

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council

meeting held on Tuesday 11 May 2010 at 8.25pm at Harberton Parish Hall.

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Hill, Janes, Hookway, Jeffrey, Johnson, Williams, Steer, Hockings, Hoddinott, Beamish and County Cllr Paula Black.

Apologies: District Cllr Robert Steer.

Members of the Public: 5.

Clerk: Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited the members of the public to speak.

Mr Mulrine of Harbertonford spoke first. He had come to put a proposition to the Parish Council. As owner of the Post Office Stores in Harbertonford, he was suggesting that extra space opposite the shop (part of the Ford Area) be made over to accommodate parking for three cars. Also, that the slope outside Pound Court down to the leat be built up to accommodate, possibly, another three cars. He presented the meeting with two photos describing his plans.

Cllr Hockings mentioned that at the slope down to the leat, one of the granite blocks was in a loose hole so it could be removed to enable access to the river in an emergency. Councillors discussed the matter briefly and the subject will be put on the agenda for the June meeting.

Mr Padfield of Harbertonford spoke next. Point 1 - he asked if the Parish Council minutes could be published sooner, say, just after the meeting. The Chairman explained this would not be possible as the minutes of a meeting were published after they were ratified at the following meeting. Point 2 - he asked if there could be a Public Meeting called to discuss the latest LDF plans announced by SHDC. The Chairman replied that this matter was on the agenda. Point 3 - Mr Padfield then referred to the Old Toll House on Western Bypass on A381 out of

Totnes where there were pot plants placed on the pavement with barbed wire around them. He pointed out that when he cycled past these, there was not much room to pass and the barbed wire was dangerous. County Cllr Black will look into this matter with DCC Highways.

Mrs Culf of Harberton spoke next regarding Harberton Playing Fields. She had come to explain to the Parish Council the HPFA proposals for new play equipment in Harberton. SHDC were able to give a £3,000.00 grant towards a new roundabout for the playground. HPFA would pay the balance to the Parish Council, who could then purchase the equipment. There was also a second hand slide which they hoped the Parish Council would purchase and the HPFA would reimburse the Parish Council to enable them to do so. The Parish Council owns the Playing Field in Harberton.

Next to speak was Sue Deakin of Harbertonford from the Harbertonford Allotment Society. There had been a meeting with Cllrs Knight and Beamish and representatives of HAS. There were 17 families who would require 9 plots – between 1-2 acres. The favoured area was a strip along the upper side of the field near the road in the Fordstock field.

Mr Pleydell of Harberton was the last to speak. He reported that his wife had had a fall in a pothole on the road between Eastleigh Cross and West Leigh Cross, Harberton, while walking his dog and had broken a bone in her ankle while avoiding a passing vehicle. He had contacted DCC Highways who had sent him various forms to complete to apply for compensation.

The members of the public then left the meeting.

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

County Cllr Black then gave her monthly report. There were people from Harbertonford car sharing into Totnes. She had joined the new Overview Scrutiny Committee and urged

residents to keep an eye on vulnerable people in the villages.

Police report sent 30/04/10. Two cycles reported stolen. Please notify Gary Addelsee of any issues he should know about.

Matters Arising:

- 1) Interactive Signing on A381 in Harbertonford – ongoing.
- 2) Repairs to fence in Harberton Playing Field – ongoing.
- 3) Buses to/from Kingsbridge School – ongoing.
- 4) Allotments. Following the meeting which was reported by Sue Deakin, the Clerk will write to Mr. Colin Finch further.
- 5) P3 Footpath Scheme. Cllrs Hookway and Hoddinott had had another meeting at the gateway of Footpath 13 with Mr. Everitt, Ros Davies and Steve Malec from DCCPROW. It had been decided that Mr. Everitt will reposition the gate post in question and Cllr Hoddinott has very kindly volunteered to help him with his mini digger. Following this, it was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Hockings that the balance of £1,125.29 will then be repaid to Devon County Council. All in favour.
- 6) Following the report last month by Cllr Beamish of a broken bollard on the edge of the pavement at the narrow section of Bow Road, this had been replaced and promptly broken again.

