

## **Minutes of Harberton Parish Council**

meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2009 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Fearn, Knight, ISteer, Jeffreys, Beamish, Hookway, Williams, Hoddinott & Hill.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Janes, Johnson, Hockings, District Cllr Robert Steer & County Cllr Geoff Date.

**Also Present:** Police Sgt Sally Craxford & PC Gary Addelsee.

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited the members of the Police to speak. PC Addelsee introduced himself as our new Local Beat Manager. Several local items concerning the Parish were then discussed by Councillors, who also mentioned some of the past problems at Harbertonford Primary School with vandalism, together with parking problems in Old Road, Harbertonford. Following this Sgt Craxford spoke about the new Community Policing Policy in the area of Totnes West, which also includes Dartmouth and South Brent. There had been no reported crimes in the Parish during February. The Police then left and the meeting continued.

County Cllr Date's report was the read out by the Chairman. 3 items included news of a 2.89% increase in Council Tax and apologies for his absence.

District Cllr Steer's report included the proposed new mast on the railway line at Tigley which is to be some distance from the existing mast and therefore could not be combined. A meeting at Follatton House on 11 March re Public Space Strategy. SHDC would have £6,000.- to distribute in this area. The Sustainable Community meeting at Ivybridge recently called for proposals from the public.

The minutes of the last meeting were then considered and after two amendments were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **Matters Arising:**

**1)** Street lighting in Harberton. After a recent

email from Mr. Halliday of DCC, we still await a reply following a report to be carried out by DCC.

**2)** Repair of fence at lower entrance to playground in Harberton. Councillors agreed the wood should be ordered. Ken Cannon had kindly agreed to undertake this and members of the Harberton Parish Hall Cttee. had also offered to assist with the work.

**3)** Community Planning. The Chairman will collate various emails received and the matter will be further discussed at the May meeting.

**4)** Re proposed pruning of the flowering cherry tree at the Ford area in Harbertonford. Following an email now received from John Culf (Tree Warden) and further discussion by Councillors, it was agreed to reassess the matter after the flowering in late summer.

**5)** Re NALC Legal Briefing 'To Promote the Power of Wellbeing'. The Clerk had spoken with DAPC and received advice as follows - There is no obligation to use this. The Parish Council is at liberty to continue as at present. The main point would be if the Parish Council was intending to spend a substantial amount of money (eg more than £5.00 per elector) on a project in the Parish, such as a village shop or Post Office. As long as Councillors are comfortable with present arrangements no need to change.

**6)** Re Bus Times to & from Kingsbridge to accommodate school hours – ongoing.

### **Planning. Parish Council recommendations -**

#### **Decisions between meetings:**

**23/0153/09/F** Land SW of 1 Victoria Cottages, Harberton. Creation of pedestrian access from adopted highway to plot of land for garden. Following site meeting the Parish Council object on grounds of safety. The road is far too narrow.

**23/0263/09/LB )** Woodcourt Farm Cottage,  
**23/0265/09/F )** Woodcourt Road, Harbertonford. Following site meeting.

No objections.

#### **Decisions at meeting:**

**23/0074/09/CL** Daisyhills, Diptford. Removal of agricultural occupancy. The Parish Council has no knowledge if a significant source of income comes from agriculture. Proposed by

Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Hill. All in favour.  
**23/0344/09/F** 5 Old Hazard Cottages, Harberton. Installation of 2 roof lights. No objections. Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Beamish. All in favour.

### **Correspondence.**

**1)** A letter from DCC re P3 projects received. DCC proposes work on two footpaths – No 16 close to Dundridge and No 13 from Langridge Cross behind the pumping station. Following discussions it was agreed that an estimate of work to be carried out should be sought from James Miller and Greengardens Co (S Brent). The costs will be met out of the P3 funds already held by the Parish Council. Cllr. Williams queried why Footpath No 6 near Langford Farm was still closed. The Clerk will enquire.

**2)** SHDC Public Space Strategy meeting on 11 March at 5.30pm at Follaton House. This will be attended by Cllr Jeffreys. There is £6,000.00 available in grants for playgrounds in this area.

**3)** Sustainable South Brent's Wind Turbine Feasibility Study & Consultation. A letter has been received giving some details of the proposed site at Marley Thatch Farm, South Brent off Webland Lane. This matter was discussed, but exact details of the capacity is not yet certain – 50kw to 250kw. The Clerk will write back requesting further details when available.

**4)** Email received from SHDC re change of date for the Boundary Commission's draft proposals now to be 19 March and to receive representations until 14 May.

**5)** Letter received from Greengardens Co of South Brent wishing to quote for any landscaping or gardening contracts was shown to the meeting. Councillors suggested we contact them for a quote for the P3 footpath work already mentioned in Item 1 of Correspondence.

**6)** SHDC Development Control Survey March 2009 received. The Clerk will complete & return to SHDC.

**7)** DAPC. Various items received, including Village Green Magazine, Calor Village of the Year Comp. Also Norwich Union & AON Insurance Policy, details which the clerk will

follow up for quotes.

**8)** Room hire invoices for 2008/9 now due for payment as follows: Harberton Parish Hall 6 meetings @ £5.00 each - £30.00 and Harbertonford Primary School 5 meetings @ £5.00 each - £25.00. Both to be paid.

Proposed by Cllr Beamish, seconded by Cllr Steer. All in favour.

**9)** DCC Highways email from Mr. Halliday saying he hoped to install the new interactive road signs during the last week of March/first week of April.

### **Other items on the table:**

DAPC Newsletter; Standards Board Newsletter; DCC Newsletter; South Devon Carers Consortium News; DPFA Newsletter; Voluntary Vine; SHDC Executive Forward Plan; RD & E Newsletter; SHDC Newsletter; South Hams Society Bulletin.

### **Annual Grants:**

South Hams CAB - £50.00 Proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Hill. All in favour.

### **Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:**

**1)** Cllr Beamish reported the Youldens Close road sign in Harbertonford had graffiti on it. He also announced that with regret he wished to resign from the Parish Council due to pressures of work and family life, this to take place after the April meeting.

**2)** Cllr Hoddinott reported more potholes along the road down past Dundridge entrance in Harberton. Also, along the road from Avonwick to Totnes close to the Hazard turning there are dangerously low drain covers.

**3)** Cllr Jeffreys reported experiencing two near misses at the pedestrian crossing in Harbertonford when she was waiting to cross recently in the early mornings around 8.00am.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next will be the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14 March 2009, when the speaker will be a local magistrate Mr J Beer JP. All are welcome as usual. This meeting will be followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting.