

The Minutes of Harberton Parish council meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2011 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30.pm.

Present. Cllrs. Hockings, Hoddinott, Hookway, Williams, Janes, Broom, Padfield, Camp, Clayton, D. Cllr. R. Steer & C. Cllr. P. Black.

Apologies. Cllr. Hutchinson.

Public 6.

Clerk. Mrs. D. Crann.

The clerk opened the meeting and commenced by asking all Councillors present to complete the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and also distributed the 'Register of Parish Council Members Interests' to be completed and returned by the next meeting. She then called for nominations for Chairman. Cllr. Hockings was proposed by Cllr. Janes, seconded by Cllr. Hookway. He agreed to stand as Chairman. There being no other nominations, voting was All in favour. Cllr. Hockings then took the Chair and asked all Councillors to introduce themselves which they did. The Chairman then proceeded with the meeting. He asked the public if they wished to speak.

Mr. D. Hill of Harbertonford (former Councillor) spoke. He said he had enjoyed his time as a Councillor and detailed many of the events he had attended while on the Council :- Meeting for A381 Interactive Crossing lights, Allotments, LDF, Cluster meetings at Follaton and many others and he wished the Parish Council well.

Mr. Connabeer from Tigley then spoke. He referred to a planning application (23/0896/11/F – land adj. To lower Grove Farm, Tigley) which had been considered at Harberton Parish Council meeting 12.3.11. with no objections. His concern was that the proposed wooden building – a tractor shed – was far too big for the site proposed and was too close to the gas pipe line. Also the fact that the small paddock was not big enough for the proposed market garden. The approach was across hard tracks which had just been laid and he thought had no permission. Mr Connabeer was joined in the discussion by several other residents of the Tigley area. D. Cllr. R. Steer said he would look into the matter. There had also been several letters received by the Clerk on this subject :- from the Clerk of Dartington Parish Council, Mr. & Mrs. Wensley & email from Mr. & Mrs. J. Roberts.

The public then left and the meeting proceeded.

C.Cllr. Black then gave her report. There had been fewer meetings last month. The Procedures Cttee had met, divided into People (health & education), Places & Policy (finance). She had also agreed to fund new Interactive Lights on A381 the Pedestrian Crossing in Harbertonford. These should be in place soon.

The Chairman offered congratulations on his re-election to D. Cllr. R. Steer, who then gave his report. Cllr. John Tucker was continuing as SHDC Chairman with Cllr. M. Hicks as Vice Chairman. The Leader was now Cllr. Gilbert. Head of Planning would now be Marion Pale (from W. Devon Council) there having been a number of changes made. Police report received by email 1.5.11. 3 reported crimes in the Parish in April – 1 assault, ABH offender arrested. Theft from motor vehicle. Offence under Communications Act 2003.

Also following an accident at the Pedestrian Crossing in Harbertonford on 14.4.11. A letter from Insp Tomlinson reported the BMW car damaged had sent out a signal, but when response was made there was no reply from the car so the Police did not respond until called again some 45 mins. Later.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then considered and after 2 amendments were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The Clerk wished to confirm the new arrangements for the publication of the minutes following the elections. Cllr. Padfield will publish the minutes on the Harbertonford website and the Clerk will send the minutes to John Culf of Harberton for the Harberton website and also to Mrs. A. Gates for the Parish Magazine, also including the display of the minutes on the notice boards in both villages.

Matters Arising.

1. Travellers Site at Tigley. – on going.
2. Interactive Lights on A381 in Harbertonford – See report from C. Cllr. Black.
3. Re collapsed wall in Carpark at Harbertonford. The Clerk will write to Mrs. Harvey again.

4. Potholes in Harberton very bad again.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions between meetings.

23/1030/11/F – Ashridge Farm, Tigley, Harberton. Conversion of workshop/store to single holiday unit. No objections.

Email from SHDC Tree Officer received. – Reminding the Parish Council that consent for tree works does NOT include replanting after removal of trees.

Copy of a letter re 23/1723/10/CLE for Dundry Yard received from SHDC for information was passed around the meeting.

Following last month at SX 753577 the Yurt Camping site at Beenleigh, Harberton will receive an enforcement notice.

The Chairman then spoke about the plans which were considered between meetings. After discussions it was agreed that in future any plans between meetings would have to be considered at an extra meeting if SHDC could not extend the period until the following meeting not excluding either village. Proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. James, all in favour.

Correspondence.

1. A letter from Peter Beamish was read out, wishing to be co-opted to fill one of the vacancies in Harberton. A former Councillor and the only one with a child at Harbertonford Primary School was felt to be important. He had also contributed a great deal with the setting up of the Harbertonford Allotment Society. It was proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Hoddinott to co-opt him to Harberton Ward. All in favour.

2. Notice of the Annual Audit had now been received. The date had been changed by the Clerk due to holidays. The new date is 1.7.11.

3. DALC. Election of County Council Ctee 2011/15. There were no nominations.

4. HPFA. Application received for a grant towards grasscutting together with a copy of their accounts. After discussions it was proposed by Cllr. Hoddinott, seconded by Cllr. Hookway to give £425.- voting 6 in favour 2 abstentions.

Their other request for a grant towards a container to house the mower was considered and Councillors felt they needed more details of the size and siting.

5. Notification of Non Election in Harberton received from SHDC.

6. Western Power Distribution – Invitation received for Stakeholder Workshop on future plans received & shown to the meeting 17.5.11. at Sandy Park, Exeter.

7. Came & Co. Invoice received for renewal of Annual Insurance Premium 1.6.11. £265.- to be paid Proposed by Cllr. Clayton, seconded by Cllr. Camp. All in favour.

Other items on the table.

The Playing Field.

Voluntary Vine

Walk & Talk.

Junk Mail issue 6

Senior Council for Devon.

TOR Homes Open Door.

Do you love your community.

DALC Newsletter

GLEAM Newsletter

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1. Email from Cllr Hutchinson reported garden debris being thrown in the river down Bow Road, Harbertonford. This is having to be cleared from the river by residents and has been continuing for some years. It is hoped those people doing this will stop & dispose of it through rubbish collections.

Cllr. Hutchinson also wished to remind everyone that the new playground will be opened 24.5.11. by the mayor of Totnes. All are Welcome.

Cheques signed. No. 517 HPFA £425.- No. 518 Broker Network Ltd. £265.- d/ d Plusnet £9.99

The meeting closed at 10.00.pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June 2011 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.