

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council

meeting held on Tuesday 14 September 2010
at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Fearn, Knight, Hockings, Janes, Williams, Hookway, Johnson, Hill, Beamish, Hutchinson, County Cllr Paula Black & District Cllr Robert Steer.

Apologies: Cllrs Steer & Hoddinott.

Members of the Public: 4.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting and offered congratulations on her recent marriage to Cllr Hutchinson. He then welcomed everyone after the summer break and invited members of the public to speak.

Mr Broadway spoke first. He wished to question Parish Councillors on their response to his application for a Certificate of Lawfulness to plan **23/0129/05/F** – Dundridge Yard, Harberton. The Chairman said Councillors had not had any new information on this matter as the yard had been in existence for at least ten years and had no comments to make. Mr. Broadway then questioned Cllr Hockings specifically who said he also had nothing to add. Mr Broadway then left the meeting.

Mr Padfield then spoke. He had come with Sue Deakin to represent Harbertonford Allotment Society (HAS) to enquire about progress with completing the agreement with Mr Finch for leasing his field at Hernaford Lane.

Cllr Knight, who now represents the Parish Council on the allotment committee, had received the membership details for NSALG and a HAS meeting would be called soon. He said that ten plots would definitely be needed on this site.

County Cllr Black then gave her report. She had attended several meetings with DCC Highways, specifically about the interactive signs on A381 in Harbertonford. This matter was further discussed by Councillors and concern was strongly

expressed that they still were not working properly after 2/3 years. Cllr Black had attended the SW Council AGM; Local Government Association Conference in Bournemouth; The Queen's Tea Party; also Waste Solutions for South Devon – an incinerator was proposed costing £200-250 million. The spending cuts to be announced next month would bite further next April. At the Old Toll House, Western Bypass, Totnes new notices had been posted by the residents regarding cycling on the footpath.

District Cllr Steer then gave his report. SHDC & West Devon Borough Council had appointed a new Chief Executive, Richard Sheard, to be shared between them when David Incoll retires at the end of 2010. The Vanguard process with planning was to be speeded up. He also congratulated Cllr Hutchinson on her marriage. He said he had £1,000.00 available for grants to associations and clubs in the parishes. The Police Report had been received on 03/09/10. No reported crimes last month. Cllr Hockings reported on an incident on 08/08/10 which had been reported to him by a member of the public. A dog on a lead had been attacked outside the door of the Maltsters Arms, Harbertonford pushing the owner into the road by the pedestrian crossing. Luckily no traffic was passing. This to be reported.

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

Matters Arising:

- 1)** Interactive road signs in Harbertonford. This matter had already been discussed and was to be followed up by County Cllr Black.
- 2)** Repairs to fence in Harberton Playing Field - ongoing.
- 3)** Harbertonford Playground. Cllr Hutchinson explained in great detail all the new proposed equipment with drawings and designs. There was much discussion between Councillors. The final result of her grant application will be known about 20/23 September. Councillors also discussed whether the fencing around

the playground should be wooden or metal and it was generally agreed a metal fence would last longer, but some wooden equipment had been chosen. The matter of insurance was also discussed as the proposed grant from Community Spaces now required the equipment to be covered for Material Damage up to £50,000 for 5 years. The Clerk had contacted AVIVA and their quote for blanket cover for all equipment in the Playground, including Material Damage up to £50,000 was £225.75pa. First year's cover would be pro-rated. Public Liability for the Parish Council was up to £10,000,000 is already in place. Councillors had already agreed to this additional cover between meetings during the summer break. All Councillors joined in giving Cllr Hutchinson a vote of thanks for her hard work over the last 9 years in guiding the project to fruition.

4) Pothole outside the Tall House, Harberton, still not repaired nor the transformer along footpath by Harbertonford playground cleared of ivy.

Planning: Parish Council recommendations -

Decisions between meetings.

23/1555/10/F – Sandwell Farm, Harberton.

Amendments to **23/1671/07/F** – Conversion of barn to swimming pool house. No objections.

23/1686/10/LB – Overleigh, Harberton.

Alterations & refurbishment to farmhouse. No objections.

Certificate to Lawfulness – **23/0129/05/F** – Dundridge Yard, Harberton for plant hire & log/wood yard. Parish Council have no comment to make as the yard has been in occupation for more than 10 years.

23/1745/10/LB – The Cottage, Old Road, Harbertonford. Reorganisation of existing accommodation and creation of bedroom and reception room. No objections.

Decisions at meeting:

23/1890/10/F – Orchard Lodge, Harbertonford. Change of use of outbuilding to holiday accommodation. No objections. Proposed by Cllr Hutchinson, seconded by Cllr Janes. 7 in favour, 1 abstention.

