

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council

meeting held on Tuesday 09 February 2010 at 8.00pm at Harbertonford Primary School.

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Hoddinott, Hookway, Hockings, Steer, Janes, Jeffreys, Johnson, Hill, Williams and Beamish.
District Cllr Robert Steer and County Cllr Paula Black.

Speaker: Ms Briget Green from SHDC Forward Planning Team.

Members of the Public: 31.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone, and invited Ms Green to speak. She had come specifically to talk about Plot R18 on the "proposals to 2016 & beyond for Harbertonford" map – the section in question lying between the A381 and Old Road, part of which had been omitted on the original proposals map. This part included the land now occupied by the Harbourne Filling Station and spreading back up the hill to Old Road. At present there are proposed to be 10 houses on R17 (the former Mill site) and approx 50 on the other two sites R18. There will also be another consultation period in March/April for 6 weeks when Harberton Parish Council will hold another public meeting in Harbertonford if necessary. SHDC are willing to accept more comments by post or email on this subject to close on Friday 12 February. There were many questions raised by members of the audience and answered by Briget Green very clearly. District Cllr Steer also encouraged any or all members of the audience to contact SHDC Forward Planning with their views by the closing date. Some of the subjects discussed were – flooding & drainage, parking, allotments & leisure areas, public transport, narrow roads & lack of local employment. Mrs. Padfield of Harbertonford then spoke about allotments. All councillors had received a copy of her letter and map of Harbertonford with suggested sites. She confirmed that sites outside the Parish could not be accessible by

foot or for disabled gardeners, only sites close to the village would be suitable. At present, no suitable sites were forthcoming. Any future contact with landowners should be conducted through the Parish Council. If any future lease is to be arranged it will be with the Parish Council who will be the Primary Leaseholder. Mrs. Padfield said she hoped SHDC would be including allotment land in the Site Allocation Development Plan Document for Harbertonford.

Mrs Groom of Harbertonford also spoke about a recent Village Survey carried out in Harbertonford, which had strongly supported allotments in Harbertonford.

Dr Chapman from South Brent then spoke about a Planning Application 39/45/0015/10/F – SX7280 60187, Marley Thatch Farm, South Brent. Installation of a Single 225w Wind Turbine. This is close to the Channer Head Plantation along Webland Lane. The applicant is a Sustainable South Brent Community Energy. Dr Chapman explained the set up to councillors and answered a number of questions on visual impact, output and financial arrangements.

Reports:

District Cllr Steer gave his report – SHDC had been considering next year's budget and some very tough decisions had had to be made. An increase of 2.75% was finally agreed. Councillors had been to visit some of the new developments ie: Playing Field in Ivybridge and sites on Dartmoor and in Totnes.

County Cllr Black then spoke – The snow had caused a great deal of problems and many businesses had been hit, villages and roads blocked and grit used up. The budget would be set this week. Spending on social services & children will be ring-fenced, though some cuts will be inevitable. Mobile Library services are to be reorganised. Travellers reported in the South Hams again. Potholes are worse than ever.

Police Report - Email received from PC Addelsee on 02/02/10. No reported crimes of note during January.

Matters Arising:

1) Repairs to fence up to Harberton Playground - ongoing.

- 2) Community Planning – ongoing.
- 3) Interactive road signs on A381 in Harbertonford. DCC report the signs have been repaired and should be finally installed early March.
- 4) P3 Footpath Scheme – ongoing.
- 5) Buses to/from Kingsbridge School – ongoing.
- 6) Allotments – see report at start of meeting.
- 7) Problems with filling grit bins at Marl Park and in the Square at Harberton to be investigated. Extra bin required in Harberton by bus stop. Cllrs Johnson & Janes.
- 8) Cllr Steer reported that since the last meeting DCC has now agreed to part fund the broadband expenses for Harbertonford Primary School.

The minutes of the last meeting were considered and after amendments were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Planning: Parish Council recommendations -

Decisions between meetings

45/2171/09/F – Southmore, East Leigh Cross to Moor Cross, Diptford. Erection of agricultural building. No objection.

23/0090/10/LB) – Wyse Englebourne, **23/0091/10/F**) Harberton. Conversion of detached barn to ancillary accommodation. No objection – support to prevent buildings falling down, but not considered as ancillary, but independent.

23/0100/10/F -Higher Grove, Tigley. Resubmission of **23/1990/09/F** No objection.

45/1226/09/F - West Moor Farm, Diptford – plan withdrawn.

