

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council
meeting held on Tuesday

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Steer, Hoddinott, Jeffrey, Hookway, Janes and County Cllr Geoff Date.

Apologies: Cllrs Hill, Johnson, Hockings, Williams and District Cllr Robert Steer.

Member of the Public: 2.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and invited the members of the public to speak. Both had just come to observe.

The Chairman then invited County Cllr Date to give his report. He said he had contacted Mr Halliday of DCC Highways regarding the flooding at Langridge Cross, who will be looking into the matter. DCC had recently appointed a new Financial Adviser to supervise the pension fund. One County Cllr had recently died, but would not be replaced as elections were due again in early 2009. There had been no report received from District Cllr Steer.

Police Report. Both PCs Hopper and Addelsee were patrolling the Totnes late night shopping event this evening. Incidents logged since the last meeting were 6 crimes, one detected. A male had been arrested recently in connection with the daytime spate of burglaries. We should all keep be vigilant, note any suspicious activities and report them to the Police.

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

Matters Arising.

1) Street lighting in Harberton - ongoing.
2) Repair of fence at lower entrance to playground in Harberton. Several Councillors had now inspected this site together with some of Harberton Parish Hall Committee members and it was generally agreed that

they could carry out the work required without too much expenditure. Cllr Hoddinott had already ascertained that the materials required would cost approx. £125.00. James Miller had also offered any technical assistance if required.

3) Community Planning- ongoing.

4) SHDC + DCC Local Govt. Review. The Clerk had today received yet another communication from SHDC informing us that the announcement of the recommendations had been postponed until 13/02/09.

5) SHDC Budget meeting 15/01/09. Cllr. Fearn and Mrs Crann will attend.

6) Freedom of Information Act. A new Model Publication Scheme is to start 01/01/09 when there will be one approved model scheme which should be adopted by all authorities. This scheme was outlined by the Chairman and will be adopted unanimously by all Councillors.

Planning: Parish Council recommendations:

Decisions between meetings -

23/2121/08/LB - Fletcherscombe, Diptford.

23/2122/08/F) Demolish & replace garage/shed. No objections.

23/2155/08/F - Threshers Barn, Eastleigh, Harberton. Removal & reinstatement of stone/masonry gable wall & ground floor contaminated subbase. No objections.

Majority decision.

Decisions at the meeting -

23/2190/08/F - The Shippen,

The Roundhouse, Newoak Barn, West Leigh, Harberton. Amendments to **23/177/00/F** and **23/1638/00/F**. Cllr Steer declared an interest and took no part in discussions or decision.

No objections proposed by Cllr Jeffrey, seconded by Cllr Hookway. 6 in favour and 1 abstention.

23/2247/08/F – 1 Riverside Mill Cottages, Harberton. Resubmission of **23/1066/08/F** extension to dwelling. No objections in principle, but too much glazing which is not appropriate for the area. Proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Knight. All in favour.

23/2250/08/LB) - Barn 55m S of Wysyes
23/2251/08/F) Englebourne, Harberton.
Conversion to ancillary accommodation.
No objections. Proposed by Cllr Knight,
seconded by Cllr Steer. All in favour.

For information.

23/1952/08/F – 1 Victoria Cottages,
Harberton. Amendments to **23/1449/08/F**.
Withdrawn.

23/1927/08/F - Smokey Cottage,
Harbertonford. Construction of 10 cats pens
etc. Withdrawn.

23/2024/08/LB - Fletcherscombe, Diptford.
Internal alterations. Withdrawn.

Correspondence:

1) SHDC Parish Remuneration Panel.

Details shown to the meeting.

2) D&C Police Authority Police Liaison
meeting held at Yealmpton 01/12/08.

3) GLEAM AGM 23/10/08 + Newsletter.

4) Rural Services Community. Details shown
to the meeting.

5) SHDC. S. Hams Business Forum. Details
shown to the meeting.

6) NALC- Salary Award for Clerks as from
01/04/08 shows an increase of £40.50 pa
making a total of £1713.50 pa. It was
proposed by Cllr Jeffreys, seconded by
Cllr Janes to adopt this increase from
01/04/08. The Clerk offered her thanks.

7) A letter received from the District Auditor
certified that our Annual Return for 2007/8
was now complete and notices will be posted
in both villages.

8) SHDC Register of Electors 2008 is now
complete and may be inspected at any of the
Parish Council meetings, but no photocopies
are permitted.

9) SHDC New Code of Conduct for members
and employees is being prepared.

10) Invoice received from James Miller for
grasscutting in Harbertonford 2008. 10 cuts
@ £43.00 ex VAT. As per estimate. Total to
pay £505.25 (VAT £75.25). Proposed by
Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Janes. All in
favour. Also Councillors considered an
estimate for grasscutting for 2009, being the
same as for 2008, plus clearance of silt, as
necessary, at the Ford in Harberton @

£155.00 ex VAT per clearance. This has
taken place twice a year for the past two
years. Proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by
Cllr Jeffreys to accept both estimated. All in
favour.

11) SHDC Parish Cluster Meeting to be held
20/01/09 at Follaton House 7.00pm.

Also on the table: DCC newsletter; SHDC
Executive Forward Plan; Voluntary Vine;
SHDC Magazine; Information re digital TV
switchover and DCC Magazine.

Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:

1) Cllr Hoddinott reported damage to the
parapet of the bridge over the stream in
Harberton.

2) Cllr Knight reported lack of salt in the bins
along Bow Road during the recent icy spell.
He also reported lack of salt in bins down Old
Road and Riverdale, Harbertonford.

Cheques signed:

No 442 - Mrs. D Crann - £459.24.

No 443 - J T Miller - £505.25

Direct Debit – PlusNet - £9.75

The meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next will
again be held at Harberton Parish Hall on
Tuesday 13 January 2009 at 7.30pm.