

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

Present. Cllrs. J. Hockings, Broom, Hoddinott, Janes, Williams, Camp, Trott, Clayton, S. Hockings, Beamish, Hill, D. Cllr. Steer & C. Cllr. Black.

Apologies. Cllr. Padfield who was attending the Cluster meeting.

Speaker Ms. K. Sykes.

Public 13.

Clerk. Mrs. D. Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and invited the members of the public to speak. Mr. Phillips of Harbertonford spoke first. He handed all Councillors a copy of 'Stop the Turbines at Luscombe Cross'. His questions were how many more turbines would there be + solar farms in this area and the Parish Council & SHDC should have a proper policy regarding where they should be sited. Cllr. Steer intervened saying that each plan was judged on its merit.

Mr. Tickner of Monkey Oak then spoke. He had lived in the Parish for some 12 Years and was worried about the noise from the proposed turbine at Foales Leigh Farm and how it would affect ones hearing. Many others joined in the debate and hoped the turbine could be resited to the other side of the hill thus reducing the effect from the Rolster Bridge houses and those below the hill at Riverside Cottages (formerly the Old Mill Hotel). The clerk had already received several emails of objection from the residents of the Riverside Cottages. The main concern from these residents seemed to be visual impact, noise nuisance and the spoiling of the quiet Devon countryside. The chairman assured all present that these considerations would be taken into account when councillors make their decision. This would be after a site meeting yet to be arranged by SHDC which would be on the same day as a balloon would be flown.

Most of the public than left the meeting.

Ms. Kelly Sykes from Steadfast Solar then spoke. She had been invited to speak on behalf of Steadfast Solar about the proposed Soler Farm at Hatchlands Farm, Harberton, near Bluepost on the western edge of the Parish near Shorter Cross.. Some 14hectares of land will be used for 25years to produce 5mgw of electricity. It is intended to grow the hedges around the fields bordering the road, keeping visual impact to minimum. There will also be some Community benefits to local residents in line with government policy. After some further discussion Ms. Sykes then left the meeting.

C.Cllr. Black then gave her report. She had been involved at KEVIC School in Totnes with mediation between parents and the school regarding the proposal for the school to have a new uniform in the autumn. As it was a Trust School DCC had no jurisdiction over the running of the school and feelings were running high with some parents and pupils. Emergency plans were soon put into place by DCC because of local floods at the weekend and thanks were due to all who helped out. The Clerk reported to C. Cllr. Black on the email just received from DCC Highways re the request for double white lines on A381 from Harbertonford towards Kingsbridge, past the Hernaford turning which they had refused because there had only been 2 recorded accidents along that stretch of road in the past 3 years. Cllr. Black said she would look into the matter.

D.Cllr. Steer then gave his report. The Standards Committee was now under review and a new Code of conduct was being discussed.Re: Beenleigh Meadows. The enforcement officer had now taken over. Contentious plans were coming to the Parish – Hatchlands Farm and Hazard Farm in Harberton for Solar panels and Foales Leigh Farm, and Lucombe Cross re wind turbines.

No Police report received.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then considered and with the Clerk's agreement the paragraph containing Councillor's opinions on Foales Leigh turbine were deleted together with one other amendment then were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising.

1. It had been noted by Councillors that Gerry Mulrine, the Post Master had very kindly had the Telephone Box outside the Post Office in Harbertonford repainted and the seats on the Green repaired. Many thanks were due to him from everyone.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions between meetings.

23/1349/12/LB) – Dorsley Barton Farm, Harberton. Alterations & extensions. No objections.

23/1350/12/F)

Decision at meeting.

56/1355/12/RM – Land adj to Follaton House, Totnes. Application pursuant to 56/2346/10/O – 60 dwellings with associated landscaping and community space. No Comment.

23/1499/12/O – Daynes Farm, Harberton. New farm house dwelling. Cllr. Camp left the room during these discussions. Proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Beamish to approve this, subject to agricultural need. All in favour.

Other items for information only. 17/1309/12/F – Wagland Farm, Diptford. 18m Turbine ref. 17/2996/11/F. Also 39/1331/12/F – Brownston Farm, Rattery, 25m Turbine.

