

The minutes of Harberton Parish council meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2012 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.

Present. Cllrs J. Hockings, Broom, Janes, S. Hockings, Hoddinott, Trott, Beamish, Camp, Padfield, Williams, Clayton, D. Cllr. Steer & C.Cllr. Black.

Public. 60.

Two speakers from Environment Agency.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

Also John Henderson from BBC Spotlight.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited the public to speak. It was apparent they had all come to speak on the Luscombe Cross Turbines application 23/1990/12/F. There were some 14 or 15 speakers with varying views.

Cllr. Broom had declared an interest and left the room.

After some 40 minutes the public session closed and the special Planning Meeting commenced to consider 23/1990/12/F – Installation of 2 wind turbines (hub height 64m, tip height 99.5m) to generate 2.3mw per turbine, E of A381, S of Langridge Cross, Harberton. The Chairman urged the Councillors to think hard about this application which had been in the minds of all for some 2 years.

After a lengthy debate a proposal was made by Cllr. Hoddinott, seconded by Cllr. Williams to object to the application on grounds of nuisance to neighbouring properties and visual impact. Voting 5 in favour, 5 against.

Another proposal was made by Cllr. S. Hockings to support the application in principle but ask SHDC to look carefully at the noise impact on the nearest properties, seconded by Cllr. Padfield. Voting 4 in favour, 6 against.

Cllrs. Beamish and Clayton had concerns about users of A381 due to distraction caused by the turbines.

Finally a proposal was made by Cllr. Camp, seconded by Cllr. Padfield. As the Parish Council was divided over the application, should SHDC approve this plan, the Parish Council would like any flooding and water runoff from the site to be addressed with light and noise nuisance also considered. Voting. 6. In favour, 3 against, 1 abstention.

This Planning meeting closed at 9.25.p.m. and the members of the public left the hall.

At 9.30.pm. the monthly Parish council meeting commenced. Apologies from Cllr. Clayton.

Mr. Bryn Williams from the Environment agency then spoke. He had come to give details of the work now in progress at Palmers Dam, Woodland Road, Harbertonford. For the last week there had been upgrading and repairs taking place in spite of the heavy rains at the weekend and the dam overtopping for the second time this summer through excessive rains. This work would continue for a number of days yet. Also some undergrowth will be cleared from the banks of the Harbourne river this autumn. After some further discussions Mr. Williams and companion then left.

C. Cllr. Black then gave her report. The 'Car Free' day in Totnes had been a success. She congratulated the Environment Agency on their prompt attention to Palmers Dam repairs. There had been a Corporate Scrutiny Spotlight at DCC. A Change to the Welfare System will be very much felt starting in November, particularly as women's pay was so low in the West country. Recycling had been reduced, more was being sold by Refurnish.

D.Cllr. Steer then gave his report. Procurement Officers were working more with Teignbridge District Council to obtain better prices. A travellers site in the SHDC area had been proposed near Plymouth on land actually owned by Plymouth City Council. Plan 23/1941/12/F – Myrtle Cottage, Moreleigh Rd. Harbertonford had now been withdrawn.

Police Report received by email. 5 Crimes reported. 1 Burglary 5/6 Sept – Make off without payment 12.9.12. – Communications Act Offence 7.7.12. – Criminal damage to vehicle 14/15 Sept. – Theft between 1/8 and 24/9.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then considered and after one amendment were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising.

1. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Broom reported that a formal letter of request had been sent to SHDC to carry out a

Plan for Harbertonford. This would take them about 6 weeks to consider.

2. It was reported that the problem oak tree at 7, Riverdale Harbertonford was not deemed to be dangerous.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions between meetings.

23/2061/12/F -2, Riverdale, Harbertonford. Single storey ext. to create utility room. No objections.

23/2063/12/F – 3, Broad Steps, Old Road, Harbertonford. Alterations and ground floor ext. No objections.

23/2163/12/F – The Forge, Dorsley Barton, Harberton. Erection of Conservatory. No objections

23/2170/12/F – South down, Sandwell, Harberton. Amendment to 23/1399/08/F Installation of foul water treatment plant. Cllrs. J. Hockings & S. Hockings declared an interest and took no part in decisions. After a site meeting there were no objections.

Decision at meeting. Following on from the previous meeting

23/1934/12/CLE – Flat, Bridge Farm, Harberton.

23/1936/12/CLE – Bridge Farm, Harberton. Cllr. Hoddinott declared an interest and took no part in decisions.

Harberton Parish Council has no further comment to make on this matter.

Correspondence.

1. Invoice received from Cllr. Clayton for paint etc for Harbertonford Bus Shelter. To be paid. £93.98. Proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Williams, All in Favour.

2. Emails received from Environment Agency regarding work in progress at Palmers Dam, Harbertonford. Mr. Bryn Williams comments reported at start of the meeting.

3. Emails received and exchanged with Mrs. Hutchinson regarding Harbertonford Playing Field inspection and queries now cleared up.

4. SHDC/WDBC. Peer Challenge. Details shown to the meeting.

5. TAP Fund applications deadline date 10.10.12. Cllr. Padfield had given the clerk details of his Western Bypass Cycle Path application. The Clerk will write to DCC .

6. GLEAM, AGM 26.10.12. at Newbury and newsletter shown to the meeting.

7. Invoice from Viking for office supplies to be paid. £55.72 (incl VAT £9.29). proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Williams, All in favour.

8. It was proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Williams to donate £10.- to Harbertonford Football Club for the use of their carpark on 26.9.12. meeting in Harbertonford Village Hall All in Favour.

Other items on the table

Devon Heritage Service

Devon Senior Voice

Matters at the Discretion of the chairman.

1. Cllr. Camp reported that the road drain at Broad Park Style, Harberton was blocked.

2. Cllr. Williams was asking for information regarding the street lights being turned off.

3. Cllr. Padfield commented that the £9,200.- p.a. into a Trust Fund offered by Tresoc/Infinergy wind farm was inadequate. There should be more benefit to the community, as advocated by Energy Minister Ed. Davey. This could be in the form of public facilities rather than directly in money,

Cheques signed.

No 575	Mrs. J. Clayton.	£93.98	No 576.	Viking Payments.	£55.72
d/d	Plusnet.	£9.99.			

The meeting closed at 11,00,pm, The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th November 2012. At Harberton Parish Hall.