

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 09 September 2008 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Hookway, Hockings, Janes, Hill, Johnson, Jeffries, Beamish, Hoddinott, District Cllr Robert Steer & County Cllr Geoff Date.

Apologies: Cllrs Steer & Knight .

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming Councillors back after the summer break. He then invited County Cllr Date to give his report. Cllr Date said there was not much to report. Primarily the fact that parking meters were to be introduced in Totnes. He then mentioned the Boundary Commission's reorganisation in Devon which was ongoing at present. Cllr Hoddinott then mentioned the fact that when Cllr Date had attended the Parish Council meeting on 10/06/08 he had given his report and then left the meeting. Later in that meeting several items were raised which he could have replied to on County Council matters. Cllr Date apologised for his early departure at that meeting. District Cllr Robert Steer then spoke. He said there had been no meetings in August. He was, however, leading a 6 mile walk starting in Diptford on 30/09/08 11.00am. and would be pleased for anyone to take part. Police Reports from PC J Hopper - 1st report received 05/0808. This requested details of our community emergency planning coordinator. 2nd Report. This detailed 15 crimes reported in the Parish, 9 of which had been detected. There was a special mention of damage to vehicles in the Bow Rd, Marl Park & Riverdale areas of Harbertonford. Also fuel thefts from cars and domestic fuel tanks. PC D Taylor was no longer at the South Brent Police Station. The minutes of the previous meeting were then considered and after one amendment

were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising:

1. Street Lighting in Harberton. A letter received from Mr J Halliday of DCC Highways reported a survey to be carried out soon in both villages.
2. Repair of fence at lower entrance to Harberton Playing Field. Ongoing.
3. New procedures for dealing with complaints received about Councillors. The Clerk has clarified our position with SHDC. As of July 08 this Council has adopted the new procedures by default, as we did not act when these were introduced in May 2007.
4. Re the untidy state of pavement on the inside edge outside 1 Mill Meadow, Harbertonford, D Cllr Steer had spoken with Lisa Corston of DCC. The Clerk will follow this up.
5. Re damaged information display at Ford in Harbertonford. The Clerk will follow this up again with Environment Agency.
6. Following up on June meeting, the Clerk had now received details from Mr Halliday of DCC of the New Interactive signs warning of the pedestrian crossing on A381 Harbertonford. They are to be placed at A381 junction with Moreleigh Road and close to the Bus Shelter. Details were passed around the meeting.

Planning: Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions between meetings -

- 23/1335/08/LB** - 2, Broad Steps, Old Road, Harbertonford. Single storey extension to rear of cottage. No objections.
- 23/1336/08/F**) South Down, Sandwell,
- 23/1399/08/F**) Harberton. Conversion **23/1400/08/LB**) from single to three dwellings. No objections.
- 23/1449/08/F** - 1, Victoria Cottages, Harberton. Conservatory and alterations & improvements. No objections
- 23/1479/08/F** - Newlands Cottage, Foalesleigh, Harberton. Conversion of former cottage and barns to holiday accommodation. No objections.

23/1485/08/F - Field SX759602, Tigley, Harberton. Erection of 2 Poly-tunnels. No objections, but concern raised at increase in traffic.

23/1509/08/CU - Sandwell Barns, Harberton. Change of use to single residential dwelling. No objections, majority decision.

23/1561/08/F - 3, Meadow Close, Harberton. Erection of Conservatory. No objections

23/1966/08/F - 1 Riverside Mill Cottages, Harberton. Now withdrawn.

Correspondence:

1. SHDC Invoice for 4th repayment of the Parish Loan for Harberton Flood Scheme received. £328.36 to be paid. Cheque signed between meetings.

2. Invoice for mower repairs from KC Garden Machinery received - £388.06 (inc VAT £57.80) to be paid. Cheque signed between meetings. Also received and paid into Bank a donation cheque of £330.26 from Harberton Playing Field Association.

3. Email received from Mr Gaskin of Harberton regarding a noisy peacock (3am). This matter was discussed at the meeting. It would appear that some residents were encouraging the bird by feeding it when the owner wished to have it back. These birds were reported to call only in the mating season.

4. SHDC Affordable Housing Survey. Public meetings from 07/10/08 at Follaton House. Anyone wishing to consult a Housing Officer about affordable housing should contact SHDC.

5. SHDC Strategic Housing land availability. Anyone with any land available should contact SHDC immediately.

6. DAPC. Various items including Village Green Magazine; AGM on 27/09/08 at County Hall; Long Life Learning Network conference 11/09/08.

