

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2012 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30.pm.

Present. Cllrs. Hockings, Hoddinott, Janes, Beamish, Clayton, Padfield, Hill, D.Cllr. R. Steer, C.Cllr. Black also Mr. Trott. Apologies. Cllrs. Williams, Broom Hookway & Camp.

Also present. P.C. Addelsee.

Public 3.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited the members of the public to speak.

Mrs. M. Harvey spoke first. She had come about the Harbertonford Parish Carpark. Mrs. Harvey had spoken with several residents of Harbertonford who had said they would rather have extra car parking than the alternative of the Bottle Bank. After discussion Mrs. Harvey offered to carry out a referendum in the village and report back at a later date. Mrs. Harvey then left the meeting.

Mr. Barry Goldsmith then spoke. He had come on behalf of the Harberton Cricket Club to request a grant towards a Scarifier for the cricket pitch. The old one was worn out and could not be repaired. 2 estimates had been provided together with a set of accounts. There was a full discussion and a decision would be taken later in the meeting. Mr. Goldsmith then left the meeting.

Next Mrs. Padfield spoke on behalf of the Harbertonford Allotment Society who wished to erect a secure shed for tools and equipment. The shed would cost £500-£600.-. A set of accounts were passed around for Councillors to inspect. Mrs. Padfield then left the meeting.

P.C. Addelsee then gave the Police Report.. This had been sent earlier by email. There had been 4 crimes in the Parish in December:- Damage to vehicle ; Common assault & battery; Possession of drug with intent to supply & theft in dwelling. P.C. Addelsee also reported there had been a spate of burglaries around the district and urged everyone to be extra vigilant. After further discussions he left the meeting.

C.Cllr. Black gave her report. Totnes on the Move had acquired some funding for the area. A381 road through Harbertonford (Totnes to Halwell) was one of the most dangerous locally with 3 fatalities recently, also 11 slight injuries. The Incinerator in Plymouth had been given planning permission.

D.Cllr. R. Steer then gave his report. He wished everyone a Happy New Year, also thanked C.Cllr. Black for providing the very effective Interactive Signs on A381 in Harbertonford . He also congratulated Cllr. Padfield on his presentation at the Cluster meeting. The Sherford development had yet to be passed by Plymouth City Council. SHDC were now busy deciding on their Budget for the coming year.

The Chairman then reported that following the advertising in the Parish for a Vacancy on the Parish Council Mr. R. Trott of Harberton had been the only applicant. The Clerk then read out his letter of application. Mr. Trott had been born at Leigh in Harberton and still lived there and was well known to many Councillors. He had also attended several Parish Council meetings recently. It was proposed by Cllr. Clayton, seconded by Cllr. Janes that he be co-opted for Harbertonford. All in favour. Mr. Trott then completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then considered and after one minor amendment + item No. 10 under Correspondence was revised they were signed by the Chairman as a true record. Revised minutes to be circulated to all Councillors.

Matters Arising.

1.Cllr. Clayton and Cllr. Hill reported there had been some slow progress with Devon Active Villages.

2. Travellers at Tigley Croft Appeal. – See Planning.

3. Collapsed Wall in Parish Council Carpark at Harbertonford. Mrs. Harvey has offered to carry out a referendum regarding the need for a replacement bottle bank.

4. Re 30mph Speed Limit to be extended to North Park Corner. The Clerk was awaiting a reply from DCC.

5. Snow wardens. Cllr. Hockings had now taken on the role and met with DCC organiser, but the salt had not yet been delivered to the Parish.

6. Statement of Community Involvement. This item had been redrafted in the December minutes as already reported . Proposed by Cllr. Beamish, seconded by Cllr. Clayton, All in favour. D.Cllr. Steer reminded everyone that the Localism Act was still in its early stages.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions at the meeting.

23/3123/11/F – Middle Luscombe, Harbertonford. Erection of timber frame carport with storage space. No objections in principle, but the Parish Council suggest a better position would be nearer the metalled road so as not to be so over powering. Proposed by Cllr. Padfield, seconded by Cllr. Clayton. 6 in favour 1 abstention.

23/3212/11/F – Land W of No.1, Victoria Cottages, Harberton. Renewal of 23/0153/09/F. Create pedestrian access from adopted highway to the plot of land adj. To No.1. Victoria Cottages. The Parish Council object as it was a dangerous access out on to a narrow road which is also a bus route. Proposed by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. Padfield. All in favour.

23/3243/11/F – Daisy Hills, Diptford. Resubmission of 23/2518/11/F for demolition of existing bungalow & garage and erection of replacement dwelling house. The Parish Council strongly object as too dominant. Setting the house 1m into the ground will still make a visual impact and will be out of keeping with the area. Proposed by Cllr. Padfield, seconded by Cllr. Beamish, All in favour..

