

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council

meeting held on Tuesday 12 October 2010 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Hockings, Hookway, Johnson, Hoddinott, County Cllr Paula Black & District Cllr Robert Steer.

Apologies: Cllrs Steer, Hutchinson, Hill, Janes & Beamish.

Members of the Public: 2.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the members of the public to speak. Mrs Padfield asked about TRESOC – who were proposing two wind turbines on land near Luscombe Cross. The Chairman said this matter was on the agenda for discussion.

County Cllr Black then gave her report. She had attended several meetings including the Environmental Scrutiny Committee, Totnes Allotment Society who now had a long waiting list, Baltic Wharf Group for Retirement Apartments and a group of parents from South Hams who home educate their children. Cllr Black also met with the owners of the Toll House on the Western Bypass in Totnes where there have been problems for cyclists – new arrangements were being agreed with DCC. Finally, she had had a meeting with Mike Jones of DCC Highways on site in Harbertonford to examine the Interactive traffic signs which are still not working as they should and she was awaiting his report from him.

District Cllr Steer then gave his report. He added his comments about the interactive signs in Harbertonford which are still not working after many years. SHDC will have many budget constraints in the next financial year, with many more shared services with West Devon District Council, including Landscape & Leisure. The new joint Chief Executive, Mr R Sheard was already in post. Cllr Steer took the Chair for the first time at an

SHDC Planning meeting recently. PC Jackie Hopper from South Brent had offered to come to Harbertonford to conduct a Community Surgery to answer residents questions if councillors thought it was a good idea. After discussion this was accepted and Cllr Steer will make the arrangements.

Police Report: There were no reported crimes for September.

The minutes of the last meeting were then considered and, after one amendment, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising:

- 1) Interactive signs on A381 in Harbertonford. This matter had again been fully discussed during Cllr Black's report.
- 2) Repairs to fence in Harberton Playing Field – in hand.
- 3) Harbertonford Playground. The application for the grant was progressing.
- 4) Pothole outside the Tall House in Harberton – still not repaired. The clearance of the ivy by the transformer along footpath by Harbertonford Playground was in hand.
- 5) HAS. Cllr Knight reported he had drafted out an agreement for councillors to consider and amend if necessary. Matters were progressing and he had contacted the NSALG lawyer Liz Bunting. The proposal was £50.00pa rent per plot x 10 paid annually in advance. Councillors considered that there should also be a contingency fund held by HAS for any unseen expenses. The first plot would be offered to Mr. Harrison which would be close to his garden wall.
- 6) Registration of Ford Area in Harbertonford as a Village Green. This was progressing. There had been no objections from the public advertisement in the South Hams Gazette and the matter had now progressed to the County Solicitor for approval.
- 7) Gateway in Screws Lane, Harberton. The Clerk will follow this up further.
- 8) Wall in Harbertonford car park. This is the wall which is collapsing behind the bottle bank. There had been a site meeting on

09/10/10 attended by councillors, the Clerk, Mrs Marilyn Harvey & Ruth Edwards of SHDC. It was agreed that until repairs were carried out, SHDC would fence off the area around the bottle bank, so securing the area in case of further collapse. There remained doubt about the ownership of the wall.

Correspondence:

- 1) DCC Winter Service on Devon Highways. Also checks on all grit bins in the Parish completed and returned to DCC including a request for an extra bin on Shop Hill, Harberton.
- 2) SHDC Budget Consultation 24/11/10 at Follaton to be attended by Cllr Knight & the Clerk.
- 3) SHDC Parish Remuneration Panel meeting 06/12/10 shown to the meeting.
- 4) South Devon Carers Consortium met on 04/10/10.
- 5) GLEAM. AGM notice for 22/10/10 and Autumn Newsletter shown to the meeting.
- 6) Transition Streets – 2 emails shown to the meeting.
- 7) TRESOC – Details received of new wind farm proposed on land near Luscombe Cross, Harbertonford – to be circulated around Councillors. It was also proposed to invite a speaker to our November meeting. All in favour.
- 8) Pruning of tree branch in Harbertonford Playground. The Clerk had received a phone call from Mrs Ronson of the Primary School. Cllr Knight will look into the matter.

9) Two trees needed trimming at the Ford Area in Harbertonford on Kingsbridge side of river. Two estimates had been received - one for a total of £360.00 (incl VAT) from Andrew Shilston and another from Elite Tree Surgeons for £200.00 + VAT for each tree. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Andrew Shilston to arrange a site meeting with him and report back. Proposed by Cllr Hookway, seconded by Cllr Knight. All in favour.

Other items on the table: Voluntary Vine; SHDC Executive Forward Plan and SHDC Minutes of Executive meeting 07/10/10.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

- 2) Cllr Knight reported that the bollards on the privately owned pavement at Bow Road, Harbertonford, had been replaced. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Mr O'Brien.
- 2) Cllr Hoddinott commented that the recently repaired road in Harberton was a big improvement.

Payments:

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The meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next will be held on Tuesday 09 November 2010 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm.