

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9 March 2004 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Hockings, E Janes, G Janes, Stubbings, Evans, Patrick, Williams, Jeffreys, Fearn and Beamish

Apologies: D Cllr Steer

Public: 1

Clerk: Mrs D Crann

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

Matters Arising:

1) Flooding in Harberton. This work was progressing. The Chairman reported that he had given permission, on behalf of the Parish Council, for the upper car park at Harberton Parish Hall to be used by Devon County Council as a site store while the work was in progress. This will then be resurfaced by Highways upon conclusion of the work.

2) P3 Footpath Scheme. Still ongoing.

3) Harbertonford Playground. All councillors had been given a copy of the proposed new lease and of Mr Steen's letter date 5/2/04 to Cllr Jeffreys. There were several important points raised – primarily the cost of solicitors, also there being no map marking fences and the cost of grass cutting which should be shared with the school as in the past. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of the Diocese and report back to the next meeting.

4) Luscombe Cross. Work in progress.

5) Harbertonford Car Park wall repairs. Cllr E Janes will approach Mr Lewis again before the next meeting.

6) Street light at the corner of Mill Meadow, Harbertonford. The light is now in place and is soon to be connected to power.

7) 20mph speed limit through Harberton. DCC had advertised the alteration of the speed limit, but the area could not be extended without further Traffic Orders.

8) Footpath from Broad Park Stile to Dundry. Still ongoing.

9) The house of straw bales had now been referred to the South Hams Enforcement Officer.

Planning – Parish Council Recommendations:

Decisions between meetings

23/0249/04/LB) Overleigh, Harberton.

23/0250/04/F) Refurbishment, alterations to farmhouse and conversion of barns to two dwellings. No objections.

23/0208/04/TCA Pear Tree Cottage, Harbertonford. Fell cherry, apple and eucalyptus trees. Following a site meeting, no objections.

Decisions at the meeting

23/0305/04/F Orchard View, East Leigh, Harberton. Erection of stables and associated stores. No objections. Proposed Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Stubbings. All in favour.

23/0350/04/F Renewal of 23/0369/99/F. Six parking spaces, part of Old Town Farm, Harberton. Cllr Evans declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. No objections. Proposed Cllr Patrick, seconded Cllr G Janes. All in favour.

Correspondence:

1) Devon Structure Plan 2001/2016. Proposed modifications to the Deposit Draft. Details shown to the meeting. Deadline for comments is 25/3/04.

2) Parish Paths Partnership – P3. A cheque for £540.00 had now been received and paid into the bank by the Clerk. Information re annual training days was passed to Cllr Williams.

3) SHDC. Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing, 6th Draft shown to the meeting.

4) DCC. 20mph Zone Order for Harberton shown to the meeting.

5) Room hire payments now due. Harberton Parish Hall £40.00 for eight meetings and Harbertonford Primary School £25.00 for five meetings. These items to be paid. Proposed Cllr E Janes, seconded Cllr Evans. All in favour.

6) Standards Board for England. Update passed on to Cllr Williams.

7) Ground Rent cheque for £10.00 received from Harberton Parish Hall and paid into the bank.

8) SHDC. Parking Charges for 2004. Further alterations shown to the meeting.

9) DAPC. Village Green magazine received. Also various items: Quality Parishes, New Councillors Training Day 30/6/04, New Chairman Training Day 17/6/04 and other items.

10) SHDC. Draft Performance Plan shown to the meeting.

Also on the table:

Devon Play Conference 9/3/04; DCC Monthly News Roundup; Voluntary Vine; Spring Play Day AGM 27/3/04; SHDC Town and Parish Update; SHDC Executive Forward Plan; South Hams Society.

Annual Grants:

Totnes and Dartmouth Ring and Ride – No grant this year

Totnes Hospital League of Friends – No grant this year.

Both items all in favour.

It was proposed by Cllr E Janes, seconded by Cllr Evans to grant Harberton Playing Fields Associations £300.00 towards the cost of grass cutting and South Hams CAB £50.00. All in favour.

Cllr Williams proposed that £200.00 be reserved for Harbertonford Playing Field, seconded by Cllr Patrick. All in favour.

It was unanimously agreed that in response to Mrs Hoddinott's letter of 6/10/03 from Harberton Parochial Church Council, that if there were any spare funds available, these would be added to their annual grant for the upkeep of the churchyard, as it was larger than that at Harbertonford.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

- 1) Cllr Beamish reported that Mrs B Lawrence of Bow Road, Harbertonford, had written to him on behalf of the villagers regarding the present siting of the pedestrian crossing across the A381 road. This letter stressed the dangerous position of the crossing and notified the council that a petition was being prepared. The Chairman then suggested that, as the next meeting was to be the Annual Parish Meeting, the Clerk should try to arrange for Mr J Halliday of DCC to attend as the speaker. All in favour.
- 2) Cllr Stubbings reported complaints of mud on the road outside Harberton House in Harberton.
- 3) Cllrs Patrick and Stubbings reported many trees have been felled along the green lane from the back of Preston Farm to Englebourne in Harberton.
- 4) Cllr Williams reported some possibly dangerous overhanging tree branched along the road from Harberton to Harbertonford.
- 5) Cllr Beamish reported young children riding bicycles dangerously on the pavements along Bow Road, Marl Park, etc in Harbertonford.
- 6) Cllr Patrick reported that the Police had again warned children on skateboards in Harberton to abide by the agreed timing arrangements. Also, the unkempt condition of Church Cottage had, yet again, been brought to her attention. The Clerk had contacted the owner of Church Cottage on several occasions over the years, but there is not really anything any council can do in such circumstances, unless a health hazard is created.
- 7) Cllr Jeffreys reported on the untidy and wet condition of the private garages along Bow Road, Harbertonford, at the village end of the road.
- 8) Cllr Fearn had been asked to ascertain whether the flower beds at the Ford in Harberton could be looked after by the residents. The council reiterated that the grass would be kept cut by James Miller, but they conformed that they would appreciate the flower beds being kept tidy by the residents.
- 9) Cllr Fearn reported that moles had been very active near the children's play area in Harberton.

Cheques signed:

No 306 – Mrs D Crann - £409.18

No 307 – Harberton Parish Hall - £40.00

No 308 – Devon County Council - £25.00

No 309 – S Hams CAB - £50.00

No 310 – Harberton Playing Fields Association - £300.00

Cheques paid in:

Harberton Parish Hall - £10.00

Devon County Council (P3) - £540.00

The meeting closed at 9.45pm and the next will be held on Tuesday 13 April 2004 at Harbertonford Primary School after the Annual Parish Meeting, which will commence at 7.30pm.

