

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.

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

Public 2.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited the public to speak. Mrs. Inder who lives in Mill Meadow, Harbertonford spoke first. The subject was the planning application 23/0563/12/F 1, Mill Meadow, Harbertonford which was on the agenda. She pointed out that the plans put forward were for a 3 storey dwelling which would be overpowering on the site next to adjoining single storey dwellings down Mill meadow. It would also encroach on the building line and set a precedent for any planned development in the area. Other matters were also mentioned by Mr. Spencer who spoke next. He also lived at Mill Meadow and raised the subjects of extra traffic and street parking in Mill Meadow, which would lead to an increase in traffic on A381. Following further discussions they both left the meeting.

D.Cllr. Steer then gave his report. There had been a meeting at Follaton on 27<sup>th</sup> March regarding the proposed Follaton Oak development which had been very fruitful. Coming to terms with the Localism Act was still occupying everyone.

Police Report by email. – There had been 3 thefts from vehicles and one from dwelling in the Parish in March.

#### Matters Arising.

1.Devon Active Villages. Cllr.Clayton had nothing new to report.

2. Bottle bank in Harbertonford Carpark was now back in place.

3. The Environment Agency had now replied to the Clerk regarding the notice board opposite Harbertonford Post Office. They were not in a position to accept responsibility for the notice board any more.

4.Following the search for a Tree Warden in Harbertonford, Cllr. David Hill had volunteered to take on the task, for which many thanks.

5.Grasscutting at Harbertonford Green. The Clerk had spoken with John Horswell to confirm that he will cut the grass approx. 9 times (or when necessary) this season @ £26.- per cut. It had also come to light that it had been cut just before Easter by Greengardens Co. who had the contract last season. This had been carried out without confirmation from the Clerk who had since spoken with them terminating the contract. It had come to light that the letter to Greengardens + the cheque No.541 value £87.- settling last year's account to Greengardens had been lost in the post thus accounting for the confusion. The Clerk will stop this cheque and reissue another one. All in favour.

6. Ref. Proposed extension of speed limit of 30mph. to North Park Corner, Harbertonford, Cllr. Beamish asked whether as this was not available there could be double white lines on A381 up the hill approaching the Hernaford Farm junction to North Park Corner.

#### Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions between meeting.

23/0522/12/F – Daynes Barn, Harberton. Resubmission of 23/0189/12/F. The Parish Council support this application. Referring to the enlarged entrance, this follows Parish Council recommendations offered for the original plan.

Cllr. Camp declared an interest and has taken no part in any decisions for these plans.

Decisions at meeting.

23/0563/12/F – 1, Mill Meadow, Harbertonford. New dwelling. It was proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr.

Padfield to object to this application as overdevelopment of the site, with issues regarding reflective road noise and pedestrian safety on a narrow footpath. All in favour.

39/45//0706/12/F – Marley Thatch Farm, South Brent. Permission for Solar Farm. – 1406 tables consisting of 36,556 solar panels etc. It was proposed by Cllr.Padfield, seconded by Cllr. Broom to respond. No Comment. All in favour.

23/3243/11/F – Daisy Hills, Diptford. Notice received of Appeal 27.3.12. No APP/K11128/A 12/2172777.

Representations by 8.5.12.

23/0474/12/CLE – Bridge Farm, Harberton. All Cllrs had received emails or communication from Rick Crombie-Enforcement Officer of SHDC requesting answers to various questions regarding this application which Cllrs. deemed to be unnecessary following the Clerk's two responses to this application. Cllr. Hoddinott had also produced two letters of proof from SHDC confirming that his tenants had paid all council Tax and had been on the Electoral Roll since 2004. Cllr. Hoddinott left the room during discussions..

For Information. 17/23/2753/11/F – Beenleigh Meadows, Harberton. The Clerk had contacted Dean Kinsella, SHDC Planning Officer, again who confirmed that they had given the owners until 11.4.12. to reapply for further planning for this site.

#### Correspondence.

1,Invoices received from SHDC for May 2011 election costs – for Harbertonford - £641.81 and for Harberton - £112.13 to be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Janes, All in favour.