23/1990/09/F - Higher Grove, Tigley – plan withdrawn.

Decisions at meeting.

23/0168/09/F - Lark Rise, Harberton, TCA. Crown lift over highway. No objection. All in favour.

39/45/0015/10/F – SX 72804 60187, Marley Thatch Farm, Webland Lane, S. Brent. Installation of single 225w Wind Turbine. Support. Proposed by Cllr Jeffreys, seconded by Cllr Hockings. All in favour.

Correspondence:

1) SHDC Site Allocations Development Plan

Document for Harbertonford. This had been fully discussed at the start of the meeting and the Clerk will respond accordingly to SHDC before 12 February.

2) Allotments. This subject had also been discussed at the start of the meeting and also at the January meeting. At present there did not appear to be any suitable sites available, but the Parish Council will keep looking and do fully support the Allotment Society in Harbertonford and are aware of a pressing need in the village as highlighted by a recent Village Survey.

3) Invoice received from SHDC for the 7th Loan Repayment for the Harberton Flood Scheme of £328.36. To be paid. Proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Hockings. All in favour.

4) Letter received from Mrs Durrans of Harbertonford was read to the meeting regarding further dog fouling at the Ford area in Harbertonford. The Clerk to contact the Dog Warden.

5) CPRE & MVF's Best Kept Village Competition 2010 shown to the meeting.

6) Totnes Town Council Civic Evening 26/02/10 invitation shown to the meeting. No one able to attend.

7) DAPC - Questionnaire on Outdoor Play Areas. To be completed and returned. Request for nominations to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 22/06/10. No nominations.

8) SHDC confirmation that Delyth Jenkins Evans will attend our meeting on 13/04/10 to speak on the Code of Conduct.

9) Invitation by Cornworthy Parish Council to a meeting 01/03/10. at their Village Hall 6.30pm. on Code of Conduct. See Item 8.

10) DCC P3 Footpath Scheme letter received from Cllr John Hart, Leader of DCC. A reply to the Clerk's letter and complaint at excessive cost of work carried out on Footpath 13 was read to the meeting.

11) Email from Steve Shaw re Sustainable Communities shown to the meeting.

12) DCC Mobile Library Service Survey - to be completed and returned.

13) D&C Police Liaison meeting at Knighton Room, Wembury 15/02/10 at 7.30pm. Also a letter from Superintendent Sharpe was read to the meeting.

14) Details of the Esmee Fairbairn Small Grant Programme passed to Cllr Williams.

15) Various emails from SHDC parishes & towns, regarding upkeep of play areas and costs involved, shown to the meeting.

16) South Devon & Dartmoor Funding to reduce crime/anti social behaviour. Closing date 26/02/10 – application form and details shown to the meeting.

17) Email with photos attached from Rymer-Cooper passed around the meeting – complaining about the damage being done to Jackmans Lane (on the Parish boundary with Totnes) by four wheel drive vehicles. This information to be sent on to DCC Highways for their comments.

18) SHDC Local Authorities Regulations 2003. Recommendations of the Parish Remuneration Panel. Details shown to the meeting.

Other items on the table - The Playing Field; DAPC Newsletter; SHDC Minutes of Executive Meetings 07/01/10 & 23/0110; Voluntary Vine; Walk & Talk Feb/Apr 10; In Touch magazine; TOR Homes Open Door; Senior Council for Devon Newsletter; SHDC Agenda & Minutes; NSPCC Helpline details; DCC Emergency Planning Newsletter; South Hams Society Bulletin and SHDC Executive Forward Plan.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

1) Cllr Hoddinott remarked that Highways never cleaned out the roads at the edges these days.

2) Cllr Johnson reported that buddle holes by Meadow Close, Harberton were blocked .

3) Cllr Beamish reported a large pothole between Meadow Copse & Crowdy Mill down Bow Road, Harbertonford. Also was there any funding towards clearance of Hernafor Lane.

4) Cllr Jeffreys reported there would be new goal posts installed in Harbertonford Playground. Also, that the old climbing frame would be taken away and new equipment installed to replace it.

Cheques, etc:

Cheque signed

No 1021 - SHDC - £328.36.

Direct Debit (Dec) - Plus Net - £9.75

Direct Debit (Jan) – Plus Net - £9.99

The meeting closed at 10.55pm. The next will be held on Tuesday 09 March 2010 at 7.30pm at Harberton Parish Hall.