

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30.pm.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr. Broom took the Chair. He opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and commenced with the co-option of a new Councillor. There had been only one applicant following the statutory advertising. This was from Mr. Charles Wynne of Dundridge Stables, Harberton. Mr Wynne introduced himself, then the Chairman invited any questions, but there were none. Cllr. S. Hockings proposed that Mr Wynne be co-opted, seconded by Cllr J. Hockings, All in favour. Mr. Wynne then completed his form of Declaration of Acceptance and took his seat at the meeting.

Present. Cllrs. Broom, Hoddinott, Janes, Williams, Camp, S. Hockings, Padfield, Trott, Clayton, Beamish, J. Hockings, D. Cllr. Steer, C. Cllr Black and Cllr. Wynne .

Public 1.

Also present D. Cllr. Vint of Totnes..

Clerk. Mrs. D. Crann.

The Chairman then invited the member of the public to speak. Mr. Ian Phillips of Harbertonford then spoke. He had come to let everyone know that the shop at the Melbray, Harbertonford was closing. He would be applying for a change of use to residential and hoped this would take place soon. Cllrs. would be welcomed to view the premises of course if they wished.

C. Cllr. Black then gave her report. This coming year's budget for 2013/14 had now been settled with a reduction of 2.7% on the previous year. The losers would be Highways, the Arts and Welfare benefits, especially housing. Domestic violence was on the increase.

Cllr. Williams asked about an improvement in Highways funding. Cllr. Padfield praised the improvements in the lanes ie. To the buddle holes, pothole repairs and cleaning of roads of mud especially affecting cyclists.

D. Cllr. Steer then gave his report. The travellers site at Marley Head was still a problem and other sites being sought. The Renewable Energy Policy was moving forward. The Dog Control problem was worsening also dog fouling. The planning appeal for the Totnes Riverside development had been overturned . The problems with the Bluepost Solar Panel development were being closely monitored by planning officers.

Police report by email. There were two reported crimes in the Parish in February 1. Driving with excess alcohol 5.2.13. and 2. Criminal damage reported 20.2.13.

The minutes of the previous meeting were considered. Items added were :- Matters Arising No.8 There were complaints about SHDC websites from Cllrs. Padfield & S. Hockings. No..9 There were also complaints that the hedges had been cut at the Hatchlands , Bluepost Solar Panel development contrary to planning permission. No 10. A road hedge at Sandwell, Harberton on the Totnes/Avonwick road had been erected too close to the road. D. Cllr. Steer had in fact looked into this matter and no action could be taken. These minutes were then agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### Matters Arising.

1. Housing Needs Survey was progressing. Fewer replies than usual had been received ie. So far 104 (42 from Harberton, 48 from Harbertonford, 15 others) It was hoped John Scott would attend the April meeting with a report.

2. TAP & Northern Cluster meeting. Cllr. Padfield reported that the TAP Fund would continue next year – 2013. He proposed that we advertise for ideas to use the funding available. He had good news that the Toll House Cycle Path at the Western Bypass, Totnes had been declared feasible by DCC and a design would be drawn up.

3. Environment Agency. New works at Palmers Dam in Harbertonford have been announced and have started on 18.2.13.

4. The Harbertonford Bottle Bank was reinstated 1.3.13.

5. Re 164 Bus Route – Cllr. Trott requested construction of an official Bus Stop at Langridge Cross to Totnes on the Move.

Planning. \_Parish Council recommendations.

Decisions at meeting.

23/0437/13/F – Sandwell Manor, Harberton. New tennis court and small pavilion, also ground mounted PV Solar Array (4kw) installed in unused garden. It was proposed by Cllr. Camp, seconded by Cllr. Beamish to object due to lack of information in the plans. No votes. There was then a call for a site meeting voting 4 in favour,. 3 abstention, 2 expressed an interest. A site meeting will be arranged.

23/0474/13/F ) Church House Inn, Harberton. Renewal of No.4 nineteenth and twentieth century partitions to 1<sup>st</sup>.

23/0475/13/LB) floor and formation of new access to rear as alternative means of entry & fire escape. No objections. Proposed by Cllr. Clayton, Seconded by Cllr. Hoddinott,. All in favour.

23/0525/13/TCA – Ford Farm House, Harberton. Willow, reduce branches. No objections,. Proposed by Cllr. S. Hockings seconded by Cllr. Trott. All in favour.