Also from SHDC towards work in Harbertonford Carpark - £120.- (VAT £20.- ) And repairs to Harbertonford Playground - £60.84 (VAT £10.14) to be paid proposed by Cllr.Padfield, seconded by Cllr. Clayton, All in favour. A cheque for £50.70 as donation from Harbertonford Playground Cttee received and paid in,

2. DALC Annual Subscription now due. £269.56. (VAT £34.56)

Also DPFA Annual Sub. Now due £36.50 Both to be paid, proposed by Cllr. Camp, seconded by Cllr. Beamish, All in favour.

3.Best Kept Village competition. Shown to the meeting to be passed on to Cllr. Janes.

4 Email from Mrs. Padfield received, ref. Proposed alteration to item 12 in their Tenancy Agreement. This alteration proposed that "Tenants may have one bonfire a year on a single date named by the HAS committee" Also "tenants may have an occasional barbecue on their plot if they use natural unprocessed wood as the fuel". After discussions it was also suggested by Councillors that these fires should take place when the wind was blowing away from the village houses. Both Cllrs. Padfield and Beamish declared an interest and took no part in discussions. This was proposed by Cllr. Clayton, seconded by Cllr. Janes. 8 in favour..

5.Ref. Harbertonford Playground. Sketches for the proposed Willow Tunnels were passed around the meeting and while generally supported there was concern as to the ease with which one would be able to mow/trim inside the tunnels at the base of the willow. It was felt they could be removed if necessary. Proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Camp. 8 in favour, 1 abstention, 1 objection.

6.Email from Tony Hillier from Shuttle Committee. This expressed thanks for the Parish Council grant of £400.- towards current repairs for the Shuttle.

7. Cllr. Padfield and Cllr. Broom then spoke about their Neighbourhood Plan proposals. They would be leafleting every house in the parish to gauge everyone's reactions and recruiting volunteers for their committee. Cllr. Padfield also sought permission to pay for access to maps on the internet to which Councillors agreed. Proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings. All in favour.

8.Email received from Diana Lewis of Harberton regarding broken paving stones in the lawn of the garden at the entrance to Harberton village by the stream. After some discussion the chairman agreed to meet with Diana Lewis.

9.Email received from Cllr. Clayton regarding a possible Toddler Group in Harbertonford Village Hall. Cllr. Clayton read out a letter sent in to her requesting possible funding towards this group. Funding from the Daisy Preschool group in Totnes had been withdrawn. After some discussion it was soon clear the Parish Council would not be in a position to support this group long-term without precepting for it as it could cost upwards of £700.-pa. Cllr. Janes suggested that Cllr. Clayton get in touch with Mrs. W. Mason of Harbertonford who already ran a preschool group at the school.

10,One email and a letter had been received against the proposed Wind Turbines. These were passed around the meeting. Also a notice of the Development Forum to be held at Follaton on 18.4.12. at 10.00.am. was mentioned when members of the public could attend

11. CCD. Devon Oil Collective launch. Details available from the Clerk.

12.Follaton Oak meeting had been held at Follaton House, 27.3.12. Cllr. Broom had attended and reported a successful meeting. It is hoped the plans for this development will come forward soon.

13. The question about the notice board in Harbertonford had been dealt with under Matters Arising No. 3.
14. The Clerk reported she had been sent the papers for the Annual Audit for 2011/12 to take place on 11.6.12.

Other items on the table.

S. Hams Society bulletin.

Open Door – TOR Homes

St. Johns Ambulance

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

- 1.Cllr. Clayton reported a upvc window in No 3. St. Clements Terrace, Harberton.
- 2.There was flooding in the road from a blocked drain opposite Prowses at Luscombe, Harbertonford (Cllr Broom)
3. There was a request for the status of the telephone box in Harbertonford .It is still owned by BT.. Also when were the street lights to be turned off at nights.(Cllr. Padfield)

Cheques signed.

No 550	DPFA	£36..50
No 551	DALC	269..56
No 552	SHDC	120.-
No 553	SHDC	60.84
No 554	SHDC	112.13
No 555	SHDC	641.81
d/d	Plusnet	9.99
Paid into bank Harbertonford Playground Cttee		£50.70

The meeting closed at 10.40.pm.. The next meeting will be the Annual meeting, to be followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting to be held at Harberton Parish Hall, 8.5.12. at 7.30.pm.