

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2002 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Hockings, Williams, Evans, Stubbings, Fearn and D Cllr Steer

Apologies: Cllrs Janes and Preston-Day

Public: 6

Clerk: Mrs D Crann

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, then he invited the members of the public to speak. They were all residents of Harberton who lived in properties opposite the Parish Hall and had all suffered flooding of their properties on 1 January 2003 by mud and water from the field entrance adjacent to the Hall. Apart from heavy rainfall at that time, the husbandry of the field had altered this past year, as there was now a new tenant. Cattle had been kept in the field and together with tractor tyre tracks had added to the run-off from the field entrance. There was a long and detailed discussion as to the possible resiting of the field entrance, together with a return to permanent pasture, which used to be the case with the previous tenant. The Clerk had received a letter from Mr B George of DCC regarding the flooding of these properties, offering some temporary relief by laying of kerbs outside the properties, but he stressed this would not entirely solve the problem. DCC cannot promise any quick alterations to the road levels, ie: localised lowering the road level, before summer 2004 at the earliest. A letter was handed to the Chairman by the residents. The Clerk will write to the owner's agent. There followed further discussions regarding problems up the lane past Manor Cottage, Harberton, leading to Stanley Pitts where a gate had been placed across the lane. The Clerk will endeavour to clarify the legal position. Finally, a member of the public asked if the Parish Council was aware of the industrial enterprises being carried on at Bridge Farm, Harberton, and if they had planning permission. The members of the public then left and the meeting continued.

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

Matters Arising:

- 1) P3 Footpath Scheme. Cllr Williams had arranged for a public meeting in Harberton Parish Hall on 27/2/03 at 6.30pm for any interested parties to attend.
- 2) Mr Wheeler's £300 donation – no decision yet.
- 3) Flooding in Harberton. D Cllr Steer reported that Halcrows' report had been received by SHDC, but was not considered to be comprehensive or detailed enough and had been returned for more explanation and a map
- 4) Queen's Golden Jubilee. Harberton photographic record – still ongoing.
- 5) HGV lorries through Harberton. The Chairman and the Clerk had finally met with Mr Halliday of DCC on 29/1/03. He had agreed to new signing at Langridge Cross and Brockhills advising "No HGVs Over 30 Feet Past Harberton", also at Tristford Cross, down Dark Lane, Harberton, and additional signing "Access To Farms Only".
- 6) Travellers' vehicles had now vacated Dattins Quarry.
- 7) Seat at Gills Cross. A letter had been received from John Culf requesting that this seat be either repaired or replaced as it was well used by walkers and local residents.
- 8) Re motor cycle rally 1/12/02 in Harberton. The Clerk had received a reply from Insp Ellis of Totnes Police. Having made enquiries, he reported that the Parish Council should be notified next year before the rally was to be held and if conditions are really bad, the Parish Council would be able to recommend either cancellation or postponement.
- 9) Skateboard park in Harberton. There had been a site meeting with Mr Goulden of SHDC. He had given advice on the construction of the park, also costs, and would be writing to the Clerk.

10) Harbertonford Playing Field. The Clerk had written to the Property Services Manager of the Exeter Diocese and was awaiting their reply re the setting up of a joint licence for the play area.

11) DCC Road Safety. The Clerk was arranging for a site meeting with Mark Plumb re more prominent signing for the new pedestrian crossing across A381 in Harbertonford.

12) Moreleigh Road, Harbertonford, flooding 1/1/03. There had been a site meeting between G Buxton-Smith of Environment Agency, the Chairman, Cllr Janes and the Clerk. The Environment Agency were supporting the installation of a road hump across the bottom of Moreleigh Road and would look into the unblocking of the trash screen. The Clerk had written to Mr B George of DCC and in his reply he said that after the resurfacing of Moreleigh Road (following the flooding) DCC would install a road hump as requested. At the same time, the resurfacing of the A381 from the bus shelter to Zion Chapel would be carried out prior to laying of the safety surface for the pedestrian crossing in the spring.

13) SHDC. Enforcement Officer had served a notice on the occupiers at 5 Pendarves, Harberton, for the unauthorised occupation of a mobile home.

Planning: Parish Council Recommendations

Decision between meetings –

23/0091/03/F Foalesleigh, Harberton. Amended siting of garage block. No objections.

Decisions at the meeting –

23/0121/03/F Harbertonford Village Hall. Extension for new kitchen and communal area. Parish Council fully support this application. Proposed: Cllr Evans, seconded: Cllr Williams. 5 in favour, 1 abstention.

23/0138/03/F Barns at Little Belsford, Harberton. Conversion to one residential unit. No objections to conversion to one dwelling, but object to size of roof lights as not in keeping with barn conversion. Also, ladder windows and gable entrance inappropriate. Proposed: Cllr Stubbings, seconded: Cllr Hockings. 5 in favour, 1 abstention.

