

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2012 at 7.30.pm. at Harberton Parish Hall.

Present. Cllrs. J. Hockings, Broom, Padfield, Janes, Beamish, Trott, Hill, Camp, Clayton, S. Hockings, Williams & D. Cllr. Steer.

Apologies. Cllr. Hoddinott.

Speakers. Mr. J. Scott from Devon Rural Housing Partnership And Mr. McClaren from TGC Renewable.

Public 9.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and invited Mr. J. Scott to speak first. He had come to discuss the Parish Housing Needs Survey. Funding for this survey would be from the Local Authorities and approx. £250.- possibly from the Parish Council or CLT. The survey would be delivered to all households in the Parish to be completed and returned by post to Exeter. After further discussions by Councillors consideration would be carried forward to the next meeting for a final decision. Mr. Scott then left the meeting..

Mr.McClaren then spoke. He had come to discuss and answer questions on plan 23/2485/12/F at Hazard Farm, Harberton for a Solar Farm. These plans were under consideration by Councillors at present and many questions were asked and answered. The subject of the Community Benefit was raised by Mr. McClaren, this would be £1,000.- per megawatt for 10 years. This arrangement did not constitute part of the planning application Mrs. Pantry from Moor Farm Cottage also spoke she was concerned about the proposed development and the disruption which would be caused during the development. There then followed discussions and questions by Councillors after which. Mr. McClaren left the meeting.

D.Cllr. R. Steer then gave his report. The Housing Needs Survey would be straightforward and a useful tool. He had been appointed to lead the Renewable Energy drive as his part of the district now had so many renewable energy applications. The Foales Leigh Wind Turbine had been turned down on visual impact and noise The gypsies and travellers site at S.Brent was still posing problems with the Dartmoor National Park. Next year's budget was now under consideration..

Police Report received by email. There had been reported 3 crimes in October. Affray on 2.10.12. – Criminal damage to property 19.10.12.- Possession of drugs, Cannabis 24.10.12.

Also a gang had been reported attacking and stealing from country workshops, sheds & garages.

The minutes of the previous two meetings were then considered

On Tuesday 9th October 2012 there had been a Planning meeting for 23/1990/12/F -2 Wind Turbines (hub 64m. tip 99.5m) to generate 2.3mw per turbine. Site E of A381, S of Langridge Cross, Harberton. This commenced at 7.30.pm. There was one amendment. This was followed at 9.30.pm. by the monthly meeting. There were three amendments after which these minutes were both signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising.

1. There had been no response from SHDC to the Neighbourhood Plan request . This would be followed up by Cllr. Broom.

2. There had been no response from DCC re the request for the cycle path at the Totnes Western Bypass.

Planning. Parish council recommendations.

Decisions between meetings.

23/1990/12/F – 2 Turbines at Luscombe Cross, Harberton. There was to be a site meeting on 19.11.12. at 10.00.am. by the SHDC Planning Committee. Cllrs. Williams, Beamish, Padfield & Trott agreed to represent the Parish council.

14/2182/12/F – Southdown Farm, Dartington. 17.5h of ground mounted Solar Array(5megawatts) incl/ infrastructure. The Parish Council had No Comments to make.

23/2304/12/F – Miss Muffets, Moreleigh Road, Harbertonford Retrospective application for repairs to stone barn & Construction of wall for garden. No objections,.

23/2347/12/F -1, Angle Cottages, Harberton.2 storey ext. No objections..

Decision at meeting.

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23/2485/12/F – SX 7509 5925, Hazard Farm, Harberton.. Solar PV development & associated works. It was proposed by Cllr. Padfield, seconded by Cllr. Trott to support this application provided there was screening with trees to all neighbouring properties where possible. Also construction of access track should be retained as a permanent access. For information. Voting 8 in favour, 2 against. 1 abstention.

23/2247/12/AG – Great Englebourne,. Harberton. SX 7779456907. Building to store farm machinery.

Correspondence.

1. Update on TAP Fund applications. Cllr. Padfield reported that at a recent Northern Cluster meeting the Harbourne Shuttle had been granted £10,000.- grant. (This makes a total of £11,000.- as the Eastern Cluster has already been granted £1,000.-) Cllr. Padfield is still awaiting confirmation of the Toll House TAP application. Cllr. Broom proposed to support this Toll House application, seconded by Cllr. S. Hockings. Voting 10 in favour 1 against. 2. SHDC Register of Electors for 2013 is now available to view by appointment with the Clerk or at the meetings.
3. Police & Crime Commissioners Elections are now due on 15.11.12.
4. CLT minutes for July & August are available.
5. New Code of Conduct forms were given to each Councillor for completion & return to the Clerk at the December meeting.

Other items on the table.

Came & Co. Newsletter.

Voluntary Vine.

Walk & Talk.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman

1. Cllr. Camp referred to the decision that draft minutes should not be available on the internet, but only when signed off. The Chairman & Cllrs. had all agreed this recently and this was again discussed & agreed by all Councillors
2. Cllr. Camp also reported there had been some discussion in the press about the voting procedures at the previous meeting on plan 23/1990/12/F. Both the Chairman and the Clerk reiterated that the procedures had been followed correctly
3. Cllr. Broom reported that during recent heavy rains Old Road in Harbertonford opposite the school had resembled a river on more than one occasion The road drains had become blocked. The clerk will report this to Highways.
4. The Chairman raised the subject of the back up on the Parish Council computer. Cloud storage has been suggested as an option. This to be discussed again at the next meeting.

Account Entry

d/d Plus net. £9.99.

The meeting closed at 10.30.pm. The next meeting will be held at Harbertonford Primary School on Tues, 11th December at 7.30.pm