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**Present:** Cllrs Hockings, Stubbings, Jeffreys, Patrick , Johnson, Beamish and D Cllr Steer.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Williams, Fearn, E Janes, G Janes, County Cllr Date and PC Miskin.

**Public:** 3

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and invited the public to speak. Mr Beagley from Harberton commenced by asking D Cllr Steer if she had any progress to report on the Harberton Flood Scheme. Cllr Steer then reported that there had been some progress in as much as Mr B Greenslade, Leader of DCC and Mr R Yonge, Leader of SHDC, were to meet in the near future, together with the relevant council officers. DCC had indicated that they might reconsider their intransigent attitude and look again at their funding position. The Parish Council would welcome any new contributions from both councils, also the increased offer from the Environment Agency, now making a total of £5,000. Cllr Steer said she was still looking at the figures of a lesser scheme, but hoped this would not now be necessary. Mr Beagley and his colleagues hoped the Parish Council would keep open the option of an extra loan to bridge any shortfall should this be necessary. After further discussions, the members of the public left and the meeting continued.

Cllr Beamish reported that Cllr E Janes had been taken ill recently and was now in hospital in Exeter. He proposed that the Clerk send him a Get Well Soon card from the Parish Council, to which all councillors agreed and wished him a speedy recovery.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 May 2005 were then considered, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, also held on 10 May 2005, were also considered, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **Matters Arising:**

1) Flooding in Harberton. This subject had again been fully discussed at the start of the meeting. The Clerk had received a letter from Mr D Ellison of Harberton, which was passed round the meeting.

2) P3 Footpath Scheme. Ongoing.

3) Harbertonford Playground Scheme. Ongoing.

4) Parish Council insurance. The new policy with Zurich Municipal was now in place as from 1/6/05

The Clerk gave a short report, received from PC Miskin, which included seven minor crimes in the Parish, resulting in several arrests. There was one request for bollards at the bus stop in Harbertonford, but details were sketchy. Would the person requesting these, please contact the Clerk with further details which will be passed on. (Mrs Crann tel: 732210).

### **Planning: Parish Council Recommendations –**

### **Decisions between meetings**

**23/0789/05/F** Little Belsford, Harberton. Construction of double garage and new access track. Councillors were not able to comment as the plans had not been returned to the Clerk in time.

**23/0867/05/F** 2 Riverside Mill Cottages, Harberton. Two-storey extension. No objections.

**Correspondence:**

1) Invoice from Harberton Parish Hall for £5.00 for room hire for Pensions Service 22/3/05. To be paid – proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded Cllr Patrick. All in favour.

2) Parish Council accounts for year ended 31/3/05. Internal audit is now completed and signed by the Chairman, Clerk and Mr J Maddox. The Parish Council are again very grateful to Mr Maddox for his having carried out this audit on their behalf. These papers are due to be sent to the District Auditor on 21/7/05.

3) SHDC. Community Consultation. Launch notification of two meetings – 20/6/05 at 11.30am-1.00pm at Ivybridge Town Hall and 21/6/05 at 7.00pm-9.00pm at Follaton House.

4) Invoice received from Glendinnings, Ashburton, for five granite boulders now placed at the splay entrance to Harberton Parish Hall. A cheque for £216.79 (inc £32.29 VAT) was signed between meetings on 29/5/05.

5) HPFA. Reimbursement cheque received for £272.00 for service to mower.

6) SHDC. Waste collection changes project letter shown to the meeting.

7) Letter from Mr Jones of Tigley had been received and was read to the meeting. This referred to a proposed travellers' site at Tigley Croft. There was a full discussion by councillors, but it was agreed that until a planning application was put before this Council, no decisions could be made.

8) P3 Footpath Scheme summer training courses 2005 shown to the meeting.

9) Letter received from Mr Barkas of Harberton. This letter was read to the meeting and referred to the perennial problem of the deteriorating state of Church Cottage, Harberton. The Clerk will write to the owners yet again, to appraise them of the situation.

10) Countryside Agency Conclusive Map Area 6 has been received and was shown to the meeting. This showed no public access land in this area.

11) SHDC. Telecommunications Database shown to the meeting.

12) Letter from TOR Homes received informing the Parish Council that 21 Bow Road, Harbertonford, has now been included in the Low Cost Rural Home Ownership Initiative.

13) DAPC. Various items received, including Village Green magazine and training days. All shown to the meeting.

**Other items on the table:**

SHDC Executive Forward Plan; DCC newsletters; S Hams CVS AGM 21/6/05; S Hams Traffic Management Group; SHDC Minutes of Executive Meeting 2/6/05.

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

1) The Parish Noticeboard opposite Harbertonford Post Office and Shop now has a new lock. Keyholders are Mr Evans and Mr S Jane. Cllr Jeffrey is also to have a key. All in favour.

2) The bus shelter in Harberton is in need of repair on the side next to the telephone kiosk. After inspection, Cllrs Hockings and Stubbings will give a further report at the next meeting.

3) At the Ford Area in Harberton, there is too much silt in the river. This will be examined by the Chairman and reported on at the next meeting. (Patrick)

4) At Harberton Playing Field, no unauthorised camping is ever allowed. (Patrick)

5) Cllr Beamish reported that once again Mr Chattaway of Harbertonford, had removed the river cress at the Ford Area, for which the Parish Council thanks him.

6) D Cllr Steer, who had been a member of the SHDC Planning Committee for some time, has now taken on the post as Lead Member.

7) Cllr Patrick asked that the Clerk contact DCC Highways to enquire about the possibility of solar speed signs on the A381 from the Kingsbridge direction.

**Cheques signed:**

**No 340** – Mrs D Crann - £407.19

**No 341** – Harberton Parish Hall - £5.00

**Paid in to bank:**

From HPFA - £272.00

The meeting closed at 9.50pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 July 2005 at 7.30pm at Harbertonford Primary School.

**Present:** Cllrs Hockings, E Janes, G Janes, Stubbings, Fearn, Johnson, D Cllr Steer, Williams and Devon County Councillor Date.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Jeffreys, Beamish and Patrick.

**Public:** 2

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited Cllr Date to speak. He introduced himself as our new County Councillor, as we are now included in the Totnes area, following the election on 5 May. He said he wished to be available to help in any way possible and mentioned the Harberton Flood Scheme in particular. After some general discussion on this subject, and a report from D Cllr Steer on recent events, Cllr Date agreed to contact the Leader of the County Council to see if there might be anything he could do to encourage DCC to contribute further funds towards the scheme. Until any further developments, D Cllr Steer would be working with SHDC to see what best results could be achieved with the monies already in hand (including the £15,000 promised by the Parish) to complete the drainage work still unfinished at the bottom of Harberton. Further decisions on fund-raising by Mr Beagley and his colleagues will be delayed pending developments.

The meeting then proceeded and the Chairman resigned. The Clerk then called for nominations for Chairman. It was proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr G Janes to nominate Cllr Hockings again, to which he agreed. There being no other nominations, voting was all in favour. The Vice Chairman then resigned and the Chairman called for nominations. It was proposed by Cllr Fearn, seconded by Cllr Stubbings, to nominate Cllr E Janes, to which he agreed. There being no other nominations, voting was all in favour.

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

### **Matters Arising:**

1) Flooding in Harberton. This subject had again been fully discussed at the start of the meeting. The Chairman said we should await any possible development that the new County Councillor might bring to the table. Councillors again agreed unanimously with the £5,000 loan from SHDC making the Parish Council contribution a total of £15,000.

2) P3 Footpath Scheme. The Clerk had received a report from Roz Davies of DCC following the recent meeting in Harberton and was awaiting further developments.

3) Harbertonford Playground Scheme. The Clerk had now received a further letter from Mr G Davies of the Diocese indicating a change of heart; ie proposing a £50 per annum rental, with a possibility of up to £450 per annum should the fencing around the play park need renewing. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Fearn, seconded by Cllr Williams, to accept these new terms and proceed with the lease. All in favour.

4) Parking in the splay at the entrance to Harberton Parish Hall. The Chairman had supervised the delivery of five granite boulders which had now been put in place to deter parking. Thanks were also due to Mr Jim Hoddinott, who had kindly assisted with their placement.

5) Parish Council insurance. This was due for renewal on 1/6/05. The Clerk had now received details of an insurance policy from Zurich Municipal Insurance through Community First at Devizes. The new premium would be £261.60 pa (excess £100) for a parallel policy as opposed to Cornhill Insurance costing £451.91 pa (excess £125). It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr E Janes, to pay the premium for the Zurich Municipal policy and cancel the Cornhill policy. All in favour.

### **Planning: Parish Council Recommendations –**

#### **Decisions between meetings**

**17 & 23/0676/05/F** Dattins Farm, Harbertonford. Amendments to 23/0015/05/F. Replace render with timber cladding. No objections.

**23/0696/05/F** The Old Store, Wesley Place, Harberton. Installation of solar water heating collectors. No objections.

**23/0711/05/LB** The Millers House, Crowdy Mill, Bow Road, Harbertonford. Replacement conservatory. No objections.

#### **Decision at the meeting**

**23/0541/05/CLE** Certificate of Lawfulness for use of barn as residential unit at Country Gardens, Tristford Reservoir, Copperthorn Cross, Harberton. A full discussion took place and it was felt that, from examination of supporting documents, the applicant may have, perhaps, deceived the District Council and the matter should be examined by the Legal Department.

#### **Correspondence:**

1) A letter had been received from St Andrew's PCC, together with a copy of the accounts requesting an annual grant towards upkeep of the churchyard. It was proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Johnson, to grant £350 as last year. All in favour.

2) A letter had been received from SHDC regarding the closure of negotiations with CLS. It had been mutually agreed that a beneficial deal over the transfer of the District's leisure services could not be reached.

3) Various notices had been received and posted on noticeboards for both Parliamentary and County elections.

4) SHDC had sent a letter regarding street sweeping changes – this was read out to the meeting.

5) A letter had been received from DCC Local Services Officer notifying us of a new Road Safety Officer.

6) GLEAM. The annual subscription was now due - £10.00 as usual. It was proposed by Cllr Stubbings, seconded by Cllr E Janes, to pay this again this year. All in favour.

7) An invoice had been received from Messrs Bowden and Sons of Bovey Tracey for an annual service for the mower for Harberton Playing Fields Association, amounting to £319.60. It was proposed by Cllr Hockings, seconded by Cllr Stubbings, that this should be paid. All in favour. The basic cost will be reimbursed by HPFA.

**Other Items on the Table:**

S Devon Carers Consortium; SHDC Minutes of Executive Meeting 7/4/05; DCC monthly newsletter; The Playing Field newsletter; SHDC Landscape Heritage Scheme; The Voluntary Vine; SHDC Agenda and Minutes; Victim Support; TOR Homes Open Door; Totnes Caring AGM 26/5/05; DAPC newsletter

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

No matters raised this month.

**Cheques signed:**

**No 335** – E Bowden & Sons - £319.60

**No 336** – GLEAM - £10.00

**No 337** – Community First - £261.60

**No 338** – St Andrew's PCC - £350.00

The meeting closed at 9.00pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 June 2005 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm