

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council

meeting held on Tuesday 14 October 2008 at 7.30pm at Harberton Parish Hall.

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

Apologies: County Cllr Geoff Date.

Clerk: Mrs D Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and invited District Cllr Steer to give his report. He said on the walk he had led around the Diptford Areas on behalf of AONB, 10 people had attended. He had also been to a meeting on behalf of tenants of SHDC & TOR Homes. This was to introduce a new policy against Anti-Social Behaviour. SHDC had about £1.5 million invested in the Heritage Bank (a subsidiary of an Icelandic bank).

County Cllr Date had sent an email advising that he had nothing to report, but that DCC had no investments in any Icelandic banks.

Police – 2 reports this month.

- 1) PC Debbie Taylor had now retired from the Police.
- 2) 3 crimes recorded and detected in September. Also reports of an abusive door to door sales person to be aware of and an increase in fuel thefts – everyone should be vigilant.

The minutes of the last meeting were then considered, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising:

- 1) Street Lighting in Harberton. We are still awaiting DCC's report as promised. The Chairman reported 14 answers from Harberton residents of which only 1 was against reducing the lighting.
- 2) Repair of fence at lower entrance to Harberton Playing Field – ongoing.
- 3) Untidy state of pavement on inside edge

outside 1 Mill Meadow, Harbertonford. DCC Highways reported to the Clerk that this was the responsibility of the landowner.

4) Re New interactive signs for the pedestrian crossing in Harbertonford across A381. The Clerk had just received a letter from Mr Halliday of DCC informing us this might be delayed until the end of the financial year.

5) Re Harbertonford Football Club's request for a grant. A copy of their accounts had now been received and passed around the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Beamish to grant £250.00 towards a new gas boiler to heat the showers. There being no other proposals, voting was all in favour.

6) Cllr Hill reported that a tree surgeon had examined a reported dangerous tree along Bow Rd. Harbertonford in his hedge and had passed it OK.

7) Cllr Jeffreys reported further new additional items at the Harbertonford Playground including new bow fencing alongside part of the footpath.

8) Re Mrs Ganter's comments on the deteriorating state of Church Cottage in Harberton, the Clerk was now able to report that there was to be a new gate and that the brambles in the garden were to be cleared away.

9) Monkey Oak, Harberton. DCC Highways will look into the request for 'No Through Road' signs entering the Green Lane leading to Englebourne.

Planning - Parish Council recommendations.

Decision between meetings:

23/1731/08/F – Pound Court Cottage, Old Road, Harbertonford. Change of use from B&B & Wine Bar to one additional dwelling. No objections – majority decision.

Decision at meeting:

23/1884/08/F - Smokey Cottage, Harbertonford. Installation of flue for multi-fuel stove. No objections. Proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Johnson. All in favour.

Correspondence:

- 1)** Community Planning. Following on from the previous meeting, the Community Council of Devon's letter was again discussed around the meeting. Councillors were asked to consider if they wished to carry out another similar Appraisal (which was carried out in this Parish in 1999). This matter will be reconsidered again after Christmas. Any comments from residents for or against will be welcomed.
- 2)** SHDC Development Control & Conservation User Group meeting to be held 15/10/08.
- 3)** SHDC – BT 'Adopt-a-Kiosk' Scheme was introduced. Both payphones in this Parish are to remain in use.
- 4)** DCC ' Keeping in Touch' magazine wins a national award.
- 5)** GLEAM AGM – 24/10/08 at Newbury + Newsletter shown to the meeting.
- 6)** Communities + Local Govt. Enforcement of Bylaws Consultation document shown to the meeting.
- 7)** DCC Commons Act 2006. Details shown to meeting.
- 8)** SHDC Budget Consultation meeting 12/11/08. at Follaton House, 7.00pm. Cllrs Fearn and Hill will attend.
- 9)** SHDC Parish Cluster meeting 22/10/08 at Follaton House 7.00pm. No one wished to attend.
- 10)** DAPC Response to Boundary Commission proposals passed around the meeting.
- 11)** HM Courts Service. South Devon Magistrates Courts letter read to the meeting. The Chairman of the South Devon Bench, Lady Freere, wished that magistrates could become more connected with the Communities. It was suggested by councillors that a speaker attend the Annual Parish meeting next spring. All in favour.
- 12)** DCC Waste Management Proposals for South Devon shown to the meeting. Nearest meeting will take place 23/10/08 at the Watermark, Ivybridge.
- 13)** Invoice received from James Miller for the 2nd clearance of the silt from the Ford at

Harberton as agreed £182.12 (inc VAT £27.12). To be paid. Proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Janes. All in favour.

14) Letter received via email from Harbertonford Village Hall Committee inviting all Councillors to the opening of the new Hall Extension on Saturday 01 November. Invitations to be sent to all Councillors + Clerk.

15) South Hams Local Development Framework Affordable Housing & Supplementary Planning - documents to be circulated amongst Councillors.

Other items on the table:

Standards Board Newsletter; DPFA Newsletter; S Hams CVS Volunteer forms; SHDC Executive Forward Plan; DCC Newsletters; SHDC Magazine; DAPC Newsletter; SHDC Agenda & minutes; SHDC Annual Forum 17/10/08; S. Devon Carers Forum 03/11/08; SHDC Minutes of Executive meeting 02/10/08.

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

1) Cllr Beamish requested that TOR Homes should carry out strimming of the grass on LH side of entrance to Harbertonford Playground. It is a health hazard with possible rats.

2) Cllr Williams reported a water leak in the road outside Lower Orchard, Harberton where repairs have subsided.

3) Cllr Hill reported potholes in the road past Marylands, Harbertonford up the hill to Luscombe.

Cheques signed:

No 440 - James T. Miller - £182.12

No 441 - Harbertonford Football Club - £250.00

23/09/08 – DD Plus Net - £9.99

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The next will be held on Tuesday 11 November 2008 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm.