

## **Minutes of Harberton Parish Council**

meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2009 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Hill, Steer, Hockings, Hoddinott, Hookway, District Cllr Robert Steer & County Cllr Geoff Date.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Williams, Beamish, Janes & Jeffreys.

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, then he invited County Cllr Date to give his report. Cllr. Date reported that he had attended several meetings recently, specifically one regarding providing grants for equipment for local playgrounds which will be decided soon. Several Parish Cllrs reported the road signing on Kingsbridge Hill going out of Totnes on A381 as dangerous and not clear enough during current road works. Cllr Date said he would look into the matter immediately. Cllr Hockings then raised the Langridge Cross drainage problem and after some discussion Cllr Date promised to follow this matter up also. This then led Cllr Hoddinott to mention the track at Ford Barn Cross, Harberton. This is opposite the road down from Langridge Cross which was breaking up, having been left unattended for many years. Cllr Hoddinott will enquire of DCC Highways on this matter.

District Cllr Steer then gave his report. Firstly, SHDC will keep their Council Tax the same for the year 2009/10 with no increase in car parking charges either. There is a new free helpline available for financial advice with mortgages - 01392 686760. Last weekend there had been a cricket match sponsored by SHDC for two local charities at Ivybridge. A Police report had been received from PC Gary Addelsee dated 05/01/09. 3 crimes reported last month - two burglaries from farms between 01/12/08 and 04/12/08 and one common assault.

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

## **Matters Arising:**

- 1) Street Lighting in Harberton – ongoing.
- 2) Repair of fence at lower entrance to playground in Harberton – ongoing.
- 3) Community Planning. The Clerk had received an email from Mr. Padfield of Harbertonford and had also handed out one copy of the 1999 Appraisal to a resident of Harbertonford. Mr Padfield's email was passed around the meeting and read by all Councillors. After some discussion, the Chairman said he would respond to Mr Padfield, putting the Parish Council's viewpoint. It was noted that the appraisal of 1999 had cost £1,200.00 which had mostly been reimbursed by DAPC, but this offer was not currently available.
- 4) SHDC Parish Cluster meetings called for 20/01/09 have now been cancelled.

## **Planning. Parish Council recommendations.**

### **Decisions between meetings -**

**23/2305/08/F** - 1 Victoria Cottages, Harberton. Amendments to **23/1449/08/F**. No objections. Majority decision.

A letter had been received from Mr Kenyon, SHDC Planning Officer, containing information re installation of Railway Communications Mast at Tigley - ref. Post 00450.

## **Correspondence:**

- 1) Precept for 2009/10 to be set. A summary of current receipts and expenditure was given to councillors by the Clerk and, following discussions, it was proposed by Cllr Hockings, seconded by Cllr Steer not to increase the Precept for the year 2009/10. All in favour. This keeps the Precept at £6,500.00
- 2) Audit Commission invoice received for the Annual Audit of Accounts 2007/8 at £138.00 (incl. VAT £18.00). To be paid. Proposed by Cllr Hookway, seconded by Cllr Hill. All in favour.
- 3) SHDC Charity Cricket Match was held on 11/01/09 at Ivybridge Cricket Club. All proceeds going towards Dame Hannah Rogers Trust and St. Luke's Hospice.
- 4) A letter from Mr White of Harberton re repairs to the clock on St Andrew's Church is to be passed on to the PCC of Harberton.

**5)** SHDC - South Hams Local Development Framework Regulation 25. Letter received regarding planning development in the district was shown to the meeting.

**6)** D&C Police. Request for interested parties for appointment as Independent Custody Visitors. Poster displayed on notice board.

**7)** D&C Police. Request for interested parties for appointment as Independent Members to the Police Authority – details shown to the meeting.

**8)** CPRE & MVF 'Best Kept Village in Devon Competition 2009'. Form to be passed to the Primary School.

**9)** SHDC. Devon Home Choice – re Devonwide choice-based lettings scheme. Details shown to the meeting.

**10)** Communities & Local Govt Code of Recommended Practice. Consultation document shown to the meeting.

**11)** D&C Police Liaison Authority meeting to be held on 26/01/09 at Kingsbridge Rest Centre at 7.30pm.

### **On The Table:**

South Hams Society bulletin; SHDC Executive Forward Plan; SHDC Agenda & Minutes; NHS Newsletter; DCC Newsletter; TOR Homes magazine; Office of Fair Trading advice note.

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

**1)** Cllr Knight reported more complaints of dog fouling on the pavement outside houses in Marl Park, Harbertonford.

**2)** Cllr Beamish requested the subject of the possible pruning of the flowering cherry tree at the Ford Area in Harbertonford be raised. Councillors all agreed that John Culf, the Tree Warden be approached for his advice.

### **Cheque signed:**

**No 444** - Audit Commission - £138.00

### **Direct Debit:**

Plusnet - £9.75

The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next will be held at Harbertonford Primary School on Tuesday 10 February 2009 at 7.30pm.