23/0151/03/O Blacklands, Moreleigh Road, Harbertonford. Outline for erection of bungalow and garage. No objections. Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded: Cllr Fearn. 5 in favour, 1 abstention.

23/0160/03/F Greenwinds, Hill Mill, Harberton. Demolition of lean-to extensions and construction of two storey and single storey extensions. Recommend refusal as out of keeping. Proposed: Cllr Stubbings, seconded: Cllr Evans. 5 in favour, 1 abstention.

23/1676/03/F Gosworthy Farm, Harberton. Report from SHDC was shown to the meeting recommending refusal.

Correspondence:

1) An invoice had been received from the District Auditor for £58.75 inc VAT for recent audit of the accounts to year end 31/3/02. This is to be paid. Proposed: D Cllr Steer, seconded: Cllr Fearn. All in favour.

2) A letter from Mrs Pope was read to the meeting. The Clerk had already replied to it.

3) A letter from Mr Barkas had been received. This drew attention to the poor state of Church Cottage, Harberton, situated opposite the Church House Inn by the Church in the centre of Harberton. The Clerk will again write to the owner.

4) Copies of letters had been received from Dartington Parish Council regarding affordable housing. These were shown to the meeting.

5) Totnes and District Rural Hinterlands Group meeting had been held on 7/1/03.

6) DCC. Temporary Traffic Order received for speed restrictions between Harbertonford and Halwell at Hearnford Farm junction from 10/2/03 for 10 weeks for rebuilding of retaining wall. Also, road closure of Woodland Road, Harbertonford, on 3/3/03 for 5 days.

- 7) SHDC. Recruitment poster and leaflets for District Councillors received and displayed.
- 8) S Hams Partnership Office. Details of Senior Safety Day 7/4/03 at Civic Hall, Totnes, at 10.00am. Also, awareness of Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – meeting to be arranged.
- 9) Totnes and District Older People Consultation Group meeting was held on 10/2/03 in Totnes.
- 10) Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Clerk had now received a letter accepting the Parish Council's application to adopt the "Parish Council Model Scheme" until 28/2/07 and notices will be displayed on both noticeboards.
- 11) Devon Structure Plan Draft 2001/2016 to be passed around for councillors to study.
- 12) SHDC. Notice of Council Meeting 13/2/03 at 10.00am. Also, Executive Forward Plan displayed on noticeboard. Also, minutes of SHDC meeting 30/1/03 shown to the meeting.
- 13) DPFA. Newsletter passed to Cllr Williams. DAPC various items received, including royal garden party nomination. None this year.
- 14) DCC. "New Ways" shown to the meeting.
- 15) DCC. Monthly newsletters for January and February shown to the meeting.
- 16) Coast and Countryside Agency Annual Report 2001/2 shown to the meeting.
- 17) SHDC. Update shown to the meeting.
- 18) SHDC. Recycling banks in Harbertonford. Verity Palk had written again and, after careful consideration, SHDC feel the best place for the new bottle bank will be on the bridge at Harbertonford to replace the three smaller ones. This is to be considered further by the Parish Council.
- 19) DCC. A letter had been received notifying the Council that double yellow lines on the carriageway do not now require "No Waiting At Any Time" plates.
- 20) SHDC. There is a meeting of the Development Control and Conservation User Group on 19/2/03 at Follaton House.
- 21) SHDC. Agenda and Minutes shown to the meeting. Also, Budget proposals for 2003/4.
- 22) SHDC. Play Schemes 2003 - £40 voucher scheme shown to the meeting.
- 23) SHDC. Enforcement Officer. A copy of a letter re unauthorised occupation and siting of a mobile home new Leigh Bridge shown to the meeting.

Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:

- 1) D Cllr Steer wished to reinforce the Parish Council's concern regarding the flooding in Harberton of the properties opposite Harberton Parish Hall at the start of the year. It is repeated that the Clerk will be writing to the Land Agent as mentioned at the start of the meeting. She will also be consulting with Jim Morrison of DCC regarding the legal position of the lane past Manor Cottage.
- 2) Cllr Stubbings reported a water leak outside the Church gates in the Square in Harberton.
- 3) The Chairman reported the Harberton bus shelter had a broken roof from children playing on it. He had obtained an estimate for renewing the roof of £200-£250, the upper price being for a slate roof. It was proposed by Cllr Fearn, seconded by D Cllr Steer to choose a slate roof. All in favour.
- 4) The Chairman also reported 3 cars in the Parish Council car park above Harberton Parish Hall which had been there a long time. The Parish Council will get them removed unless the owners claim them.

Cheque signed:

No 273 – Audit Commission - £58.75

Cheque paid in:

Ground Rent from Harberton Parish Hall - £10.00

The meeting closed at 11.25pm. The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11 March 2003 at Harbertonford Primary School.