

**Minutes of Harberton Parish Council**  
meeting held on Tuesday 09 March 2010 at  
7.30pm at Harberton Parish Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Hockings, Hill,  
Hookway, Williams, Steer, Jeffreys, Janes &  
District Cllr Robert Steer.

**Apologies:** Cllr Hoddinott & County  
Cllr Paula Black.

**Public:** 4

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited members of the public to speak. Mrs Groom of Harbertonford commenced. She was reporting on the Village Survey recently carried out by HSSIG in Harbertonford. She reviewed the survey and reported on the general results, hoping it would encourage more residents to take part in local village events. There was to be a free breakfast for all villagers in Harbertonford Village Hall on Sunday 28 March from 11.00am until 1.00pm, to which everyone was welcome.

Mrs Bushby of Harberton then spoke. She was enquiring about the new building which had recently appeared near to her house by the river at Leigh Bridge. District Cllr Steer took due note of the details and would be following this up as nobody on the Parish Council could answer her queries.

Next, two residents of Dundridge House spoke. They represented the Harberton Residents Management Company and were distraught at the cutting down of the mature trees on their boundary with Dundridge Yard which now left the whole area open to a view of the car breakers yard. The trees had been felled prior to TPOs which had been served too late. Large dogs from the Yard had also been roaming the Dundridge House grounds, but were now understood to have been taken away as there were over 20 children belonging to the residents and they could be deemed threatening. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to SHDC Leader of the Council and Chief Executive complaining at the lax approach of the relative officers in

this case which had been handled extremely badly, when action should have been taken earlier to prevent this destruction of apparently healthy trees.

#### **Reports:**

Police report. One reported crime in Parish during February.

District Cllr Steer then gave his report. He will follow up on the Dundridge Yard matter with SHDC Leader and Chief Executive.

Councillors had been mainly involved in training in all departments. The Planning Department is still undergoing reorganisation and some areas would now be shared with West Devon DC. Cllr Steer had personally reduced his carbon footprint by car sharing with Ivybridge councillors in his journeys to Follaton House.

#### **Matters Arising:**

- 1) Interactive Signing on A381 in Harbertonford. These have finally been installed. Cllrs to monitor how efficient these are and report back next meeting.
- 2) Repairs to fence up to Harberton Playground. – ongoing.
- 3) P3 Footpath Scheme – ongoing.
- 4) Buses to/from Kingsbridge School – ongoing.
- 5) Allotments. Mrs. Padfield had sent the Clerk a list of addresses of the owners of the possible sites on the map which she supplied the previous meeting. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should write to all named about the possibility of Harberton Parish Council leasing the land identified on the map for allotments.
- 6) Grit bins at Marl Park, Harbertonford and in Harberton. The Clerk had spoken with DCC and there was an unresolved dispute with TOR Homes as to who should fill the Marl Park bin. There was also a long waiting list for new grit bins.
- 7) Following Mrs Durran's letter regarding dog fouling, the SHDC Dog Warden was still following this matter up.

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

### **Planning:**

- 23/0129/05/F)** Dundridge Yard, Harberton.
- 23/0130/05/F)** Copy of a letter from SHDC to Mr Broadway shown to the meeting.
- 23/1269/99/F** – 3 Riverdale, Harbertonford. Copy of email received from SHDC shown to the meeting.
- 23/0341/10/F** – 26 Riverdale, Harbertonford. Wooden decking to front elevation. Parish Council object - inappropriate as it would spoil the line of view of the front gardens in Riverdale. Proposed by Cllr Hookway, seconded by Cllr Hill. All in favour.

### **Correspondence:**

- 1)** Room hire invoices for Parish Council meetings 2009/10. Harberton Parish Hall - £25.00 and Harbertonford Primary School £57.52 to be paid. Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Steer. All in favour.
- 2)** Copy of a letter from DCC Highways to Mr Gauntlett of Harbertonford was read out regarding a request for double yellow lines in Bow Road near Pear Tree Orchard cul-de-sac. DCC said they had no plans at present for these lines in Bow Road.
- 3)** Copy of emails from Mrs McSheehy of Harbertonford to DCC Highways complaining of speeding traffic through the village was shown to the meeting.
- 4)** DAPC Options for Service delivery on street cleaning, bin emptying, recycling etc. This matter was discussed and the questionnaire to be completed by the Clerk. It was felt by Councillors that these proposals would incur undue extra expense and responsibility in such a small Parish Council.
- 5)** Copy of a letter from Mr Fairweather of Harbertonford to SHDC was shown to the meeting. It followed up on last month's meeting with comments on SHDC Site Allocation Development Plan.
- 6)** South Devon Carers Consortium Forum. To be held 29/03/10 at the Watermark Building, Ivybridge at 11.00am.
- 7)** SHDC Choice Base Lettings. List of Council and Housing Association properties shown to the meeting.
- 8)** General Data Protection Guidance for Town and Parish Councils. Details given to all councillors. Further discussions at the next meeting.

**9)** SHDC Cluster meeting 26/05/10 at Follaton House at 7.00pm .

**10)** HPFA. Email and correspondence received with requests towards maintenance of playground and possibility of grant towards replacing equipment. Jan Culf raised the subject of HPFA's exact responsibilities detailed in the Lease agreement. The Clerk will look into the matter and report back at the next meeting for a final decision.

**11)** Harbertonford PFA. Email received from Cllr Jeffreys detailing all the work recently completed and the new equipment to be installed following receipt of further grant money of £24,000.00. Her achievement is to be commended.

**12)** Following information from Cllr Janes, the Clerk had contacted SHDC regarding an untaxed vehicle in the Parish Car Park by the bridge in Harbertonford. SHDC are now following the matter up.

**13)** Email from South Huish PC was read to the meeting regarding the removal of the Hope Cove rescue boat by the Marine Coastguard Agency. Cllrs wished to support the retention of this service and the Clerk will send an email in reply.

### **Annual Grants:**

Applications from GLEAM, Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride, South Hams CVS & Young Devon were looked at and dismissed. An application for a grant towards upkeep of the Harbourne Shuttle was passed around the meeting. On viewing a copy of the accounts kindly provided, councillors noted a substantial sum in an investment account. Following further discussions it was agreed to add another £100.00 to the reserves towards a new vehicle which will be granted when a new bus is purchased. Proposed by Cllr Hockings, seconded by Cllr Hill. All in favour.

### **Items on the table:**

SHDC Executive Forward Plan; DCC In Touch Magazine; Walk & Talk – Feb/Apr 10; South Devon AONB Photo Competition; Energy Audit Course 25/03/10; DAPC Newsletter and Village Green magazine

**Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:**

- 1) Cllr Hookway reported that the 14' gate had dropped at Footpath No 3. The Clerk will action with DCC to remedy the situation.
- 2) The Chairman reported bad potholes down Screws Lane, Harberton.
- 3) Cllr Janes reported there had been excellent comments on the repairs to Harbertonford Bridge.

**Cheques signed**

**No 476** - Mrs D Crann - £498.20

**No 478** - Devon County Council - £57.52

**No 480** - Harberton Parish Hall - £25.00

**D/D** - Plus Net - £9.99

The meeting closed at 10.30pm. The next will be held on Tuesday 13 April 2010 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Ms Delyth Jenkins Evans on the Code of Conduct.