7. SHDC Tree Planting Scheme Winter 08/09. Details to be passed on to Geoff Broom of Harbertonford Nature Reserve Group.

8. Community Council of Devon Community Planning. Reference was

made by Councillors to the Appraisal carried out in January 1999 in the Parish and whether residents wished to proceed with another one. This to be further discussed at the next meeting.

9. SHDC, DCC & Boundary Commission Local Government Review. Further information received and shown to Councillors. This matter was fully discussed yet again. Meetings having been held at various places in the County - ie. 16/09/08 at The Watermark Centre, Ivybridge, 7.00.- 9.00.pm. The public have until 26/09/08. to write to SHDC, DCC, &/or Boundary Commission with their views.

10. DCC Temporary Road Closures. Bow Rd. 19/09/08 & Old Road 25/08/08 in Harbertonford. Also C204 Harberton from Blakemore Cross to Gills Cross 04 to 11/09/08.

11. SHDC 1st, 2nd. + final notification of BT payphone removal consultation.

12. D&C Police letter received from Superintendent Sarah Sharpe of Totnes Police, reviewing her three months in post and itemising various problems that have occurred ie. speeding through the area, theft of fuel including red diesel, theft of scrap metal & marine crime. Also, notification received of Police Liaison Meeting 15/09/08 at 7.30pm. at Dartmouth Guildhall.

13. SHDC referring to the Code of Conduct. SHDC have now appointed a new Monitoring Officer, Delyth Jenkins Evans, following the retirement of Mr Kevin Williams.

14. Letter received from Harbertonford PCC, together with a copy of their recent accounts, requesting a grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard. It was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Hill, to grant £350.00. All in favour.

15. Letter received from Harbertonford Football Club requesting a grant towards cost of the new gas boiler for the showers. After discussion it was agreed to ask for a copy of the accounts.

16. PP3 Parish Paths Scheme. Drop-in days 2008 received and shown to meeting.

17. Letter from Harbertonford Village Hall Commtee received acknowledging receipt

of the £300.00 cheque. (originally a donation from Mr G Wheeler of Harbertonford). Also inviting any Councillors to visit the new extension.

18. Best Kept Village Competition.

A report received from CPRE on the Harbertonford village entry. Though not winning this year, it included a favourable mention of the new Village Hall extension.

19. SHDC Register of Electors 2009.

A reminder to residents to make sure they have registered to vote.

20. Sport South Hams Awards. This to be passed on to the Harbertonford Football Club.

21. SHDC Local Development Framework now being circulated amongst Councillors.

22. SHDC Parish Cluster meeting 22/10/08 in Totnes.

Other items on the table:

DPFA Newsletter; South Hams Society Bulletin; DAPC Annual Report 2007/8; DCC Newsletter; SHDC Agenda & Minutes; SHDC Minutes of Executive meetings 10/07/08 & 0409/08; Transition Town Totnes; TOR Homes newsletter; DCC Annual Report 2007/8; SHDC Executive Forward Plan and Voluntary Vine.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

1. Cllr Beamish reported a dead ash tree in dangerous position down Bow Road on the left-hand side, just past the pumping station. Also, a telegraph pole in dangerous situation at Riverdale - both in Harbertonford.

2. Cllr Johnson requested a 'No Through Road' sign at the green lane past Monkey Oak, as several cars with 'Sat Nav' had got stuck down this lane recently.

3. Cllr Hill reported bad dog fouling along Bow Road past his house.

4. Cllr Jeffries reported the fence would soon be repaired at entrance to Harbertonford Playground. Also two new benches and a picnic table soon to be installed. She also thanked SHDC for a new sign at the entrance to the Playground

5. Cllr Janes reported a bad pothole near Harbertonford Village Hall gates down Woodcourt Road.

6. The Clerk reported that following a phone call from Mrs Ganter of Harberton she had contacted the owner of Church Cottage about a broken gate to the garden of the property.

Cheques signed.

No 436 - KC Garden Machinery - £388.06

No 437 – SHDC - £328.36

No 438 - Mrs D Crann - £444.83

No 439 - Harbertonford PCC - £350.00

D/D - Plusnet (July) - £9.99

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Paid into Bank

HPFA - £330.26

HPH (Ground rent) - £10.00

The meeting closed at 10.00pm. The next will be held on Tuesday 14/10/08 at 7.30pm at Harberton Parish Hall.