

The minutes of Harberton Parish council meeting held on Tuesday 14th February 2012 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.p.m.

Present. Cllrs. Hockings, Broom, Hoddinott, Clayton, Janes, Hill, Williams, Padfield, Trott, Camp, Beamish and C.Cllr. Black.

Apologies. D.Cllr. Steer.

Public 4.

Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman announced the resignation of Cllr. Hookway for personal reasons. Cllr. Hoddinott regretted her resignation and hoped there would not be any further resignations.

The chairman then opened the meeting and invited the members of the public to speak. Mr. S. Mears then spoke. He explained he had a planning application to be considered later in the meeting, at Blue Post, Harberton. It was a property which he had purchased and hoped to reinstate to two cottages along Higher Plymouth Road towards Avonwick. He answered several questions put by Councillors.

Mr. Phillips of Harbertonford then spoke. He had come with information about his new group in the Parish opposing the proposed Wind Turbines. All Cllrs had been given a copy of this information and the subject would be discussed later on the agenda. Mr. Phillips then left the meeting.

C.Cllr. Black then gave her report. There had been several meetings, all connected with the budget. In all £20m. of cuts to be achieved – in Highways, some jobs to go – in Social Services £10m. cuts – Corporate Services £5m. cuts. A total of 28% cuts over 4 years.

No reports from D.Cllr. Steer or the Police this month.

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

Cllr. Padfield referred to C.Cllr. Black's report on A381 at the previous meeting, when she had said the announcement was mainly about the funding for the improvements (between Totnes & Halwell) which had been secured. The Parish would be notified of the future work in due course.

Matters Arising.

1. Devon Active Villages. Cllrs. Clayton & Hill reported having been in touch with the Harbertonford Primary School and Steve Jane of the Football Club.
2. Proposed Bottle Bank in Harbertonford. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should follow up this with Ruth Edwards of SHDC.
3. Request for 30mph Speed Limit Extension to North Park Corner, Harbertonford. The clerk will follow this up.
4. Snow Wardens. The salt had now arrived at the store in the Parish. Cllr. Hockings is to meet with the Snow Wardens soon. A Risk Assessment will be drafted as advised by AVIVA.
5. A site meeting on 15th February has been arranged with representatives from Environment Agency to inspect the notice board opposite the Post Office in Harbertonford to see what repairs are necessary.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.

23/2518/11/F – Daisy Hills, Diptford. Cllr Padfield has agreed to attend the Planning Committee meeting at Follaton House on Wed. 15th February to represent the parish council.

23/0087/12/F – The Studio, The Orchard, Hernafor Road, Harbertonford. Alterations + ext. to existing studio & double garage. Proposed by Cllr. Broom, seconded by Cllr. Camp. To support this application./ All in favour.

23/0137/12/F – Blue Post Cottage, Higher Plymouth Road, Harberton. Proposed by Cllr. Padfield to strongly support their reinstatement to two dwellings and improvement. Seconded by Cllr. Williams, All in favour.

23/0189/12/F – Daynes Barn, Harberton. Provision of agricultural building in existing yard. Cllr. Camp declared an interest and left the room. No objections proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Williams, all in favour.

Cllrs. agreed the Clerk should find out the legal status of the improved entrance at this site.

23/0205/12/CLE – Hill Mill Nurseries, Harberton. The Parish Council had not yet received any details of this

application. The clerk will make enquiries.

Correspondence.

1. Email from TRESOC/Infinergy re proposed Wind Farm at Luscombe Cross, Harbertonford and payments of £9,200.- p.a. to the Parish were then discussed. Cllr. Broom declared an interest and took no part in discussions.

There followed a full discussion involving all Cllrs. also taking into account the reply received from SHDC Solicitor to the TRESOC offer. This offer had been advertised widely, also on the villages internet sites. The advice from the Solicitor was to “consider any planning application on its merits without the distraction of the £9,000.-”

Cllrs. generally felt it was still rather soon to make any final decisions about the matter.

Cllr. Padfield proposed “the Council notes the offer by TRESOC/Infinergy to make a contribution to the local community. This offer should enter negotiations with the local planning authority (SHDC) to define conditions attached to planning approval for the wind farm, should it be given” this was unsupported and followed by another proposal by Cllr. Hill who said that the SHDC Solicitor should represent the Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr. Padfield 10 in favour 1 abstention.

Cllrs. were unanimously of the view that another public meeting at this stage would be of no benefit until the plans were published. Of most benefit would be a pre-planning meeting with SHDC which Cllrs. could attend. Cllrs. also felt the proposed £9,200.- should be aimed at the community involved only. Any future public meeting in the Parish should be restricted to residents and certain officials only – not to the public at large.

2. Email received from Mrs. Padfield of HAS thanking the Parish Council for the £100.- grant towards a shed.

Also received from HAS was a cheque for £500.- payable to the Parish Council which was to be for the rental to Mr. C. Finch for the Allotments for 2012 season commencing March. It was proposed by Cllr. Janes, seconded by Cllr. Broom to issue a counter cheque for £500.- in favour of Mr. C. Finch. All in favour.

3. Received from SHDC – Localism Act 2011. The Future of Standards. Copies given to all Cllrs. for information.

4. Community Safety Forum Event 22.2.12. at Rattery Village Hall 12.30 – 4.00pm. including lunch. Details passed around the meeting.

5. HPFA wish to plant a “wild harvest” hedge along the border of the upper carpark of the Hall in Harberton. Cllrs. discussed this request and felt that a hedge would generally not be a good idea as it was an open space and it might not be so easy to see children playing and keep an eye on their safety. The Chairman said that there were 3 broken posts around the carpark which Cllrs. could easily replace, also if any other ones needed replacing in the future. This was proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Beamish, All in favour.

They had no objections to the proposal to plant a Jubilee Oak.

6. Best Kept Village Competition. Cllr. Janes will pass this on to Harbertonford School.

7. CAB were looking for volunteers.

8. Grasscutting at the Ford Area in Harbertonford for 2012. This to be discussed again at the next meeting.

9. Allocation of Accommodation – details shown to the meeting.

10. Community Consultation exhibition. 16.2.12. at S. Brent Village Hall 3-7.pm. with reference to proposed solar farm development at Hazard Farm, Harberton.

11. Cllr. Clayton brought up the subject of dog fouling at the Ford Area in Harbertonford.. Several attempts had been made over the years to stop this problem, unfortunately photographic proof has not been forthcoming.

Other items on the table.

Junk mail

S. Hams Society Bulletin.

Walk & Talk.

The Playing Field.

Senior Council for Devon.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1. Cllr. Padfield enquired who the Tree Warden was for the Parish. It is Mr.J. Culf of Harberton. There have been various trees felled in the village recently.

2. Cllr. Janes reported more problems with dog fouling down Woodland Road. Reports of dog fouling preferably with photographic proof should be reported to the Clerk.

3.Cllr. Hoddinott reported 2 vans parked near Luscombe Farm, Harbertonford to be reported to SHDC by the Clerk.

4.Cllr. Beamish had had several requests for the Bottle Bank to be reinstated.

5. The Chairman wished Cllrs. to consider a possible grant to the Harbourne Shuttle at the next meeting.

Payment. d/d Plusnet £9.99.

The meeting closed at 10.00.pm. The next meeting will be held at Harberton Parish Hall on 13th March 2012 at 7.30.pm.