

**Minutes of Harberton Parish Council**  
meeting held on Tuesday 11 January 2011  
at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Hoddinott, Janes, Williams, Hookway, Beamish, Hockings, Hutchinson, District Cllr Robert Steer & County Cllr Paula Black.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Johnson, Hill & Steer.

**Speaker:** Cllr John Baverstock, Chairman of South Hams District Council.

**Members of the Public:** 4.

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone, especially the Clerk after her recent operation. He also welcomed Cllr Baverstock from SHDC and invited him to speak. Cllr Baverstock started by giving details of his career as a policeman and now a director of a company run by his daughter. He then gave various details of his career at Stokenham as a Parish and District Councillor and followed up by offering to answer any questions. After which asked if he could remain at the meeting.

The Chairman then asked if any members of the public wishes to speak. Mrs Padfield of Harbertonford then reported on the progress with the allotments in Harbertonford. Revised agreements had now been received by all councillors, together with the new Tenancy Agreements. Mrs Padfield also spoke about some of the details in these agreements which had been altered, hoping the NSALG Solicitor could agree them before 01/03/11 so that they could be signed before that date. Cllr Williams agreed to check some of the details for Mrs Padfield. Cllr Hockings also spoke about the Public Liability Insurance mentioned in the agreements. As the Lease is initially between Colin Finch and the Parish Council, it was important that this was to be organised before the signing of any other agreements. Mrs Padfield said she would be getting

definite quotes from several companies. Another meeting of HAS was to be arranged.

County Cllr Black then gave her report. There had been few meetings over the Christmas period. Changes at DCC were to be implemented. Some services would be commissioned rather than provided. A reduction of the expenditure of £54m is being sought with 10% of the final figures not being known before June.

District Cllr Steer then reported. Many locals had helped clear the snow in some villages. The bin collections had managed to keep up to date. He refuted a report that he claimed expenses to attend meetings. Cllr Steer felt it was a privilege to represent this Ward and shared transport to attend Follaton meetings.

**Police Report:** Following a request by the Clerk for double yellow lines at the splay of Old Road/A381 by the bridge in Harbertonford, the reply was that the Parish Council should apply to DCC for such traffic lines. Councillors agreed that there should be more visits by the Police during hours of darkness and fine the owners of cars parked close to A381 as traffic, including the Harbourne Shuttle, frequently has difficulty turning into Old Road when returning from Totnes in the evenings.

Minutes of the last meeting were then considered, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters Arising:**

- 1) Re the proposed travellers' site at Tigley – still ongoing.
- 2) District Cllr Steer had attended a meeting at Dundridge reference the proposed Certificate of Lawfulness for the car breakers' business. – still ongoing.
- 3) Interactive signs at Harbertonford on A381. The Parish Council meeting on 08/02/11 will be attended by Mr M Jones and Mr J Halliday of DCC Highways.
- 4) HAS. Most items had been discussed at the start of the meeting. All councillors had

now received copies of the revised agreements. Mrs Padfield's continued hard work is appreciated by all.

5) Re the collapsed wall in the car park by A381 bridge in Harbertonford. The Clerk will approach DAPC re the legal position of Harberton Parish Council in this matter. District Cllr Steer will approach SHDC Environment Dept for information on what action to take.

6) The Clerk has been in contact with Andrew Shilston re the trimming of the two trees at the Ford Area in Harbertonford. The work will be carried out in the next few weeks.

7) Thanks to Cllr Beamish for replacing the bollard opposite the Post Office.

8) Re potholes, the Clerk will contact DCC Highways.

9) Re the conversion of the Old Mill building, Woodland Road, Harbertonford (RA17 on the DPD), Brigit Green from SHDC has now confirmed to the Clerk that they have managed to contact the owner and that contrary to information received this part of the building is NOT LISTED.

10) Re meeting of the Clerk with Steve Mason of SHDC Cleansing Management Officer, maps of the two villages were shown to the meeting marking the roads to be kept swept and tidy by the Street Sweepers. A couple of amendments were discussed and the Clerk will contact Mr. Mason accordingly.

### **Planning: Parish Council recommendations.**

#### **Decisions at the meeting -**

**23/2860/10/F )** Wilma, Woodcourt Rd.

**23/2861/10/F )** Harbertonford. Alterations and extensions. No objections, Proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Janes. All in favour.

**23/2872/10/CLP -** River House, Woodland Road. Harbertonford. No details received.

#### **Correspondence:**

1) Precept 2011/12. After discussions it was proposed by Cllr Hoddinott, seconded by Cllr Knight to keep the Precept the same as last year - £7250.00. All in favour.

2) Emails received from Inspector Tomlinson

of Totnes Police were shown to the meeting.

3) Temporary Road Closure in Harberton by Western Power Distribution 09/02/11 were shown to the meeting. An error in the map they enclosed will be notified to them.

4) Best Kept Village Competition will be passed on to Harbertonford Primary School by Cllr Janes.

5) Review of Localism Bill was passed around the meeting.

6) Invoice received from James Miller for grass cutting 2010 to be paid. 8 cuts @ £43.00 + VAT - £404.20. Proposed by Cllr Janes, seconded by Cllr Beamish. All in favour.

7) Invoice received from SHDC for 9<sup>th</sup> instalment of Loan Repayment for Harberton Flood Work - £328.36 to be paid. Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Hockings. All in favour.

8) A letter and email had been received from Harberton Cricket Club requesting a letter of support from the PC for HCC's proposed new pavilion. If Councillors support this project the fees for the Planning Application will be reduced by 50% to £335.00. As the new pavilion will be a non profit making sports club and an amenity in the Parish, councillors all agreed. It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Janes to support the request. All in favour.

**Other items on the table:** South Hams Carers Forum 13/01/11; DALC Newsletter; South. Hams Society Bulletin; Great Poppy Weekend 10/12 June; Walk & Talk Jan 11 and To Grit or Not to Grit.

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

1) Dog Fouling in Harbertonford is again a problem at the Ford Area – reported by James Miller and Marl Park - reported by Cllr Janes. The Clerk will contact SHDC Dog Warden.

2) Cllr Beamish reported the grit bin at top of Riverdale needed refilling. Councillors also wished to record their thanks for the special work carried out by Mr White of Marl Park for gritting the paths along Bow Road during the recent snowy weather.

3) Cllr Hockings reported that he had heard comments about new floodlights which had

been erected on the buildings at the site of the flood gates up Woodland Road. Cllr Hoddinott will inspect these before commenting further.

4) Cllr Hutchinson reported she had finally had news of the successful outcome to her grant application for £47,900 for new play equipment at Harbertonford Playground. This will now go out to tender. Councillors wished to congratulate her and her committee for all their hard work over the last 8/9 years.

5) Cllr Hockings reported the burning of rubbish from demolished buildings on a site near Sandwell Manor, Harberton.

The problem had now been resolved after complaints to SHDC.

**Cheques paid:**

**No 506** – SHDC - £328.36

**No 507** - James Miller - £404.20

**D/D** – PlusNet - £9.99

The meeting closed at 10.00pm. The next will be held at Harbertonford Primary School on Tuesday 08 February 2011 at 7.30pm.