

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 June 2006 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Jeffreys, Janes, Knight, Johnson, D Cllr Steer and Devon Cllr Date.

Apologies: Cllrs Hockings and Beamish. Also, PC Dunn of Totnes Police.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Firstly, he announced the death of Cllr Bryan Stubbings of Harberton, who had been a long-serving councillor. Condolences had been sent to his widow, Marlene. A minute's silence was observed in his memory.

Secondly, the Chairman called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr Knight was proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Jeffreys, to which he agreed. There being no other nominations, voting was all in favour.

County Cllr Date was then invited to speak. He gave a short report as follows. As a Governor of KEVIC he was involved in the disbursement of donated money for the support of pupils in various projects. At the DCC AGM on 25/05/06, he had been appointed to the Committee for Gypsies and Travellers. He reported the reluctant decision of DCC to close Danby House. Cllr Date also reported on the continuing poor visibility at the pedestrian crossing in Harbertonford and will pursue the matter with Mr Halliday of DCC Highways. Cllr Date concluded by reporting that he was pursuing the possibility of a grant for the Harbertonford Playground scheme. After further discussion, he left the meeting.

The Chairman then turned to the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 09/05/06 at 7.30pm. All councillors had received a copy and, after agreement, they were signed by him as a true record.

The Chairman and councillors then considered the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 09/05/06 at 8.40pm. After agreement, the Chairman signed them as a true record.

Matters Arising:

- 1) Re Police patrols in Harbertonford. The Clerk and Chairman had had contact with the Police recently. There had been, and will continue to be, foot patrols in Harbertonford, visits to the school and public house by PCs and Voluntary Constables. Any problems can be reported by phone on 08452 777444 to Sgt Hopper or PC Dunn of Totnes Police.
- 2) Poor visibility at Fork Cross, Harberton. D Cllr Steer had been in touch with Polly Stone of SHDC regarding this matter, also with Mr Anning, and was following the matter up.
- 3) P3 Footpath Scheme. No further funds available this year.

Planning: Parish Council Recommendations – Decision at Meeting:

23/0954/06/F New Buildings, Harbertonford. Creation of lay-by for car parking. No objections. Proposed by Cllr Jeffreys, seconded by Cllr Janes. 5 in favour, 1 abstention.

Correspondence:

- 1) A letter had been received requesting a grant towards the upkeep of St Andrew's churchyard in Harberton, together with a copy of the accounts. It was proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Johnson, to grant £350.00. All in favour.

- 2) An invoice had been received for the servicing and repairs of the Harberton mower for £137.40 – this to be paid. Proposed by Cllr Jeffreys, seconded by Cllr Janes. A donation cheque had also been received from Harberton Playing Fields Assn for £116.94 and paid into the bank to cover this (ex VAT).
- 3) A letter had been received from Tor Homes informing the Parish Council that the former communal lounge would now be designated 26 Bow Road, Harbertonford, Totnes TQ9 7TQ.
- 4) DAPC. Various items received, including Village Green magazine, website information and training days, plus DPFA AGM on 07/07/06 at Upton Pyne.
- 5) DCC. Temporary road closure 19/06/06 – Luscombe Cross to Painsford Cross, Harbertonford.
- 6) KEVIC. Details of new arrangements establishing a company limited by guarantee with charitable status shown to the meeting.
- 7) A letter had been received from Mr C Lund, secretary of the Feoffees. He was requesting that the Parish Council choose a new representative for Harbertonford, following the passing of Cllr Edmund Janes. It was proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Johnson to nominate Cllr Gwen Janes, to which she agreed. Voting was all in favour.
- 8) DCC. Local Government White Paper. Suggestions were sought as to how DCC should respond.
- 9) SHDC. Gambling Act 2005 public consultation shown to the meeting.
- 10) SW Regional Assembly consultation document to be passed around the councillors
- 11) SHDC. Redundant Building Grants. Details shown to the meeting. Further details may be obtained from the Clerk if required – telephone 01803 732210.
- 12) SHDC. New Chairman, Cllr Bryan Carson, has been announced. He would like to visit the Parish Council at a future date.

Also on the table: Charter 88; Victim Support Devon; DCC Newsletter; Library Service details; RCS reports; SHDC Executive Forward Plan and SHDC Agenda & Minutes.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

- 1) Cllr Janes wished to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and flowers she had received. Also, help from the Clerk.
- 2) On behalf of the councillors, the Chairman had also sent flowers to Mrs Stubbings after her husband's passing. She wished to thank everyone and said she wished to continue to put the Parish Council notices on the board in Harberton. Councillors expressed thanks for this offer.
- 3) D Cllr Steer reminded councillors that in early June the 10th anniversary of the opening of Harberton Parish Hall would be marked. After some discussion, councillors felt that it would be an appropriate gesture to remember Ronnie Sinclair, who was a driving force during the fund-raising period, by dedicating the garden to the left of the entrance to his memory. It was agreed to pass this message to the Hall committee.
- 4) The Chairman reported the buddle hole blocked near the entrance to Watery Lane in Harberton.

