

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.

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

Apologies. Cllr. Hoddinott.

Public 14.

Clerk, Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed every one. He then explained that there was to be a controversial planning application to be discussed. He said that D.Cllr. R.Steer should be present when this was discussed, but would unfortunately be late due to having a prior engagement. The Chairman then used his discretion and notified the meeting with their agreement, that the public forum would be held when D.Cllr R.. Steer was present.

C.Cllr. Black then gave her report. She had attended a meeting on Trading Standards which was to suffer cuts. This was particularly to farms which would be important in this rural area. 20% funding cuts will be imposed, which will affect the movement of sheep and goats which will not be tracked -Pigs however would not be affected.

Cllr. Trott then raised the subject of the lack of hedge ploughing in the rural lanes, a subject raised by Cllr. Camp a few months ago. Cllr. Black said she would raise the matter with DCC Highways.

There was no Police Report received. Cllr. Broom reported graffiti had been sprayed on the bush shelter in Harbertonford. The offenders had been caught and will be rectifying the matter.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were then considered, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were then considered and after several amendments were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### Matters Arising.

- 1.Cllr. Padfield reported that the Postmaster had now had the notice board opposite the Post Office repaired in Harbertonford. All Councillors wished to thank him for this.
2. Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Padfield reported that all properties in the Parish had now been visited and questionnaires delivered by volunteers.
- 3.Cllr. Broom reported he was liaising with the contractors when the Bottle Bank needed emptying. Many residents had expressed their thanks that it was back in operation again.

#### Correspondence.

1.Several members of the newly formed CLT (Community Land Trust) the new Self Build Project in the Parish were in attendance and the Chairman temporarily suspended the meeting so they could speak. Their speaker explained they were to form a constitution and would be willing to forward their minutes on for Councillors to read, also they hoped the Parish Council would elect a representative to sit on their committee to which Councillors agreed. This would be decided at the next meeting. They now had 14 members and hope to involve SHDC.

The Parish Council meeting was now reconvened.

2.A request for a grant towards the upkeep of St. Andrew's Churchyard had been received together with a copy of their accounts. It was proposed by Cllr. Clayton to grant £400.- but the clerk explained that the grant had been reduced to £350.- last year, Cllr. Clayton then withdrew this proposal It was then proposed by Cllr. Janes, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings to grant £350.- (the same as last year) All in favour.

3. There were two invoices for £120.- each from SHDC towards the Inspections, Insurance and Maintenance of the Playgrounds in Harberton and Harbertonford. The Clerk had already spoken with SHDC pointing out that we had only paid £120.- last year, but was told this had been an error and as costs were rising we would have to pay for both Playgrounds this year. Councillors agreed and it was proposed by Cllr. Clayton, seconded by Cllr. Janes to pay both invoices. (£100- + £20.- VAT.) for each one. All in favour.

4. Devon Waste Plan had been received. This was passed around the meeting. Cllr. Black said she hoped the Parish Council would respond to this report as she did not feel it went far enough and more recycling would be needed by 2031. Councillors were free to respond individually. It was proposed by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. Broom that the Clerk should respond accordingly. All in Favour.

Recycling arrangements in Totnes had recently been reorganised and facilities reduced.

5. Totnes on the Move. Cllr. Padfield had recently been re-elected on to this Committee at the Cluster meeting. His main interests were for better cycle lanes outside Totnes in the countryside. Link officers were sought and Ivybridge was the only place to appoint one.

The TAP Fund (Town & Parish) was to be established. This consisted of £1.- per elector from DCC and .10p per elector from SHDC. Each Cluster area would have a fund to tackle local community issues. Any applications to this fund must be made by two or more Councils. The Clerk had had an email from the Harbourne Shuttle proposing they apply for funding towards a new vehicle which would include Ashprington, Cornworthy & Harberton Parishes. This to be discussed again at the next meeting.

6. SHDC Housing Survey to be held on 19.6.12. at Follaton. Anyone interested should ring 861350 or 861373.

7. S. Hams Business Voice. Details passed around the meeting.

8. A381 North Park Corner. Following a recent email from Matthew Yates, he had attended at an accident on 9.5.12. at this spot. C.Cllr. Black will contact DCC Highways following the Clerk's request for double white lines on the A381 up the hill towards Kingsbridge.

9. A letter had been received from the Audit Commission notifying Harberton Parish Council that as from 1.9.12. Grant Thornton UK LLP will audit the accounts for 5 years from 2012/13 unless we have any objections. Councillors have no objections.

10. A letter of thanks for the £100.- grant towards the Jubilee photos had been received from Harberton Parish Hall.

11. Notification had been received that the Register of Electors 2013 qualifying date is 15.10.12.

12. Emails received from Mrs. Padfield for HAS who request that payment of sheds be routed via the Parish Council accounts to avoid payment of VAT. The Clerk has looked into this matter and the Parish Council is unable to do this as the sheds will not be their (HPC's) property, but remain the property of HAS.

13. An Invoice for Computer supplies from Viking, to be paid £154.43 (VAT £25.79)

8.50.pm. The Public sector of the meeting was then convened.

Several other members of the public joined in the debate which included the fact that 150ft. high was too large for a small turbine. The standard was inadequate if people were affected by the noise and swishing. Many other points were raised and discussed by all present. Finally the chairman closed the public section of the meeting and the Parish council meeting reconvened.

#### Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

23/1142/12/F – Field SX 767 568, Foales Leigh Farm, Harberton. One 50m. Wind Turbine..

There was a proposal by Cllr. Williams to object to the plan on grounds of visual impact, seconded by Cllr. Hill. Voting 5 in favour, 6 against. This proposal was therefore rejected. A site meeting was subsequently proposed by Cllr.

Williams, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings. 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

This to be arranged by D. Cllr. R. Steer with a Planning Officer of SHDC.

Email received from Dave Kenyon of SHDC reported the Follaton Oak, Totnes development had now passed Outline Planning on 17.5.12.

Email ref. 23/0870/12/CU – had been received from Tim Danemann.

#### Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1. Cllr. Hill reported that one resident had contacted him as Tree Warden about some trees.

2. Cllr. S. Hockings reported a large pothole just outside Joiners Nurseries on the Avonwick road.

3. Cllr. Trott reported two families whose children could not get into Harbertonford Primary School as the reception class was full.

4. Cllr. Janes reported some residents experiencing garden waste in the river again. Cllr. Broom will leaflet the

riverside houses again.

5. Cllr. Beamish reported more dog fouling in Woodcourt Road, Harbertonford.

Cheques signed.

No. 561	Mrs. D. Crann.	£758.52
No.563	SHDC.	120.-
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No.565	Viking.	154.73
No.566	Harberton PCC	350.-
d/d	Plusnet.	9.99

The meeting closed at 10.40.pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012. At Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30.pm.