

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30.pm.

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

Public 12.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited the members of the public to speak. Ms. Chisholm of Harberton spoke first regarding the Foales Leigh Turbine planning application (23/1142/12/F). She had provided Councillors with information from SHDC on Local Policies and suggestions for a Wind Turbine Strategy which was still lacking from SHDC. She stressed how some proposed turbines would spoil residents enjoyment of a silent countryside. Other speakers were Sally Lougher, Mr. Tickner & Mr. Thompson residents of the countryside surrounding this proposed turbine at Foales Leigh. The Chairman also spoke of his and other Councillors efforts to get the site moved further from the nearest dwellings without success.

Mr. Hyne from Harbertonford spoke next about plan 23/1941/12/F. This plan next door to his house would impinge on his light in his lounge. This was confirmed by Cllr.Broom who had visited his property. Cllr. Broom agreed that the proposed extension would be an infringement on his (Mr. Hyne's) right to light.

C.Cllr. Black then gave her report The County Council was to write to the Government to abandon their proposal for regional pay as there would be a brain drain from this area. We already experienced the lowest pay for women in the country. Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. Will be a car free day in Totnes. Cllr. Black hoped it would prove a success. Cllr. Black had visited the site where the kites were flown at Luscombe Cross. DCC Highways were applying for £5m. to repair roads etc. after the rains and flooding. Cllr. Hill asked Cllr. Black if better public transport would benefit the residents and the environment rather than a 'Car Free' day. Cllr. Black said the bus companies had been approached but had not responded.

D. Cllr. Steer then gave his report. Planning applications for Solar Panels and Wind Turbines had occupied him mostly. Travellers at the Marley Head site were finally to be moved out. He urged Councillors to be vigilant. There was no Police Report.

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

#### Matters Arising.

- 1.CLT. Cllrs. Williams & S. Hockings had attended their meeting.
- 2.The Parish Cluster meeting for 25.9.12. had now been cancelled.
3. All Councillors and various residents expressed their thanks to Cllr. Clayton and her family for the smart job which they had done in painting the Harbertonford Bus Shelter.

#### Planning.Parish Council recommendations.

Decision at meeting.

23/1941/12/F – Myrtle Cottage, Moreleigh Road, Harbertonford. Single storey side extension. Proposed by Cllr. Broom, seconded by Cllr. Clayton to object as it was considered an infringement to the right to light of their neighbour. All in favour.

Decisions delayed for more information.

23/1934/12/CLE – Flat Bridge Farm, Harberton CLE for lawful development for existing dwelling.

23/1936/12/CLE – Bridge Farm, Harberton. CLE for lawful development for existing use of dwelling.

Awaiting the public meeting yet to be arranged.

23/1990/12/F - 2 Wind Turbines 99.5m. Site E of A381 S of Langridge Cross, Harberton.

For Information.23/2243/11/F – Daisy Hills, Diptford. The appeal is allowed and permission granted for demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of replacement dwelling

23/1142/12/F – Field SX 767 568 Foales Leigh Farm, Harberton. Erection of 50kw (36.4m to hub, 46m to tip) Wind Turbine, associated access works & equipment cabin. Proposed by Cllr. Broom. Sec. Cllr. Williams to object as too close to the nearest dwellings also no need for the new access road. 9 in favour 3 against.

Correspondence.

1.CLT. Cllr. Williams reported that the Housing Needs Survey was to be carried out. The members had obtained a discount on this which will reduce the costs greatly. C.Cllr. Black said she had some funds available.

2.Code of Conduct. Following on from last month, all Councillors have now read and discussed the implications of the revised Code of Conduct which was recently revised. After yet further consideration all Councillors were in favour of staying with the former Code which all had signed up to. None were in favour of transferring to the revised Code. The current arrangements had always worked well with this Parish council and no change was necessary. Proposed by Cllr. S. Hockings, seconded by Cllr. Janes. All in favour.

3.An email had been received from the Environment Agency detailing work to be carried out at Palmers Dam up Woodland Road, Harbertonford. This was shown to all Councillors. There was also a letter enclosed against the disposal of any garden waste down the river which Cllr. Broom will circulate to riverside residents..

4.An Invoice had been received from Mr. G. Clayton for printing of documents for the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire for £67.02. To be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Janes, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings, All in favour.

5.A letter from DCC Highways regarding work being carried out on Halwell-A381 Bickleigh Cross to A3122 after a retaining wall collapsed was shown to the meeting.

6. Invoice received from the Audit Commission for the Annual Audit 2011/12. For £162.- (incl. £27.- VAT) to be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Beamish. All in favour.

Also a letter had been received confirming that Grant Thornton LLP would carry out the Audit for the next five years.

7.Neighbourhood Plan. Cllrs. Padfield & Broom were seeking confirmation from Councillors for their permission to negotiate with SHDC to proceed with the Harbertonford Plan. It was proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Camp to proceed. All in favour.

8.There then followed a discussion amongst Councillors about the best way to proceed with Planning decisions. This was called for as at some recent meetings there had been such extensive delays and late meetings. Councillors agreed to follow the procedures which had been followed in the past when Councillors had all been able to view plans prior to the meeting so decisions had been speeded up. All in favour.

9.Invoice received from John Horswell for £50.- for clearing the cress from the leat opposite Harbertonford Post Office Stores. This to be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. Clayton. All in favour.

10.Email received for Ian Phillips of Harbertonford regarding the new sign at the Old parsonage detailing B&B, Fine dining, Jazz evenings etc. Cllr. Broom had spoken with Mrs. Harvey who assured him that she had enquired of SHDC about various permissions she might require. After some discussions it was agreed to keep a watching brief.

11.DPFA. AGM on 28.8.12. – Nominations sought for Executive Cttee – Annual report to 31.3.12 received.

12. Cllr. Hill reported that as Tree Warden he was dealing with a problem old Oak Tree at 7, Riverdale, Harbertonford He had consulted with TOR Homes & SHDC and would be following it up.

Other items on the table.

Junk Mail

S. Hams Society Bulletin

Twenty-four- Seven NHS News.

DCC. Rough Sleepers Partnership.

Matters at the Discretion of the chairman.

1. Cllr. Hoddinott reported a broken drainage pipe under the road at Monkey Oak corner, also blocked drains at Luscombe, near Prowses, & possible blocked drain down Woodland Road, Harbertonford.

Also Cllr. Hoddinott repeated the request for SHDC to produce a policy on Green Energy

2. Cllr. Beamish reported at Hernaford Cross, Harbertonford a broken road cover.

Cheques signed.

No. 571	Mrs. D.Crann	£742.51
No. 572	Audit commission.	162.-
No. 573	Graham Clayton	67.02
No. 574	John Horswell	50.-
d/d	Plusnet.	9.99

The meeting closed at 9.58.pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.