. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Hockings. All in favour.

7 Email received from John Culf regarding an abandoned car in the upper car park at Harberton Parish Hall. He had informed the Police.

8) DCC letter re Digital TV Switchover shown to the meeting.

9) DCC re Unitary Council for Devon. This matter has already been discussed. New information passed around the meeting. Also a letter from SHDC re public meetings One to be held on 31/07/08 at Follaton House at 7.00pm.

10) SHDC. New procedures for dealing with complaints about councillors received and shown to the meeting.

11) Email received from Mrs Tulley of 5 Riverside Mill, Harberton, regarding Planning Application 23/1066/08/F was shown to the meeting.

12) Letter received from Stones, Solicitors re the registration of village greens, shown to the meeting.

13) Letter from DCC re 10 Post Offices which should be retained, shown to the meeting.

14) Letter from Maitland Walker, Solicitors re the removal of public call boxes, shown to the meeting.

15) Letter received from Steve Jane of Harbertonford regarding the untidy inside edge of the pavement of A381 outside his property. D Cllr Steer will look into the matter.

Other items on the table.

DCC newsletter & magazine; Devon Carers Consortium; SHDC Agenda & Minutes; Rural Community Buildings 2007/8; Senior Council for Devon; SHDC Executive Forward Plan; South Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Newsletter.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

1) Cllr Janes asked when the Environment Agency were going to repair the information display sited at the Ford area in Harbertonford. Several months ago there had been a site meeting with them there, since when nothing has been done.

Cheques signed:

No 434 - Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance - £50.00

No 435 - Veaseys, Printers - £25.62

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The meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next will be held on 09/09/08 at 7.30pm at Harbertonford Primary School.