

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council
meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2009 at
Harbertonford Primary School at 8.40pm.

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Janes,
Jeffreys, Steer, Hoddinott, Hookway,
Hockings, Williams, Johnson, Beamish &
District Cllr Robert Steer.

Apologies: County Cllr Geoff Date.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting by
welcoming everyone. The minutes of the last
meeting were considered and, after two
amendments, were signed by the Chairman
as a true record.

District Cllr Steer had given his report at the
Annual Parish meeting, but added
condolences to the relatives and friends of
Mrs Lucas of Harbertonford who died recently
in a road accident near Brockhills on the
A381.

Police Report:- received by email 31/03/09.
2 crimes in the Parish – possession of drugs
(cannabis) and a drive or attempt to drive
whilst unfit (drugs). The offender was bailed.

Matters Arising:

- 1) Street Lighting in Harberton. The Clerk will follow this matter up again.
- 2) Repair of fence at lower entrance to Playground in Harberton. Cllr Hockings suggested the Clerk should approach DPFA for a grant towards repairs.
- 3) Community Planning. Ongoing to the May meeting.
- 4) Proposed pruning of Flowering Cherry Tree in Harbertonford, for reconsideration in early autumn.
- 5) P3 Footpath project. The Clerk will contact DCC again for proposed work schedule on Paths 13 & 16 and follow up on Path 6 closure.
- 6) Public Space Strategy. Cllr Jeffreys was following up on any possible grants available.
- 7) The Boundary Commission for England Proposals. It was agreed by all councillors that the Clerk should write again reiterating our view that no more money be wasted on

something which would be unpopular. It was noted that the present system works well and does not need alteration, especially in a time of recession. Local Government is operating well and, where possible, savings are made – for example, the Chief Executive of South Hams District Council is shared with West Devon District Council.

8) DCC Highways proposed Interactive signing at the Pedestrian Crossing on A381 in Harbertonford. District Cllr Steer and the Clerk will both follow this up vigorously as it should have been in place by end Mar/beginning Apr 09.

9) After consideration, Cllr Beamish has now agreed to continue as Parish Councillor in the Harbertonford Ward, for which our thanks.

Planning - Parish Council Recommendations.
Decisions at meeting.

23/0475/09/LB) – Dundry Stables,
23/0476/09/F) Harberton. Internal &
external alterations. No objections. Proposed
by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Johnson.
All in favour.

23/0556/09/F - 11 Packs Close,
Harbertonford. Erection of PVCu
conservatory. Cllr Janes declared an interest
and took no part in decisions. No objections.
Proposed by Cllr Beamish, seconded by
Cllr Hookway. 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

Correspondence:

- 1) Annual subs now due. DAPC - £224.00 and DPFA - £15.00. Both to be paid. Proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Knight. All in favour.
- 2) D & C Police Liaison meeting held 30/03/09 at Salcombe.
- 3) SHDC Cluster meeting to be held 20/04/09 at Follaton House 7.00pm.
- 4) South Hams Tree Warden's meeting at Follaton House 18/04/09. at 2.20pm. Details passed on to John Culf.
- 5) SHDC Monitoring Officer's advice to Members. Copy to each councillor.
- 6) Email received from John Culf re mower repairs. Shown to the meeting.
- 7) Allotments Regeneration Initiative. Details passed on to Mrs Padfield.
- 8) SHDC National Litter Campaign. Details shown to the meeting.

9) Notice of Annual Audit for year ended 31/03/09. received. This is to be completed by 22/06/09.

10) DAPC Notice of Small Grant Fund (under £1,000.00) shown to the meeting. Copies to Cllr Jeffreys and John Culf.

11) A letter received from Mr Barkas and a telephone call from Mrs Ganter of Harberton regarding the dilapidated state of Church Cottage in Harberton was reported. District Cllr Steer said he was hopeful we might get some progress soon with SHDC, who had had great difficulty in getting the owners to carry out any work on this property. The Chairman to speak to Mr Barkas re his comments concerning the Parish Council's involvement in the matter.

12) Letters had been received from DCC and Mr E J Steer of 12 Bow Road, Harbertonford, regarding a proposed disabled parking bay to be marked along Bow Road opposite No 12 for Mr Steer to use. It is understood arrangements have now been completed for this parking bay to be marked on the opposite side of Bow Road, next to the river bank, for use specifically by disabled drivers.

13) A change of Safety Deposit at Lloyds TSB Bank plc had been made by the Clerk. The Safety Deposit envelope is now deposited at the Totnes branch.

14) SHDC Chairman's Charity Pro-Am Golf Match will be held at Bigbury Golf Club on Friday 01 May. It will be in aid of Dame Hannah Rogers Trust and St. Luke' Hospice.

15) Devon Play Builder. Grants up to £50,000.00 for playgrounds available.

Information passed on to Cllr Jeffreys and John Culf.

16) An email received from Jacob Edwards of Totnes, regarding the sport of Tambourelli reported. He is asking for the support of the Parish Council so they can expand to Harberton Parish Hall for a weekly session. The Clerk will respond.

17) Annual Insurance. Following on from the last meeting, the Clerk had made some enquiries regarding possibly changing insurance companies. A quote had been received from Norwich Union (Aviva) brokers Came & Company Parish Council Insurance at Odiham, Hants, details of which were shown to the councillors. The other company,

AON, part of Allianz, had also sent a form to be filled in and minuted at the meeting. Norwich Union had subsequently sent a quote for the year commencing 01/0609 of £263.32, whilst a renewal of the current policy with Zurich Municipal would be £402.48. Overall the general cover was more comprehensive with Norwich Union, although the excess was £250.00, whereas it is £100.00 with Zurich Municipal. After discussion, councillors elected to go for the Norwich Union policy and leave the AON Proposal form, as the time scale would be tight for the 01/0609 renewal. Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Hoddinott. All in favour.

Other items on the table:

SHDC Minutes of Executive meeting 05/0309; DCC Newsletter; SHDC Agenda & Minutes; Senior Council for Devon Issue 2; DCC Magazine; NHS Foundation Trust.; SHDC Executive Forward Plan; GLEAM magazine; Information Commissioner + DVD Boundary Commission Summary Mar 09.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

1) Comments were made deploring the present state of some of the local roads whilst the much-less used Harpers Hill out of Totnes up to Windmill Down had recently been made up.

2) Cllr Steer mentioned that the new traffic lights in Totnes at Higher Plymouth Road should be reset as frequently only four vehicles can pass before the lights change, causing traffic blockage back as far as Gerston Cross. Other Councillors supported this.

3) Questions were asked who owns the unconverted part of the Old Mill factory in Harbertonford. District Cllr Steer will enquire.

4) The Clerk will also follow up on the progress of the Boundary Marker stone at Peak Cross, Harberton.

Cheques signed:

No 450 – DPFA - £15.00

No 451 – DAPC - £224.00

D/D – Plusnet - £9.75

The meeting closed at 10.20pm. The next will be held at Harberton Parish Hall on Tuesday 12 May 2009 at 7.30pm.