Correspondence.

1. Cllr. Broom reported on the results from the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. From some 800 homes there had been 24 responses. There had been no questions raised re Turbines of Solar Farms. There appeared to be a need for 2 separate Neighbourhood Plans, one for each village. It was proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Hill to discuss this matter further at the next meeting. All in favour.

2. CLT (Community Land Trust). Mr. Hodgkiss was then invited to give his report by the Chairman. He reported that there were 10 households interested and they were looking for two sites for 5/6 units each, also land for allotments, an orchard and a play park. There was a possible site above Pendarves in Harberton. There followed a discussion as to a need for a Parish Council representative on their committee but the general opinion was that this was not necessary at present. Mr. Hodgkiss then left and the meeting continued.

3. TAP Fund. The Harbourne Shuttle wished to apply for £4,000.- from this fund towards a new Shuttle and was seeking the support of Harberton Parish Council in conjunction with Ashprington Parish Council. At the Parish Cluster meeting being held in Totnes this evening which was being attended by Cllr. Padfield this application was under consideration. Councillors gave this matter due consideration and it was agreed to support this application for £4,000.- proposed by Cllr. Camp, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings. All in favour. There was also to be an application for £1,000.- towards a new Shuttle from Cornworthy Parish Council, making a total of £5,000.- from the three parishes. Councillors would also give due consideration to any further applications for grants from this fund.

4. New Code of Conduct. This had recently been received by the clerk and passed on to all Councillors for further discussion at the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Broom, All in favour.

5. Invoice received from SHDC for 10th repayment of Harberton Flood Loan, £328.35 to be paid, proposed by Cllr. Beamish, seconded by Cllr. Janes, All in favour.

6. HPFA. Annual Report 2011-12 received and passed around the meeting. Also there was a request for a grant towards the grasscutting expenses together with a copy of their accounts.. It was proposed by Cllr. Broom, seconded by Cllr. Hill to grant £425.- the same as last year. All in favour.

7. DCC Winter Service Review 2012, received from DCC to be completed by the Clerk and returned.

8. Draft Planning Document had been received from SHDC and was passed around the meeting.

9. DCC Temp. Road closure. Tristford Road, Harberton. 25.6.12.

10. SHDC Reports on Harberton & Harbertonford Playgrounds by Zurich Ins. Were shown to the meeting and will be passed on to Ben Nute and Jane Hutchinson for their information.

11. A letter had been received from Mr. Fairweather of Harbertonford regarding the transportation of the heavy equipment required for the Foales Leigh Farm turbine and the access in the country lanes. Both Cllrs. Trott and S. Hockings pointed out that this equipment would be transported on HGV's no larger than those which already visited the local farms at present and would arrive in containers and be bolted together on site.

Other items on the table.

Village Green magazine.

Faster Broadband.

TOR Homes Open Door

SHDC Connect.

Voluntary Vine.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1. Cllr. Clayton proposed that this Parish Council write to SHDC Planning with a request that we urgently be advised of their co-ordinated planning policy on the proliferation of both wind turbines and solar farms in this district. Also with advice as to the recommended distance from the nearest dwelling. All in favour,

2. Cllr. Clayton also asked why the Harbertonford Flood Scheme had not worked on behalf of a parishoner..

3. Cllr. Broom reported flooding on the road at Luscombe near to Prowses. Also that SHDC be thanked for the prompt supply of sand bags this was repeated by many Councillors.

4. Cllr Trott reported damage to Leigh Bridge, Harberton.

5. Cllr. Camp reported potholes at Screws Lane, Harberton.

6. Cllr. Beamish reported that the banks had not been cut/strimmed in Harbertonford Playground.

7. Cllr. Janes reported that the weed in the leat outside Pound Court, Harbertonford had not been cleared. This was not within the jurisdiction of the Parish council. Also the trees along the river bank were very overgrown.

Cheques signed.

No 562.	SHDC	£328.35
No 567	HPFA	£425.-
d/d	Plusnet	£ 9.99.

The meeting closed at 10.55.pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th August 2012 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.