Correspondence:

1) Allotments + NSALG. The Parish Council cheque for £64.73 (inc £9.63 VAT.) was signed between meetings for membership to NSALG and the membership documents passed on to Cllr Knight for the HAS. He reported that ten plots will be required at the site up Hernafor Lane. Colin Finch has agreed to prepare the site and put in stock fencing and the HAS committee will proceed with the arrangements. The Parish Council have also said they are not in favour of livestock being kept on site. Councillors wished to follow up District Cllr Steer's suggestion that he had some money for small grants available. It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Johnson to apply for a grant towards the cost of the subscription to NSALG. All in favour.

2) HPFA. An invoice was received from Wicksteeds for the new roundabout and a cheque signed between meetings for £4,725.85 (incl. £703.85 VAT). A grant of £3,000.00 had been received from SHDC and a grant of £1,022.00 had been received from HPFA. An invoice has also been received from Earth Wrights Ltd for a reconditioned slide and materials for £674.45 (inc £100.45 VAT). A grant cheque has been received for £574.00 from HPFA. This invoice to be paid, proposed by Cllr. Hutchinson, seconded by Cllr. Hill. All in favour.

3) Notification of completion of the Annual Audit for 2009/10 Accounts had been received. A cheque for £141.00 was signed between meetings (inc £21.00 VAT).

4) SHDC New shared Chief Executive with West Devon Borough Council had been announced. Richard Sheard will take up his position on the retirement of David Incoll at the end of 2010.

5) DCC. New Timetable for Mobile Library Services announced. Harberton at bus stop – 30 mins. Harbertonford at Bow Road - 45 mins and by the church - 45 mins. These arrangements will be fortnightly commencing January 2011.

6) Letters from Mr Cetti of Harbertonford were read out and considered. They covered

the problem with the pedestrian crossing and the Interactive road signs. The Clerk will reply.

7) NALC. Notification to veto excessive Council Tax increases shown to the meeting.

8) DALC. Biosphere Action Week 27/09/10. Details shown to the meeting.

9) SHDC. Housing Survey 29/30 September shown to the meeting.

10) SHDC Consultation on Designation Orders (Alcohol Bylaws) shown to the meeting.

11) SHDC Draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy 2011/4 shown to the meeting.

12) NALC Draft Submission on legislative reforms and those being considered for revocation shown to the meeting.

12) D&C Police Liaison meeting timetable shown to the meeting.

14) SHDC Environment Services shown to the meeting.

15) DALC. AGM 25/09/10 at County Hall – Annual Report 2009/10 – Empowering Communities.

16) SHDC LDF. Submission Stage now being passed around Councillors to read.

17) SHDC Invoice for £117.50 (inc £17.50 VAT) for the agreed annual contribution towards play areas – insurance, inspection and maintenance to be paid. Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Hutchinson. All in favour.

18) Temporary Road Closures. Old Road, Harbertonford for Street Party 5.30pm to midnight 30/08/10. Also, 3 Bow Road. Harbertonford 22/11/10.

19) Letter received from DCC re Registration of the Ford Area, Harbertonford. A notice had appeared in the South Hams Gazette 13/08/10. If there are no objections by 24/09/10 it may then be registered as a Village Green.

20) Invitation to Emergency Planning Session 23/09/10. Passed on to Cllr Fearn who will attend.

21) The Dartmoor Way. A survey shown to the meeting.

Other items on the table:

In Touch magazine; SHDC Business Bulletin; SHDC Minutes of Executive meeting 22/07/10; Walk & Talk; No Need For Nuclear; SHDC Executive Forward Plan; TOR Homes Open Door; Devon Put People First; R&D Express Newsletter; National Housing Federation;

The Playing Field; SHDC Agenda & Minutes; South Hams Magazine; The Village Green; Emergency Management newsletter.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

1) Cllr Johnson reported a bank demolished at field entrance along Screws Lane.

2) Cllr Janes reported the wall in the Parish Car park by A381 bridge was collapsing behind the Bottle Bank. The clerk will follow this up to ascertain whose responsibility it is.

Cheques signed between meetings:

No 495 – NSALG - £64.73

No 497 - Wicksteed Ltd - £4,725.85

No 498 - Audit Commission - £141.00

Cheques signed at meeting:

No 499 - Mrs D Crann - £538.52

No 500 - Earth Wrights Ltd - £674.45

No 501 – SHDC - £117.50

DD – 21/07/10 – Plusnet - £9.99

DD – 23/08/10 – Plusnet - £9.99

The meeting closed at 10.10.pm. The next will be held on Tuesday 12 October 2010 at Harberton Parish Hall at 7.30pm.