23/0030/12/F – Luscombe Farm Harbertonford. Retrospective application for restoration of land to orchard with farm improvement works relating to slurry storage. The Parish Council have no objections. Proposed by Cllr. Hoddinott, seconded by Cllr. Padfield. 7 in favour 1 abstention.

Appeal /K1128/C/11/2166464 Against enforcement notice 9.11.11. Tigley Croft, Dartington. (field SX 7759602) (for information this was originally 14-23/1828/09/F) The Parish Council response as follows;-

Harberton Parish Council wish to fully support the enforcement action taken by South Hams District Council of 9.11.11. against Mr. M. Jones at Tigley Croft, Dartington, totnes, TE9 6DW. Proposed by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. Padfield, All in favour.

17-23/2753/11/F – Beenleigh Meadows Farm, Harberton. Retrospective application for addition & extension of agricultural buildings & improved farm access for vehicles. The Parish Council strongly object to this application. There is no visible sign of agricultural use whatsoever also no facilities for animal husbandry. The future report of the agricultural consultant will be taken into consideration. The Highway leading to this site is unsuitable for tourist activity. All in favour.

Correspondence.

1.Invoice received for 11th Repayment of Loan for Harberton Flood Scheme now due to SHDC. £328.35 to be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Hoddinott, Seconded Cllr. Janes. All in favour.

2. Precept Application for 2012/13 to be decided and returned by 16.1.12. to SHDC. There followed a discussion amongst Councillors. As the Precept had been kept at £7250.- pa. for the past two years it was felt an increase this year was needed as costs had risen and after further discussions it was Proposed by Cllr. Hoddinott, seconded by Cllr. Clayton an increase of 7% would be appropriate ie. £507.- making a total of £7757.- pa. All in favour. This coming year 2012/13 there would be Election Cost to pay in April - £753.94, Expenses for the cleaning of Playgrounds, possible grants for Harberton Cricket Club & HAS and Carpark expenses in Harbertonford.

2a, An application for a grant towards a Scarifier from Harberton Cricket Club by Mr. B. Goldsmith at the start of the meeting was then considered . Councillors had examined the clubs accounts and seen the estimates for the Scarifier. After the initial discussions with Mr. Goldsmith and noted during the meeting the fact that the club had a very healthy balance it was proposed by Cllr. Hoddinott, seconded by Cllr. Hill not to support their request. 7 in favour, 1 abstention.Cllr. Clayton declared an interest an took no part in discussions.

2b. Mrs. Padfield had applied for a grant for HAS at the start of the meeting & provided a set of accounts showing a credit balance of £57.59. The members were hoping to erect a secure shed for their tools & equipment. After some discussion it was agreed to give a grant as this Society was entirely made up of local residents who were working hard to make a success of the project. It was proposed by Cllr. Clayton, seconded by Cllr. Hill to support them.- 4 in favour 1 against, 2 abstentions. Both Cllr. Beamish & Cllr. Padfield declared an interest and took no part in discussions. Cllr. Hill proposed a grant of £100.-, seconded by Cllr. Trott, this was accepted. 2c.

Cleaning of Playgrounds. The Clerk will follow this up with SHDC.

3. Invoice from Greengrounds. Co. Received for £87.- being the final amount owing for the grasscutting at the Ford Area in Harbertonford. (Oct, Nov, Dec) To be paid Proposed by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. Janes, All in favour.

4 Letter received from DCC re proposed New Library in Totnes. After discussions it was agreed by several Councillors they would complete their own questionnaires.

5. DCC Temp. Road Closure. Old Road, Harbertonford 16.1.12.

6. Letter received from Mr. D. Ellison & Ms. A. Ibbotson was requesting allotments in Harberton. It was suggested they should find out how many other residents wanted an allotment and report back. Also the land agents Michelmores Hughes in Totnes might know of any suitable land available.

7. The Chairman reported on the Insurance position regarding the Snow Warden scheme. Following receipt of a newsletter from AVIVA. They confirm that voluntary Snow Wardens are covered for the clearance of footpaths by the Parish Council Policy. The chairman had taken on the task of organising the Snow Wardens. There had been three volunteers in Harberton and two in Harbertonford. There was still a delay with the delivery of the salt to the Parish.

8. Email received re a meeting at Follaton House 19.1.12. at 10.00.am. regarding the Olympic Torch Relay.

9 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons on 4.6.12. Further details can be found on www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk

Other items on the table.

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DALC Newsletter

Voluntary Vine

Neighbourhood Planning for Devon Communities.

Matters at the Discretion of the chairman.

1. Cllr. Janes reported that the notice board opposite the Post Office needed repairing. The Clerk will follow this up.

Cheques signed.

No. 540	SHDC	£328.36
No. 541	E. Carson (Greengrounds.co)	£ 87.-
No. 542	Harbertonford Allotment Society	£100.-
D/d	Plusnet	£ 9.99

The meeting closed at 11.00.pm. The next meeting will be held in Harbertonford Primary School on Tuesday 14th February 2012 7.30.pm.