

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council

meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2008 at 7.30pm at Harbertonford Primary School.

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Steer, Hookway, Janes, Hill, Johnson, Hoddinott, Hockings & Williams.
Also Devon County Cllr Geoff Date & District Cllr. Robert Steer.

Apologies: Cllr Beamish.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited County Cllr Date to speak. He reported on the various meetings he had attended during the month, including being elected Chairman of the Governors at KEVICC and meetings at Grove School and about Rushbrook House (next to Totnes Hospital). Cllr Steer had spoken with Phil the road sweeper who had raised the fact that during the recent heavy rain the water from Langridge Cross had all flowed down the road to the village of Harberton as it was unable to enter the drains due to bad design at the cross roads. Cllr Date will contact DCC Highways on our behalf. Cllr Hockings agreed to act as his contact. Cllr Date then left the meeting.

District Cllr Robert Steer then gave his report. He thanked all Councillors who attended the opening of Harbertonford Village Hall extension on Saturday 1st November. He also mentioned the excellent report received by Harbertonford Primary School. SHDC had achieved the 2nd highest figures for recycling of 57.07%. Well done everyone! There are now new planning controls as from 01/10/08, which must be studied by all councillors and are not easy to learn.

Police 2 reports this month.

1st report. PC Jacqui Hopper had initially hoped to attend this meeting to introduce our new Community PC Gary Addelsee who is based in Totnes, but he has been unable to come this time.

2nd report. 2 crimes recorded & 8 incidents logged. There have been several burglaries in

the South Hams during the daytime involving forcing doors and windows. Everyone is urged to be extra vigilant & report anything suspicious.

Matters Arising:

1) Street Lighting in Harberton. Still awaiting a report from DCC.

2) Repairs to the fence at the lower entrance to playground in Harberton. An estimate had been received from J. Miller. Clearance of bank by road & clear away £250.00 (excl VAT.)

Clear growth & erect new fence L/H/S 76ft with 3 rails also R/H/S replace broken rails £822.00 (excl VAT.) Councillors will consider this estimate and individually visit the site. To be discussed again at next meeting.

3) Community Planning. Cllrs were all given a copy of the Appraisal from 1999. Further discussions on whether to update this will be made at the next meeting.

4) SHDC & DAPC Local Govt Review.

A further letter has been received from SHDC regarding this Parish Council's response to the Government proposals. We have already registered our view with the Boundary Committee to support the proposal put forward by SHDC.

5) HM Courts Service South Devon Magistrates Courts. Lady Frere has accepted our invitation and will send a representative to the Annual Parish meeting to speak on Tuesday 14th April 2009.

6) Re a request to TOR Homes to cut the grass at LH side of entrance to Harbertonford Playground. Their reply is that it is fouled by dog faeces and will not be cut by their operatives.

7) The Clerk will write to SWWater re the badly repaired road outside Lower Orchard, Harberton.

Planning: Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions between meetings.

23/1927/08/F – Smokey Cottage, Harbertonford. Construction of 10 cats pens including small kitchen facility. No objections. Majority decision.

23/1952/08/F – 1 Victoria Cottages, Harberton. Amendments to **23/1449/08/F** for proposed conservatory etc. No objections. Majority decision.

Decision at meeting.

23/2024/08/LB - Fletcherscombe, Diptford. Consent for internal alterations. No objections. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Steer. All in favour.

Correspondence:

- 1)** SHDC Protocol for Street Scene & Open Spaces. Letter shown to the meeting for information.
- 2)** Email received from Alexandra Elson who is interested in finding an allotment in Harberton. There are several allotments in Harberton, but all are taken at present. It was also noted that land was coming up for auction near Dundridge House soon.
- 3)** SHDC Standards Committee. Appointment of Parish Representatives. No nominations received.
- 4)** SHDC Residents Parking Permits details shown to the meeting.
- 5)** SHDC Budget Meeting 15/01/09 at 7.30pm.. Any representatives of the Parish Council to attend are welcome to do so.
- 6)** Communities & Local Government. Communities in Control. Codes of Conduct for Local Authority members and employees. Details shown to the meeting.
- 7)** SHDC Play Area Management. Details to be passed on to Cllr Jeffreys.
- 8)** DCC. P3 Christmas Workshops. Details shown to the meeting.
- 9)** DAPC. Freedom of Information Act. New scheme to be adopted from 01/01/09. To be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 10)** DCC Temporary road closure - Tristford Road, Harberton opposite the Old Forge on 05/02/09.

Other items on the table: SHDC Executive Forward Plan; S Hams Society bulletin; DAPC Newsletter; S Hams CAB Annual Report 2007/8; TOR Homes Newsletter; DPFA Newsletter; SHDC Agenda & Minutes; S Devon AONB Annual Report 2007/8; Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Trust.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

1) Cllr Janes reported the road had been badly flooded along A381 by the entrance to Mill Meadow.

Financial:

D/D - 22/10/08 - Plus Net - £9.99

The meeting closed at 8.55.pm. The next will be held on Tuesday 9th December 2008 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30.pm.