

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2011 at Harberton Parish Hall at 8.00.pm.

Present. Cllrs. Hockings, Hoddinott, Clayton, Beamish, Camp, Hill, Padfield, Williams, Hookway, D. Cllr. Steer & C.Clr. Black.

Apologies. Cllrs. Broom, Hutchinson & Janes.

Public 5.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting by inviting everyone to take a seat after a long delay in starting the meeting. He then invited the members of the public to speak. Mr Lang introduced himself with Erica Lewis, they had come from the Community Land Trust. They were promoting low cost local housing, specifically self build Eco homes, those built with straw bales, in the villages. These were 2 bed – costing £85,000.- & 3 bed – costing £95,000.- plus some 4 bed houses. These would be solely for 'local' people who were unable to afford market prices. The prices quoted included 1 year at a college to learn the building trade, a plot of land & the building materials. These would be partly owned by the local people. These houses would last at least 100 years.

Mr Attree had come regarding a planning application and agreed to the Councillors' request for a site meeting which the Clerk will arrange at a mutually convenient time.

C.Clr. Black then gave her report. She was soon to have a meeting with Mike Jones of DCC re the promised Interactive lights on A381 at Harbertonford. She reported that due to a 15% drop in revenue DCC was proposing selling off a number of their local properties and would be sharing some services with SHDC. No DCC farms would be sold. There were to be £40m. Of cuts in the next financial year and some tough choices to be made. There was to be a meeting in Totnes Civic Hall Thursday 10th November 6.30.pm. Cllr. Black then had to leave the meeting D.Clr. R. Steer then gave his report. SHDC were considering the possibility of installing solar panels on the roof at Follaton House. Also, as reported by C.Clr. Black some services were to be shared with DCC, also vacant office space to be let at Follaton House. The travellers at Marley Head were soon to be evicted. Also Cllr. Steer regretted the news that another large dairy herd in the Parish had been sold.

Cllr. Padfield wished to draw the attention of the meeting to plan 23/2265/11/F – Heron Cottage, the Mill, Harberton which he said had been incorrectly described in the application by the planning officer. SHDC Had admitted several mistakes and had apologised to Cllr. Padfield and the Clerk. D.Clr. Steer will look into the matter.

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

Matters Arising.

1. Travellers site at Tigley – still no progress.
2. Interactive Lights on A381 in Harbertonford. The Clerk had spoken with Mike Jones of DCC who hoped to have the new lights in place by Christmas.
3. Collapsed Wall in Parish Council Car Park in Harbertonford. Another site meeting had taken place on 22.9.11. with Mrs. Harvey, Ruth Edwards & Steve Howrihane of SHDC together with Cllrs. Broom, Clayton & Janes and the contractor. There had been further discussions about replacing the bottle bank in the Carpark as no other site was available. Mrs Harvey continued her opposition to the replacement of the bottle bank in the carpark by the newly built wall but the contractor indicated it was the only suitable position so that the lorry could manoeuvre in and out easily. A suggestion was made to construct a curb about 1m. from the wall to prevent damage to the wall. This suggestion was agreed by SHDC who would require a written agreement confirming these arrangements for say five years from the Parish Council before they could proceed further. This to be discussed at the next Parish council meeting.

4. Ref the overgrown leat leading to Crowdy Mill, Harbertonford. The Environment Agency were unable to proceed further as the owner was unknown.

5. Cllr. Padfield reported on the Planning Training Day that he and Cllr. Broom had attended at Follaton House and which had been very informative.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

Due to the delayed start of this meeting all Plans will now be considered at an extra meeting to be held on 20.10.11. at Harbertonford Village Hall 3.00.pm.

Correspondence.

1. Audit commission. The Annual Audit for 2010/11 had now been completed and notices posted. Invoice for the Audit had been received for £162.- (incl. VAT £27.-) & was to be paid, proposed by Cllr. Beamish, seconded by Cllr. Hill, All in favour.

2. SHDC Consultation on the future of the Standards Board was now to be considered and Councillors agreed that this decision should be held in abeyance for the present.

3. Localism Bill. Details passed around the meeting for further consultation.

4. Email from Cllr. Bennet of South Pool council regarding the large HGV's in the country lanes also for consultation.

5. Emails re Community Land Trust. The speaker at the start of the meeting had dealt with the subject.

6. Totnes on the Move. Cllr. Padfield, being our representative would be putting forward the suggestion that more buses should be in place to link Harbertonford with Torbay as there had been difficult cuts earlier this year, specifically the 111 service.

7. Cllr. Padfield put forward his proposal that the Parish Council should publish 'Draft' minutes between meetings. There followed a full discussion, then a proposal by Cllr. Padfield, Seconded by Cllr. Clayton to publish the minutes between meetings on the internet & notice boards. An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Hoddinott, seconded by Cllr. Hookway to continue publishing the minutes only after they had been signed at the monthly meetings. Voting on the amendment was 6 in favour (Cllrs. Camp, Hockings, Hill, Williams, Hoddinott & Hookway) 1 abstention. The amendment was carried.

8. Proposed Wind Turbines at Luscombe Cross. There had been meetings at the site on 24.9.11. when residents from both villages had met on site. It was reported that both Tresoc & Infinergy would be holding further public meetings. Cllr. Hookway declared an interest and took no part in the discussions.

9. 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England. This was for information and distributed amongst Councillors.

Other items on the table.

Junk Mail	Gleam. AGM 28.10.11. at Newbury.	Voluntary Vine.
Senior Council for Devon.	Tree Warden newsletter.	

Matter at the Discretion of the Chairman.

None.

Cheques signed.

No 535	Mrs. D. Crann.	£222.-
No 536	Audi Commission	162.-
d/d	Plus Net.	9.99

The meeting closed at 10.45.pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th November 2011 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.