

## **Minutes of Harberton Parish Council**

meeting held on Tuesday 10 November 2009 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Knight, Hill, Hockings, Janes, Hookway, Johnson, Jeffreys, Williams, District Cllr Robert Steer & County Cllr Paula Black.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Fearn, Steer, Hoddinott & Beamish.

**Members of the Public:** 3.

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann.

Owing to the absence of the Chairman through illness, Cllr Knight took the Chair. He opened the meeting and invited the members of the public to speak. Mr G Broom of Harbertonford spoke first. As Chairman of Harbertonford Sports & Social Interest Group who was attending by open invitation to pass on to the Parish Council anything the Group thought of importance to the Parish Council. He said they were disappointed that no Parish Councillors was available to sit on their committee. As it was now 10 years since the Parish Appraisal, they would be conducting another one before Christmas.

Mrs Padfield of Harbertonford then spoke. She had been collecting signed statements from residents in Harbertonford confirming that the Ford Area in Harbertonford had been a public amenity for over 20 years. The information will enable the Clerk to proceed with the registration at DCC of this area under the Commons Act 2006 Sect 15 as a village green. Mrs Padfield also reported that several residents were unhappy that the riverbank area next to Pound Court had been appropriated by previous owners as their property. The Clerk will follow up with the registration of the 'village green' area and contact SHDC Planners regarding the river bank area.

The Clerk then spoke as she had visited Cllr Fearn the previous day and reported that he was recovering well from his major operation. Councillors all wished him a speedy recovery and the Clerk will send him a

'Get well soon' card from everyone. The members of the public then left. County Cllr Black then gave her report. During September she had attended various meetings – at Dartington in connection with their new Retirement Village & affordable housing; with DCC Highways, specifically re street lighting in Harberton will be included in the second phase (within 2 years) and Harbertonford in the third phase. Lighting will be turned off from 12.00 midnight to 5.00am; flooding survey to be revisited; sale of certain DCC property; reviewing care for 'Children in Care' after they leave school. For October she met - with Mr Halliday re the interactive road signs in Harbertonford; with Cluster Manager for Social & Home Care; review of carbon footprint of schools - this to be reduced by 50% and at the Pulse Centre in Totnes about complaints of noise by residents who had now been satisfied.

District Cllr Steer then gave his report covering - SHDC writing to the Government re the increase in Business Rates; certain improvements to be carried out on the beaches to encourage tourism. There are no developments to report on planning matters in the Parish. Cllr Steer wished to make a comment on how well he thought the Chairman, Cllr Fearn, handled the last month's meeting. This comment was echoed by all Councillors.

Police Report: No reported crimes of note during October.

### **Matters Arising:**

- 1)** Street Lighting. Refer to County Cllr Black's report at start of the meeting.
- 2)** Repair of fence to playground in Harberton. The work had now been started and soon to be finished. Thanks to Cllrs Hoddinott, Hockings & Hill. Invoice for wood from Southern Timber to be paid £126.80 (inc £16.54 VAT). Proposed by Cllr Jeffreys, seconded by Cllr Williams. All in favour.
- 3)** Community planning – ongoing.
- 4)** P3 Footpath Scheme. There was to be a meeting at Harbertonford Football Club on Tuesday 17/11/09 at 11.00am with DCC Public Rights of Way Wardens to sort out the

dispute regarding work carried out on Footpath 13.

**5)** Interactive road signs in Harbertonford on A381 - ongoing.

**6)** Boundary Marker Stone at Peak Cross – ongoing.

**7)** Re Buses from Kingsbridge School – ongoing.

**8)** South Hams Standards Committee. The Clerk will continue to try get Delyth Jenkins Evans to attend the December meeting.

**9)** Re gateways on to Harberton Playing Field from rear of houses in Harberton.

Having followed this up, the Clerk reported that the boundary fences of the three properties (formerly the Constitutional Club) belonged to these houses and the Parish Council would not in any way be responsible for anyone who entered via this route on to the Harberton Playing Field.

**10)** It has been established that the damaged gas marker along Bow Road belongs to South West Water.

### **Planning: Parish Council recommendations -**

#### **Decisions between meetings.**

**23/1726/09/F** The Old Orchard, Harberton. Demolition of garage & erection of dwelling & garage. Also a replacement garage. Following site meeting, Councillors strongly oppose this application because the house is overdevelopment of the orchard in a conservation area & is too dominant ie: height. Access is dangerous over village amenity land where children play and there is no visibility turning out towards Totnes.

**23/1828/09/F** SX759602, Tigley Croft, Dartington. Resubmission of **23/1402/09/F** - Retention of stable, potting shed & construction of new post & rail fence. Objection – same as for previous plan.

**23/1886/09/F** Dundridge Gardens, Harberton. Conversion of barn to dwelling. No objections.

#### **Correspondence:**

**1)** SHDC. Parish Remuneration Fund – shown to the meeting.

**2)** SHDC. Copy of letter to Mr Wynne re land at Dundridge Yard read to the meeting.

**3)** P3 Parish Paths Partnership – carried forward to next meeting.

**4)** Rural Services Network – letter read to meeting. After discussions, Councillors did not feel any benefits would be achieved by joining this organisation.

**5)** DCC. Advisory Disabled Parking Bay opposite 9 Bow Rd. Harbertonford. Notification received and shown to the meeting.

**6)** DCC. Temporary Road Closure 02/11/09 at Dorsley Barton, Harberton.

**7)** Email from DAPC on subject of gypsy & travellers' sites read to the meeting.

**8)** Invoice from Viking for office supplies £106.83 (inc £13.93 VAT) to be paid.

Proposed by Cllr Jeffreys, seconded by Cllr Williams. All in favour.

**9)** Recommended pay increase for Clerk received of £59,07pa. Salary now to be £1777.36 pa to be back dated to April 2009. Proposed by Cllr Jeffreys, seconded by Cllr Johnson, all in favour. The Clerk accepted with thanks.

**10)** Email received from Jan Culf regarding the new equipment to be purchased by HPFA was read to the meeting.

**Other Items on the Table:** In Touch magazine; SW Love Food Hate Waste Campaign; SW Ambulance Service; TOR Homes magazine; SW Life Long Learning Network magazine; SHDC Agenda & Minutes.

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

**1)** Cllr Jeffreys reported on Harbertonford Playground Association. They now had received £8,400.00 for extra equipment from Investing in Devon. Cllr Black will be presenting the cheque soon. Next spring they hope to have a new multi-activity climbing frame and fencing.

**2)** Cllr. Williams reported that Harberton Parish Hall was in the process of having new under floor heating & flooring. The old wood was available to residents for a small donation.

**3)** Cllr. Hill asked if anyone knew what a PACT Team was. It is connected with the Police.

**4)** Cllr Janes reported road drains along the

A381 needed clearing out. Also she asked why the Parish Council had stopped donating funds to Totnes Caring. The Clerk reported that for many years the Parish Council had made annual grants to South Hams CAB, but in fact never made any grants to Totnes Caring since she had been Clerk.

**Cheques signed:**

**No 469** - Viking Direct - £106.83

**No 470** - J Hoddinott - £126.80

**D/D** - Plus Net - £9.75

The meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next will be held at Harberton Parish Hall on Tuesday 08 December 2009 at 7.30pm.