There was to be a Design Panel meeting at Follaton House on 19.3.13. and a Parish Council representative was invited to attend.. The subject will be No.. 4., Mill Meadow, Harbertonford.. It was proposed that Cllr. Broom attend, All in favour.

Correspondence.

1.A letter had been received from Mr. A. Harrison of Harbertonford and circulated amongst Councillors subject refusal of plans for 2 Wind Turbines at Luscombe Cross.. This will now be acknowledged.

2.HAS update to the Tenant Contract received and read out to the meeting. Also the Clerk had now delivered the £500.- rental cheque to Mr. Finch for the year 2013.

3.Room Hire invoices for 2012/13 for the Parish Council meetings had been prepared and were to be paid. For Harberton Parish Hall - £34.- and for Harbertonford Primary School - £41.26. Proposed by Cllr. Clayton, seconded by Cllr. Janes, All in favour

4..Quote received for grasscutting at the Ford in Harbertonford – 9 cuts @ £26.- each, the same as last year from John Horswill. All Councillors agreed this quote.

5.Street Lighting Policy from DCC. Street lights in residential areas will be switched off 12.30.am. for 5 hours (until 5.30.am.) Main roads will remain lit.

6.Code of Conduct. This was again discussed. The Clerk had consulted 8 of the neighbouring parishes..With only two there had been some resignations while North Huish still had not signed up. Harberton Councillors were still undecided and it was proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Clayton to await North Huish's decision. All in favour.

Re Standing Orders. Cllr. Broom and a small sub-Cttee had prepared a version of Standing Orders which all Councillors had now received. With one minor amendment these were now agreed – proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Williams, All in favour.

7. A request for Dog Bins had been received in Harbertonford. This will be followed up by the Clerk. They were particularly needed down Woodland Rd. Woodcourt Rd. By the Allotments up Hernaford Lane & at the Playing Field.

Items for Information.

1. Temp. Road Closure 3.4.13. Old Road, Harbertonford.

2. Cornish Mutual – Competition to win £1,.500.-

3. Six monthly Playground Reports received + email from Jane Hutchinson.

4.Provision of Fire & Rescue Cover in S. Hams received and shown to the meeting.

5.Rushbrook, Totnes information email circulated.

6.Localism conference 7.3.13. in London.

7. Walk & Talk..

8. Devon Senior Voice.

9. DALC - newsletter & magazine.

Annual Grant.

It was proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Janes to grant £75.- to the CAB, the same as last year. An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Clayton, Seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings to raise the amount to £100.-. Voting on the amendment was 7 in favour 3 against, the amendment was carried.

1. Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

- 1.Cllr.J. Hockings reported that at his meeting at Ford Farm, Harberton with Mr. J. Morrison of Highways + the surveyor from SHDC they will look into the flooding problem above Ford Farm particularly where the stream gets narrower.
2. Cllr.Hoddinott also reported that some large stones were missing from the river/road edge.
- 3.Cllr. Hoddinott also raised the subject of the SHDC site meeting at Luscombe Cross on 19.11.12. and the notice posted on the Harbertonford website by Cllr. Padfield with possible misinformation. Cllr.Padfield discussed the matter and it was felt that as the meeting progressed to the public highway the public would have been allowed to attend but not speak.
- 4.Cllr. Beamish reported the Hernaford Farm sign on A381 at the junction with the farm lane had been knocked down.
- 5.Cllr. Camp reported that at Peak Cross on A381 junction with the Green Lane down towards Cholwell Cross there were a lot of loose stones on the main road which might cause an accident on the bend.
- 6.The Parish Council will advertise for a Tree Warden following Cllr. Hill's sad death.
7. Cllr. Trott reported the road at Leigh Bridge, Harberton had had to be closed during bridge repairs to avoid danger to the workmen and damage to their equipment.
8. Cllr. Camp wished thanks to be recorded to Cllr. Clayton for maintaining the Bus Shelter in Harbertonford.

Cheques signed.

No.583	Mrs.D.Crann	£730.72	No.584	Harberton Parish Hall	£34.-
No.585	Devon County Council	£41.26	No586	Citizens Advice Bureau	£100.-
d/d	Plusnet	£9.99			

The meeting closed at 10.-00.pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and will commence with the Annual Meeting to be followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting. At Harbertonford Primary School