Planning: Decisions between meetings.

Parish Council recommendations -

- 23/0733/10/F** – Belsford Court, Harberton.
Renewal of **23/1067/07/F** – Alterations to existing accommodation and conversion of games room to bedroom unit. No objections.

Correspondence:

- 1) HPFA. Quotations for new play equipment in Harberton. Following Jan Culf's explanation earlier in the meeting, Councillors agreed the new equipment should be purchased by the Parish Council. Any future equipment must be handled this way as the Parish Council are the owners. It was proposed by Cllr Jeffreys, seconded by Cllr Knight to proceed this way.

All in favour.

- 2) SHDC LDF – Rural Areas Site Allocations. New proposals had recently been published by SHDC and any response must be received at Follaton by 11/06/10. Mr Padfield had already sent an email to the Clerk requesting a Public Meeting in Harbertonford on this subject. The Chairman followed this up by saying the Parish Council will be arranging a Public meeting – the suggested date was Tuesday 25/05/10 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm. The Clerk will attend to this matter.
- 3) SHDC Parish Cluster meeting to be held at Follaton on Wed. 26/05/10 at 7.00pm. This will be attended by Cllr Hill and the Clerk.
- 4) DALC (formerly DAPC) annual subscription is now due. £257.21 (inc VAT £29.21). To be paid. Proposed by Cllr Beamish, seconded by Cllr Steer. All in favour.
- 5) Came & Co. Annual insurance premium now due for 01/06/10 with Aviva. This year the premium will be £271.61 (an increase of £8.29). If, however, the Parish Council wishes to be tied to a three year agreement, the premium will be £262.50 this year. Councillors considered this and agreed to enter this agreement. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Hill. All in favour.
- 6) DCC Temp. Road Closure in Harberton. 05/07/10 to 21/07/10. This will cover the road from Preston Farm to Ford Barn Cross. Tally Ho! to be contacted about bus arrangements.
- 7) Email received from Mr Pleydell with photos. The subject had already been discussed by Mr Pleydell himself at the start of the meeting and will be followed up with DCC Highways by the Clerk.
- 8) Review of Risk Assessment. This is required for the Annual Audit. A few details which had been changed this year were pointed out by the Clerk.
- 9) Devon Games to Inspire 2010. Details passed to Harbertonford Primary School.
- 10) D&C Police Liaison Meeting, Dartmouth, on 24/05/10. Also monthly newsletter from Insp Livingstone of Totnes read to the meeting. Another letter from Insp Livingstone asking for proposals of opening hours at

Totnes Police Station in blocks of 2hrs. The hours suggested were:- Mon & Thu 1000-12.00, Mon to Fri 1700-1900 and Sat morning 3hrs.

11) Email received from Feoffees secretary, Mrs Blackler. Cllr Janes term on the committee ceases at the end on June 2010. It was proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Hookway to reappoint Cllr Janes, to which she agreed. Voting was all in favour.

12) The Clerk then asked the Chairman to sign the accounts book for 2009/10, which he did.

Other items on the table: Voluntary Vine; DALC Newsletter; TOR Homes magazine; SHDC Agenda & Minutes; GLEAM magazine; Playing Field magazine; Planning workshops; SW Ambulance newsletter and Walk & Talk.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

1) Cllr Beamish reported the road falling away past Crowdy Mill on the right-hand side towards Beenleigh, Harbertonford.

2) Cllr Janes again reported the abandoned Mazda car in Parish Council car park by the bridge in Harbertonford.

Cheques signed:

No 482 – DALC - £257.21

No 483 - Broker Network Ltd - £262.50

D/D – PlusNet - £9.99

The meeting closed at 10.30pm. The next will be held at Harbertonford Primary School on Tuesday 08 June 2010.