

# **Minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 2003 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Hockings, Janes, Williams, Stubbings, Fearn, Preston-Day, Evans and D Cllr Steer

**Public:** 2

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited the members of the public to speak. Mr & Mrs Harwood from Harberton had come to discuss joining the P3 footpath scheme as they are keen walkers and had recently tried to walk some of the Parish paths – in vain, because they were overgrown. Mrs Snoxall from North Huish had contacted a number of our councillors, who now expressed an interest. There was certain funding available to refurbish the paths and Cllr Williams agreed to look into the possibility of holding a public meeting in Harberton Parish Hall towards the end of February, to generate some interest in the project.

Mr Harwood also mentioned the excess water recently running from A381 road at Langridge Cross down the Dundridge Road to the stream at Harberton. County Highways will be contacted regarding this matter.

The members of the public then left the meeting.

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

## **Matters Arising:**

1) The discussion about spending the £300 donation from Mr Wheeler was then held over until the next meeting.

2) Flooding in Harberton. Halcrows report commissioned by SHDC would soon be available. There had also been flooding off the field next to Harberton Parish Hall in recent rains. DCC had promised to install a higher kerb to protect the flooded properties.

3) Queen's Golden Jubilee photographic record – still ongoing.

4) HGV lorries through Harberton. The Clerk had tried to contact Mr Halliday and would keep trying to arrange a site meeting in Harberton.

5) Travellers' vehicles at Dattins Quarry – still ongoing.

6) Seat at Gills Cross, Harberton. This matter was again discussed and, so far, there had been only one person showing any interest. The seat had been examined further by councillors and found to be beyond repair, so it was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by D Cllr Steer, that it should be removed. All in favour.

7) A reply had been received from GLEAM concerning the recent motorcycle rally around Harberton, offering advice which the Parish Council might like to follow. The Clerk read the letter out to the meeting and, following discussions, it was agreed by councillors that she should write to the Police and DCC complaining at the lack of prior information of this rally and the conditions under which it was held, which caused inconvenience to the local residents.

8) The Chairman had approached James Miller and accepted his quote for cutting the grass at the Ford area in Harbertonford, which will be the same as last year – ie: 10 cuts at £33.00 + VAT. The Chairman also asked Mr Miller if he would include the cutting of the Ford area in Harberton in the price and he kindly agreed to do this.

9) The Chairman and several councillors had attended a meeting in Harberton the previous evening, relating to a proposed skateboard park in the Playing Field. The Parish Council Chairman had pointed out several issues such as planning, insurance and possible noise nuisance which needed to be addressed. The Parish Council will give their support to the project if the above issues can be resolved.

10) Harbertonford Playing Field will be discussed at the next meeting, after the School Governors' meeting.

## **Planning: Notice of Appeal**

**22/0998/02/F** Leigh Bridge Cottage, Harberton. Starting 3/1/03.

### **Correspondence:**

1) Village of the Year Competition. Cllr Williams spoke about this competition as he was in favour of both villages entering. The rest of the councillors gave their support. Cllr Williams will report at the next meeting.

2) Precept 2003/4. It was unanimously agreed by all councillors to precept for the extra £5,000 for Harberton's flood prevention scheme as discussed this time last year. The annual precept last year was £4,179, so with an increase of 3%, ie: £125, the total for 2003/4 was set at £9,300. Proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Fearn. All in favour.

3) Totnes and District Community Strategy Group. A meeting had been held on 7/1/03.

4) SHDC. Minutes of meetings held at Follaton House on 28/11/02, 5/12/02 and 2/1/03 shown to the meeting.

5) SHDC. Executive Forward Plan posted on notice board.

6) SHDC. Room hire at Follaton House shown to the meeting.

7) SHDC. Care and Repair Service available. Details shown to the meeting.

8) Environment Agency. Letter of thanks received for the £5,000 cheque towards the Harbertonford Flood Prevention Scheme, together with some photographs which were shown to the meeting.

9) SHDC. Christmas tree recycling. Notices posted in both villages.

10) SHDC. Housing Strategy 2002/7. Details available from SHDC.

11) Devon and Cornwall Police Liaison meeting at Ermington Primary School had been held on 13/1/03 at 7.30pm.

12) A letter from Mrs Pope of Harbertonford was read out to the meeting.

13) DCC. Local Access Forum. Details shown to the meeting. Applications to County Hall by 7/2/03.

14) SHDC. Parking Charges 2003 shown to the meeting.

15) S Hams Local Transport Forum meeting 15/1/03 at KEVIC, Totnes, at 7.30pm.

16) Devon Recycling Scheme. Details shown to the meeting.

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

18) DCC. Newsletters shown to the meeting.

19) SHDC. Newsletters shown to the meeting.

20) Totnes Rail Transport Group Newsletter shown to the meeting.

21) There will be a meeting at Follaton House on 26/2/03 at 7.00pm with Town and Parish Councils. Cllr Evans agreed to attend.

22) A report from Dartington Primary School Governors was shown to the meeting.

23) Room hire for Harbertonford Primary School – 7 meetings @ £5. £35.00 to be paid. Room hire for Harberton Parish Hall – 5 meetings @ £5. £25.00 to be paid. Proposed by Cllr Fearn, seconded by Cllr Janes. All in favour.

24) DCC. Road Safety. A letter had been received from Mark Plumb, the new DCC Road Safety Officer at Ivybridge. The Clerk was asked to contact him for more prominent signing for the new pedestrian crossing across A381 at Harbertonford.

25) Invoice for £46.81 received from Mr Jane for repairs to the bus shelter in Harbertonford. To be paid – proposed by Cllr Preston-Day, seconded by Cllr Janes. All in favour.

26) Tor Homes Newsletter shown to the meeting.

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

1) Cllr Janes reported that the rungs in the trash screen at the place where the Yeolands Stream crosses under Moreleigh Road should be made wider to allow smaller debris to pass through, then it would not be so likely to become blocked. He also asked that a sleeping policeman be placed on the road by 2 Moreleigh Road to help prevent future flooding of that road and the cottages by the bridge. He also reported that Luscombe Cross has been broken and he thought English Heritage were going to repair it.

2) Cllr Janes then reported a travellers' vehicle on the verge along the road to Harbertonford from Luscombe Cross. He also reported that the green behind the bus shelter in Harbertonford was being destroyed by cars parking.

3) Cllr Evans asked if the drainage grid at Town Farm Close in Harberton could be curved. However, D Cllr Steer mentioned that this might be included in the Halcrows report on flooding.

4) Cllr Evans also mentioned concern by local residents at the large amount of fly posting on village telegraph poles and hoped that local people would remove these when the events had passed.

5) Cllr Stubbings reported that nothing had been done to the lane breaking up past Manor Cottage, Harberton, to Hayes Barn, first reported last June.

6) Cllr Fearn reported the Ford Barn Cross signpost needed repairing. Also, along Blakemore Level, at the cross roads, there were some potholes.

#### **Cheques signed:**

No 270 – D Jane - £46.81

No 271 – Devon County Council - £35.00

No 272 - Harberton Parish Hall - £25.00

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 February 2003 at 7.30pm at Harberton Parish Hall.