

**Minutes of Harberton Parish Council**  
meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2009 at  
Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Knight, Hill, Johnson,  
Hoddinott, Hookway, Hockings, Janes &  
Jeffreys.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Fearn, Steer, Beamish,  
County Cllr Geoff Date and District Cllr  
Robert. Steer.

**Members of the Public:** 1

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann.

The meeting was opened by the Vice  
Chairman in the absence of the Cllr Fearn.  
He then read out an email sent by the  
Chairman who offered his resignation. The  
Vice Chairman also resigned. The Clerk  
called for nominations for Chairman (Cllr  
Fearn had volunteered his services as  
Chairman if there were no other nominations).  
It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by  
Cllr Hill to nominate Cllr Fearn. There being no  
other nominations, voting was all in favour.  
The Clerk then called for nominations for Vice  
Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr Johnson,  
seconded by Cllr Janes to nominate  
Cllr Knight. There being no other  
nominations, voting was all in favour.  
Cllr Knight then took the Chair in the absence  
of the Chairman.  
He invited the member of the public to speak.  
Mr M Marks said he had just come to observe.

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

The minutes of the Annual Meeting from  
14 April 2009 were then considered.  
Cllr Jeffreys said that the Harbertonford  
Playground report had been omitted. This was  
to be added. The minutes were then agreed  
and signed by the a/Chairman as a true  
record.

The County Councillor's report was then read  
out. Cllr Date had had one meeting at County  
Hall about Totnes Hub for the disabled adults.  
District Cllr R Steer had been delayed due to a  
meeting at Follaton.  
Police Report. There were no reported crimes  
this last month.

**Matters Arising:**

- 1) Street Lighting in Harberton - ongoing.
- 2) Repair of fence to Playground in Harberton  
- ongoing.
- 3) Community Planning - ongoing.
- 4) P3 Footpath - ongoing.
- 5) Interactive Road signing along A381 in  
Harbertonford. There was now a further delay  
with the contractors.
- 6) Annual Audit 2008/9. Mr John Maddox  
had now completed the Internal Audit for  
another year. Councillors wished to thank him  
for his services. The accounts and audit  
papers were signed by the a/Chairman and  
Clerk at the meeting.
- 7) The Clerk had been able to speak directly  
with Mr. Halliday of DCC regarding the setting  
of the traffic lights at Totnes, Higher Plymouth  
Road.
- 8) Boundary Marker Stone at Peak Cross,  
Harberton. It appears that when DCC  
replaced it after repairs it had been stolen, so  
another is to be made up by DCC.

**Planning: Parish Council  
recommendations. Decision at meeting.**

**23/0700/09/LB )** East Leigh Farmhouse  
**23/0701/09/F )** Harberton. Conversion of  
redundant barn to holiday accommodation,  
garage & store. Cllr Hoddinott declared an  
interest and took no part in discussions.  
No objections Proposed by Cllr Hockings,  
seconded by Cllr Johnson. 7 in favour and  
1 abstention.

**Correspondence.**

- 1) SHDC. South Hams Local Development  
Framework Consultation – May 2009. Copies  
circulated amongst Councillors.
- 2) Letter from Totnes Town Council &  
Dartington Parish Council was read out at the  
meeting regarding future development &

planning of their area.

**3)** Letter received from DCC Leader Cllr Brian Greenslade was read to the meeting re the increase of 6% to be spent on highway maintenance 2009/10. Many councillors deplored the state of local roads and the Clerk will write to Cllr Greenslade accordingly.

**4)** Invoice received for Parish Council contribution towards grass-cutting at Harbertonford Playground for year 2008/9. £133.89 to be paid. Proposed by Cllr Jeffreys, seconded by Cllr Janes All in favour.

**5)** Invoice for annual insurance received. This year to be £263.32 for a new policy with Norwich Union (Aviva), to be paid with cover starting on 01/06/09. Proposed by Cllr Jeffreys, seconded by Cllr Janes. All in favour.

**6)** SHDC Notices of County & European Elections 04/06/09 already posted on Notice Boards.

**7)** Invoice received from K C Garden Machinery for mower repairs - £121.30 inc VAT. To be paid. Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Johnson. All in favour. Harberton Playing Fields Association donation cheque for £105.48 paid into bank.

**8)** Letter received from Cllr John Tucker, Leader of SHDC, re Local Government Reorganisation. The Clerk had already sent another letter to the Boundary Committee for England following last month's meeting with a copy to Cllr Tucker.

**9)** Public Sector Duties. Letter received from Equality & Human Rights Commission was passed around to meeting.

**10)** DCC Admission to Schools 2010-11. Arrangements for the area have been determined. Letter shown to the meeting.

**Other items on the table:** TOR Homes magazine; Devon & Torbay Post Office Final report; DPFA Newsletter; SHDC minutes of Executive Meeting 23/04/09; SHDC Agenda & minutes and DAPC newsletter

#### **Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:**

**1)** Cllr Hill again spoke of the mistiming of the buses to & from Kingsbridge for school pupils and hoped the timetable could be amended to

complement the start and finish of the school day.

**2)** Cllr Hoddinott again repeated reports of various potholes and the 'rumble strip road' going out of Harberton towards Peak Cross. Cllr Hockings joined in also mentioning potholes in the road to Hazard and just past Pendarves in Harberton.

**3)** Cllr Jeffreys reported on the recent problems in the Harbertonford Playground with damage to the benches, seats and other play equipment. These had been reported to the Police. The children causing this damage were not residents of the village.

**4)** Cllr Janes reported two untaxed cars in the car park by Harbertonford bridge.

**5)** Dog fouling was again a problem at the Ford area of Harbertonford when James Miller had recently cut the grass. This was an amenity for all residents and public and dog fouling was a health hazard!!

#### **Cheques signed:**

**No 452** - K C Garden Machinery - £121.30

**No 453** - Broker Network Ltd - £263.32

**No 454** - Devon County Council - £133.89

**Direct Debit** - Plus.Net - £9.75

**Chq paid in** – HPFA - £105.48

The meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next will be held on Tuesday 09 June 2009 at 7.30pm. at Harbertonford Primary School.