

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2003 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm.

Following an uncontested election, the following councillors have returned to the Parish Council:- Hockings, Janes, Fearn, Stubbings, Williams, Evans and D Cllr Steer. Each councillor has completed and returned to the Clerk a new "General Notice of Registrable Interests" and signed a "Form of Declaration of Office and Undertaking to Observe the Authority's Code of Conduct".

The Chairman then resigned. The Clerk called for nominations for Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr Janes, seconded by D Cllr Steer to nominate Cllr Hockings. He accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, voting was all in favour. Cllr Hockings took the Chair.

The Vice Chairman then resigned and the Chairman called for nominations. It was proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Evans, to nominate Cllr Janes and he accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, the voting was all in favour.

Apologies: Nil

Public: 6

Clerk: Mrs D Crann

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and invited the members of the public to speak. He explained that, following the non-contested elections, there had to be the annual election for Chairman and Vice Chairman. He also explained that there were vacancies for five councillors in Harbertonford and if anyone wished to be co-opted, they must write in to the Clerk with their details and these will be considered by councillors at the next meeting, which will be held in Harberton Parish Hall on 10 June 2003. The minutes of the previous meeting were then considered, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising:

1) DCC had replied to the query regarding the road up to Manor Cottage, Harberton, that the repairs would be carried out soon.

2) P3 Footpath Scheme. Still ongoing.

3) Flooding in Harberton. There had been a public meeting in Harberton on 8 May, with Bill Lawrence from SHDC and Lesley Seymour from Halcrows. An application for funding had to be made to DEFRA by mid-June 2003 and Mr Lawrence distributed questionnaires to the residents who had been flooded – to be returned to him within a week or ten days. Then he could complete an application to DEFRA, who would award points, after working out the cost/benefits to a formula. SHDC would help to alleviate the silt problem in the river, but the final responsibility lay with the riparian owners.

4) Queen's Golden Jubilee Photograph Album. It was hoped this could be ready for display at the Strawberry Fair in Harberton.

5) Skateboard park in Harberton. The Chairman had arranged a meeting with Mandy Life of SHDC in Harberton on 14 May at 2.00pm.

6) Harbertonford Playing Field. Jane Jeffries was asked to speak on behalf of the Playground Committee. Contact had finally been made with Mr Bob Greig of the Diocese in Exeter. He seemed well disposed to there being a new lease/licence with the Parish Council. Points he had brought forward were: 1) insurance, 2) security, 3) fencing and 4) legal costs. It was unanimously agreed that a site meeting with Parish Council, Mr Greig, Jane Jeffries and School Governors would be the best idea. The Clerk will arrange this.

7) Re the Luscombe Cross. The Clerk had written to English Heritage again, without much success and had also spoken to Mrs Yates who, whilst very interested in what was going on, was also unable to help as, apparently, the Cross, being an Ancient Monument, was in the hands of English Heritage. Mr Clive Fairweather of Harbertonford had also been following up this case and agreed to keep the Parish Council informed.

8) Seat at Gills Cross, Harberton. A new seat had now been acquired and John Culf had agreed to install it for £35.00 plus VAT, to which the Chairman and Parish Council had agreed.

Correspondence:

- 1) DCC. Temporary road closure, Woodland Road, Harbertonford, from 12/5/03 for about two weeks.
- 2) SHDC. Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill shown to the meeting.
- 3) DCC. National Cycle Network Route 2. East Portlemouth to Ashprington shown to the meeting.
- 4) DCC. New zebra crossing A381 – notification of new safety surface works to commence 28/4/03.
- 5) S Hams Rural Transport Forum meeting 15/5/03 at Ivybridge Town Hall at 7.30pm.
- 6) Coast and Countryside changes from 1/4/03. Management and administration changes shown to the meeting.
- 7) College of St Mark and St John, Plymouth. Exhibition and conference on 14/5/03 at 6.30pm.
- 8) DCC. Online campaign passed to Cllr Williams.
- 9) SHDC. Minutes of Executive Meeting 13/3/03 shown to the meeting.
- 10) SHDC. Election notices – results of poll displayed on noticeboards.
- 11) DAPC. New Audit and Accounts Regulations 2003. Book to be purchased £11.99. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Janes. All in favour. Also, Clerk to attend Clerks' Training Day – Meet the Auditors 2003 – at Dartbridge Inn, Buckfastleigh on 4/6/03. Cost £15.00. Proposed by Cllr Janes, seconded by Cllr Stubbings. All in favour. The DPFA newsletter shown to the meeting.
- 12) SHDC. Parish Councils Conference will be held on 3/6/03. Cllr Evans will attend.
- 13) Cornhill Insurance renewal is due 1/6/03. This year an increase in premium of approx 23½% - £348.49. This is to be paid. Proposed by Cllr Fearn, seconded by Cllr Evans. All in favour.
- 14) Devonwide Half Fare Travel brochure shown to the meeting.
- 15) Countryside Agency – Parish Plans. To be circulated amongst the councillors.
- 16) Copy of a letter from Harbertonford Sports and Social Interest Group to Graham Buxton-Smith of Environment Agency was read to the meeting. This criticised the new layout of the Ford Amenity Area. The reply from Mr Buxton-Smith was also read out, explaining the layout and the fact that the stone seat had now been modified.
- 17) S Devon Carers Consortium. Notice received of a service at Exeter Cathedral on 9/6/03 at 2.00pm. No applications to attend.
- 18) SHDC. National Fly-Tipping Campaign 1-31 May was now in progress.
- 19) Notice of Audit had been received for 21/7/03. The Chairman signed off the year's accounts for 31/3/03 and the Clerk will deposit the books with Mr Maddox of Harberton for his audit on 14/5/03, prior to advertising the Audit on 2/6/03.
- 20) DCC. Newsletters shown to the meeting.
- 21) A letter had been received from Mrs Pope regarding the changes for pensioners to use the Community Centre in Bow Road, Harbertonford. The Clerk will enquire of Tor Homes.
- 22) An invoice had been paid between meetings for £189.65 to cover the cost of two wooden seats from Rattery Sawmills. This will be reimbursed by the Environment Agency.
- 23) Totnes Caring AGM will be on 22/5/03 at 7.30pm at Totnes Hospital.
- 24) Two letters had been received as follows:- one from Mrs Hoddinott of Harberton PCC and one from Mrs Harvey of Harbertonford PCC. Both were accompanied by a set of accounts and both were requesting a grant towards the upkeep of the

churchyards. It was proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Janes, to give a grant of £250.00 to each PCC towards the upkeep. All in favour.

25) SHDC. Agenda and Minutes shown to the meeting.

26) The Voluntary Vine. Newsletter shown to the meeting.

27) SHDC. Executive Forward Plan displayed on the noticeboard.

28) SHDC. Development Control and Conservation User Group meeting to be held on 10/6/03 at 2.00pm.

Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:

1) Cllr Janes reported a caravan parked using a car space outside Marl Park.

2) Children on bicycles and skateboards were causing danger to motorists and themselves on the roads and footpaths at Riverdale. (Janes)

3) There had been some double parking outside Pound Court, Harbertonford, causing some access problems in the evening. (Janes)

4) D Cllr Steer commented on the smart repairs to the bus shelter. Thanks also to Colin Lund and Brian Harwood for cutting the grass at the Ford area. James Miller will be cutting the grass in future.

5) Cllr Stubbings reported a water leak, again, outside Church Gate. Also, that Shop Hill was badly in need of resurfacing.

6) Cllr Stubbings reported poor visibility at Fork Cross. Also, approaching Fork Cross from Blakemore Level, there was a large pothole.

7) The Chairman reported poor visibility at Peak Cross.

8) Cllr Williams reported parking at Globe corner in Harberton made it difficult to pass by at times and advised that they were also continuing to experience foreign lorries in Harberton.

Cheques signed –

Between meetings

No 283 – Rattery Sawmills - £189.65

At the meeting

No 284 – Allianz Cornhill - £348.49

No 285 – DAPC - £15.00

No 286 – SLCC - £11.99

No 287 – St Andrew's PCC - £250.00

No 288 – St Peter's PCC - £250.00

The meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 June 2003 at 7.30pm at Harberton Parish Hall.