Cheques signed:

No 361 – Mrs D Crann - £434.85

No 362 – St Andrew's PCC - £350.00

No 363 – KC Garden Machinery - £137.40

Cheque paid in:

From Harberton Playing Fields Assn - £116.94

The meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next will be held at Harberton Parish Hall on Tuesday 11 July 2006 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Stubbings, Knight, Johnson, Jeffreys, Beamish, Williams and D Cllr Steer.

Apologies: Cllrs Hockings and G Janes.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

This meeting followed on from the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm at which time voting had taken place extraordinarily for Chairman. Cllr Fearn had been appointed the Chairman for this year. Voting on Vice Chairman had been delayed for a month as a mark of respect following the sad passing away of Cllr Edmund Janes last week.

The Chairman opened the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting were then considered, agreed and signed by him as a true record.

Matters Arising:

1) Re harassment by youngsters in Harbertonford of residents in the Marl Park/Bow Road area. The Clerk had now received a letter from Sgt Hopper of Totnes Police, together with a report from PC Dunn. Sgt Hopper addressed the problem, saying that recent foot patrols had been carried out in the village, also visits to the school and public house. If any specific incidents occur, these should be reported to the Police on 08452 777444.

2) Poor visibility at Fork Cross, Harberton. D Cllr Steer reported that she had spoken to Ross Kennerley of SHDC regarding the proposed works and he had given her the relative form for completion. She had then visited Mr Anning who completed and signed the form. (The application was for permission to move the hedge back at the appropriate time of year so as not to disturb the wildlife). After discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman should countersign this in support. Proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Knight. All in favour.

3) P3 Footpath Scheme. Ongoing.

Planning: Parish Council Recommendations.

Decisions between meetings –

23/0659/06/0 Up Yonder, 1 Mill Meadow, Harbertonford. Erection of bungalow. Following site meeting – No objections.

23/0788/06/Ag Langford Farm, Harberton. Construction of farm track. Prior approval not required per letter dated 08/05/06.

Correspondence:

- 1) Letter received from Harbertonford PCC for annual grant, together with a copy of the accounts. It was proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Beamish, to grant £300.00 – the same as last year. All in favour.
- 2) DCC. Various road closures notified. 05/05/06 Woodland Road; 10/05/06 Old Road & Moreleigh Road; 12/05/06 Bow Road – all in Harbertonford and 15/05/06 Harberton to Keys Englebourne.
- 3) SHDC. Letter received notifying Parish Council of maternity leave for Paula Brooks. Details from Clerk on 01803 7322100.
- 4) Totnes Charter 800 Years Celebration. Invitation to the Chairman to a service at Totnes Parish Church on 14/05/06 which he has accepted.
- 5) SHDC. Housing needs survey to be completed by Cllr Knight.
- 6) DAPC. Various training days and newsletter shown to the meeting.
- 7) South Hams Strategic Partnership. Details shown to the meeting.
- 8) GLEAM. Subs now due - £10.00 pa. Proposed by Cllr Stubbings, seconded by Cllr Johnson. All in favour.
- 9) Annual insurance premium with Zurich Insurance falls due 01/06/06. This year the policy will include cover for the playground (not play equipment) at rear of primary school, together with the chain link fence at rear of the school. This increases the premium substantially on last year, being £367.50 in total (£261.60 last year). To be paid. Proposed by Cllr Stubbings, seconded by Cllr Jeffreys. All in favour.
- 10) Ground Rent received from Harberton Parish Hall for year ended 31/03/06. £10.00 – cheque paid in to bank.
- 11) Local Authority By-Laws England (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister) shown to the meeting.
- 12) The audited Annual Accounts for the Parish Council were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Also on the Table

Various newsletters; SHDC Agenda & Minutes; Local Works meeting 18/05/06 at Totnes Civic Centre; Environment Agency letter re World Environment Day 05/06/06.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

- 1) D Cllr Steer reported on problems in Harbertonford with dog fouling just outside the 30mph limit of the village. The Clerk will contact the Dog Warden. Cllr Beamish also reported that the dog fouling bin down Bow Road was in need of replacement.
- 2) Cllr Stubbings queried what had happened to the Silver Birch tree at the Ford in Harberton. He also reported a block of cement under the grille in the river, together with several sandbags left by the contractors.
- 3) Cllr Beamish reported that at Harbertonford School Playground, the contractors had only strimmed half the bank along the footpath. Also, that there was an old moped dumped at the approach to Hernaford Lane in Harbertonford.

4) Cllr Johnson reported on the recent meeting of Harberton Parish Hall Committee. There was a need for new signing for the top car park for patron of the Church House Inn and village residents.

5) The Chairman proposed that Cllr John Hockings be invited to continue as a Parish Councillor, even though he has been away ill for six months. All councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to him asking him to continue.

Cheques signed:

No 358 – Community First - £367.50

No 359 – Harbertonford PCC - £300.00

No 360 – GLEAM - £10.00

Cheque paid in:

Harberton Parish Hall - £10.00

The meeting closed at 10.25pm. The next will be held on Tuesday 13 June 2006 at 7.30pm at Harbertonford Primary School.