

**Minutes of Harberton Parish Council** meeting held on Tuesday 09 November 2010 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Hockings, Janes, Steer, Hookway, Hutchinson, Hill, Beamish and District Cllr Robert Steer

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

**Speakers:** Mr R Hoyland from TRESOC and Mr M Russell from Infinergy

**Members of the Public:** 14.

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited the two speakers to proceed. They had both come to explain the proposed wind farm, consisting of two turbines, at Luscombe Cross, above Harbertonford village. They also agreed to answer questions. Mr Hoyland started. He said he was from TRESOC (Totnes Renewable Energy Society), which had been formed in Totnes and was to be run by its members as a co-operative. Interested people should join before 12/12/10 and an AGM would follow. TRESOC had an agreement with Infinergy for their technical expertise and financial backup. Mr Russell then spoke. He itemised some of the more important details for the success of this project – wind strength at the site, access, noise/visual impact and environmental aspects. It is expected that if permission to go ahead is granted, it would be subject to strict conditions and take about two years to implement. There would be a series of local consultations and they have set up a Freefone service on 0800 8620309. Questions were asked on various points such as – latest designs allow a 25 year life for a turbine, each will generate 2.3 megawatts which is enough to power 2,500 homes, the turbines would not have mechanical gearing so will be considerably quieter than those installed in Cornwall. This part of the meeting ended at 8.05pm and most of the public and the speakers left.

The public section continued with Mr Padfield of Harbertonford announcing that on 10/11/10 a meeting would be held at Follaton House to consider the Local Development Framework and the proposal to build 60 new houses in Harbertonford. He said that the meeting would be open to the public.

The monthly Parish Council then started. The Chairman asked District Cllr Robert Steer to give his report. District Cllr Steer reiterated that there would be have to be deep cuts to services, with some shared with West Devon Council. He also referred the meeting on 10/11/10 which Mr Padfield had mentioned.

Residents at Tigley had been invited to a meeting by Mr Jones to explain his future plans travellers at his site. These include a rehabilitation centre for drug users.

Residents at Dundridge were still awaiting responses from SHDC.

Following a question by Cllr Hutchinson, District Cllr Steer confirmed that large rent increases were not on the cards.

**Police Report:** Via email, PC Gary Addelsee advised that there was 1 reported crime during October – driving or attempted driving with excess alcohol in body. This has been dealt with. There was also a letter from Inspector Andy Tomlinson stationed in Totnes, introducing himself as the new Inspector for the area. Amongst other things, he reminded the public to report anything suspicious and any traffic problems on the road. 08452 777444 is the number to use.

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

### **Matters Arising:**

- 1) Interactive signs on A381 in Harbertonford. A letter had been received from Mike Jones of DCC in reply to the Clerk's letter to Mr Halliday and County Cllr Black's site meeting with Mr Jones. He explained that the lights had been experimental in the first place and replaced when it was apparent that they did not perform. Two options are supported by Mr Jones – keep the signs lit at night or remove the signs altogether. After discussions, councillors felt they had been badly let down by DCC Highways. This letter was the first they had heard that the signs were “experimental”. They asked the Clerk to invite Mr Jones to a PC meeting.
- 2) Repairs to fence in Harberton Playing Field. Now completed. Thanks were extended to Cllrs Hockings and Hoddinott..
- 3) Harbertonford Playground. The application for the grant is progressing. Cllr Hutchinson reported that following the normal equipment inspection, some things had been deemed dangerous. SHDC has dismantled these items and this will cost £50.70. Cllr Knight proposed that, if necessary, a cheque could be signed between meetings when the invoice was received. Seconded by Cllr Steer. All in favour.
- 4) Harbertonford Allotment Society. Cllr Knight reported that there will be another meeting on 28/11/10 to discuss the agreements to be used.
- 5) Registration of the Ford Area in Harbertonford as a Village Green. This is now completed.
- 6) Wall in Harbertonford car park. SHDC has now erected barriers around the bottle bank making the car park safe for the public to use. Mrs Harvey has verbally agreed that the wall is her responsibility, but was uncertain about when she could get the repairs done. The Clerk will write to her for further details and also approach DAPC for guidance.
- 7) The Clerk met with Andrew Shilston on site regarding the trimming of two trees at the Ford Area in Harbertonford. It was agreed that he will approach SHDC for permission to carry out the work in the Conservation Area and then do so.
- 8) Pruning of tree in Harbertonford Playground. To be followed up.

### **Correspondence:**

- 1) Census Release for 2011. Jobs are still available in the South Hams. Interested parties can get further information at [www.censusjobs.co.uk](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk)
- 2) Temporary road closures 09/01/11 at 3 Bow Road and 17/01/11 at Old Road, Harbertonford.
- 3) Alternative Proposal to Incineration in Devon. Option 7 – further details available from Stephen Mosbacher. See [www.ecoivy.org](http://www.ecoivy.org)
- 4) Invoice from Viking Direct for office supplies - £54.62 including £8.13 VAT. To be paid. Proposed by Cllr Hutchinson, seconded by Cllr Beamish. All in favour.
- 5) HPFA A letter has been received from Jan Culf informing the PC that she and John will both be standing down for the HPFA committee on 23/11/10 after 20 years of service to the village. All councillors offered their thanks to both of them and especially to John for all the grass-cutting and maintenance of the playing field. Also, a cheque for £535.71 towards mower repairs. Cllr Hutchinson proposed that a cheque may be signed between meetings for the repairs. Seconded by Cllr Knight. All in favour.
- 6) DCC Minerals & Waste Planning. Leaflets distributed to councillors.
- 7) DCC Commons Act 2006 Section 75(2). The Ford Area at Harbertonford is now registered as a Village Green.
- 8) Mobile Library Services. New timetable has been received showing stops of 30 minutes at Bow Road and 1:45 at the Church in Harbertonford and 30 minutes at the bus stop in Harberton. These times to start in January 2011. Details available at <http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/cultureheritage/libraries/yourmobilelibrary/mobile-timetables.htm> and <http://www.devon.gov.uk/southhams-mobileguide.pdf>

- 9) DCC Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Service. Report available at [www.devon.gov.uk/gtls-report-final-2010.pdf](http://www.devon.gov.uk/gtls-report-final-2010.pdf)
- 10) Paul Carey – grounds maintenance. The Clerk will get another estimate for grass-cutting in 2011.
- 11) DCC. Flood Exercise. Devon, Cornwall & Isles of Scilly will be mounting an exercise on 07/03/11.
- 12) SHDC Village Housing Initiative. A new initiative has been announced. Information at [www.southhams.gov.uk/ksp\\_housing.htm](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/ksp_housing.htm)

**Other Items on the Table:**

The Playing Field; South Hams Society Bulletin; TOR Homes – Open Door; Walk & Talk to Jan 2011; Senior Council for Devon Newsletter.

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

- 1) Cllr Hill reported a granite bollard opposite the Post Office Store needed repositioning. Harbertonford councillors agreed to carry out the work.
- 2) Cllr Janes reported potholes still not repaired down Woodcourt Road, Harbertonford, close to the Village Hall entrance. Also, parking along Bow Road by the entrance to Peartree Orchard is making it difficult for residents to see oncoming traffic when exiting these properties.
- 3) Cllrs Knight & Hutchinson reported badly parked vehicles, especially in the evenings at the A381 junction by the Post Office Stores.

**Cheque signed:**

**No 502** - Viking Direct - £54.62

**D/D** – PlusNet - £9.99

The meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next will be held on Tuesday 14 December 2010 at 7.30pm at Harberton Parish Hall.