

The minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2011 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30.pm.

Present. Cllrs. Fearn, Knight, Hill, Hockings, Hookway, I. Steer, Beamish, Johnson, Janes, Williams & D. Cllr. R. Steer.

Apologies. Cllr. Hoddinott & C. Cllr. Black.
Clerk. Mrs. D.Crann.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. As this was the last meeting before the elections on 5th May 2011 it would be treated as the Annual Meeting and he started with the annual reports.

Report from C. Cllr. Black. She had sent her apologies as she was away on holiday. An email had arrived from Mr. Halliday of DCC to say that Cllr. Black indicated that she will be able to fund new lights for the A381 crossing at Harbertonford. The Clerk will try to ascertain details of the future lights.

Harbertonford Playground Association. Cllr. Hutchinson had sent her report in her absence. A total grant of £47,969.- had been received from the Big Lottery Community Spaces programme for the new playground equipment & fencing to be opened on 19.5.11. by the Mayor of Totnes. Other funding received - £3,000.- from SHDC + £2,000.- (awaited) from Devon Bid. Sadly there had already been some vandalism at the playground. New members were badly needed for the committee. Many thanks for the support from the Parish Council, D.Cllr. R. Steer & C.Cllr. P. Black.

Harberton Parish Hall. Cllr. Williams reported several changes to the committee and thanks to Betty Baldwin the regular cleaner who had retired. A new floor and heating system had been installed. Bookings had increased and takings were up 30%. The pantomime and an art exhibition proved successful. New storage also planned. John & Jan Culf have made generous donations from Harberton Folk for which many thanks. Also a huge thanks for their work and time put in at the Playing Field during the past 20 years.

Harbertonford Village Hall. Report from Bob Monaghan as follows:- Continuing work on development of the hall, mainly centred on the extension and conversion of the old kitchen into a meeting room. Over the year we have welcomed new bookings and a series of weekend bookings some through the Community Council of Devon. The bar has proved a draw plus generating a good income. We hope to complete the equipment for the kitchen this year. Some aspects still need improvement including the pedestrian approach to the hall.

Police Report. By email 4.4.11. Two crimes reported, one arrest made, the other has been filed.

Harberton Playing field Association. Report from Ben Nute as follows:- Following on from previous years a grant for grasscutting expenses is requested from Harberton Parish Council (together with a copy of the previous year's accounts) this to be considered at the May meeting. HPFA also request a grant towards a container to house the .mower at the Playing Field. A new roundabout & slide have now been installed, assisted by a grant of £3,000.- from SHDC together with funds already in hand. Further income has been earned from camping on the Playing Field. John & Jan continue to assist with funding from the 'Snowdrop Walk' for which many thanks. A rota of helpers continue to do weekly visual checks of the play area. A Royal Sports Day on 29.4.11. is planned. Roger hands & others have volunteered to cut the grass and Sara Perring is now the Treasurer. HPFA would like to take the opportunity to thank John & Jan Culf for their effort and commitment to the Playing Field over the past 20 years.

Harbertonford Primary School. Cllr. Beamish gave his report:- The School has had a very positive year. New re-wiring, redecoration of classrooms, refurbishment of the kitchen, new ICT equipment. Tennis, football, netball, badminton, swimming, singing, music are all extra after school activities. Visits to theatres, SHDC Council meeting at Follaton, St. Peter's church for Carol service & Harvest festival & Easter. Visits from the Fire Service & Police to talk to the children. Support from PTFA offers continual support with fund raising events. Financial challenges remain as always. There are 3 classes, 3 full-time teachers, 2 part-time teachers, 3 meal-time assistants, 2 administrators. Currently 64 pupils + 2 at Easter. 8 will leave in July & 12 extra in September.

Feoffees. Report from Cllr. I. Steer.:- The usual 2 meetings were held – March & September. Due to lower interest rates there was less money available for distribution. Mrs. J. Blackler is now the Secretary.

H.A.S. (Harbertonford Allotment Society.) Report from Cllr. Knight:- 9.5 plots are now in action as from this spring (March) . Mr. C. Finch has prepared the ground and the hedges. The fences are soon to be completed. Mrs. Padfield has supplied details of the Public Liability Insurance to the Clerk together with a copy of the accounts. A cheque for £435.76 for the first years rental has also been received and will be passed on to Mr. Finch . This is based on 9.5 plots @ £50.- ea. For 11 months.

D.Cllr. R. Steer's report. :- The children from Harbertonford Primary School paid a very successful visit to the Executive meeting at SHDC and asked many interesting questions which were answered by District Councillors. 8 Heads of departments had left their posts with the reorganisation and the new sharing with West Devon . Grants had been paid to HAS. Harbertonford Village Hall and Harbertonford Football club. Recycling was improving. The Council Tax had also been frozen for 2011/12.

Matters Arising.

1. Re proposed travellers site at Tigley – on going.
2. Interactive Lights on A 381 at Harbertonford – on going.
3. Re collapsed wall in Harbertonford carpark. It had now been arranged to remove the bottle bank 10.00.am.-12.00.pm. on 14th April. When the carpark will be temporarily closed. Mrs. Harvey has agreed that her builder will then be able to rebuild the wall.

Planning. Parish Council recommendations.
Decisions between meetings.

23/0714/11/F – Wilma, Woodcourt Road, Harbertonford. Replacement dormers. No objections – majority decision.

23/0721/11/F – Daisy Hills, Diptford. Retrospective application for wildlife pond. No objections.

Decisions at meeting.

23/0711/11/TCA – 4, Victoria Cottages, Harberton. Pollard Ash . No objections, proposed by Cllr.I. Steer, seconded by Cllr. Hockings. All in favour.

23/0872/11/TCA – Fine pine, Woodland Road, Harbertonford. Fell Ash + Alder. No objections , proposed by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. I. Steer. All in favour.

23/0896/11/F –Land adj Lower Grove Farm, Tigley. New timber building for storage associated with business. No objections. Proposed by Cllr. Hockings, seconded by Cllr. Williams, All in favour.

From last month.

23/0399/11/CLE – Chippel Park, Harberton. Permission for existing siting of 2 touring caravans

for residential use. After the last meeting and following information received from Cllr. Hockings it is confirmed that these caravans have been in residential use for well over 10 years.

Email from Mr. Harrington 10.3.11. Ref. Yurt Camping site at higher Beenleigh SX753577. D.Cllr. R. Steer has followed this up.

The Chalet building on land SX754574 between Thorn Farm & Higher Beenleigh. D.Cllr. R. Steer has also followed this up.

Email received from Helen Smart SHDC Planning Enforcement Officer 9.3.11. Re alleged residential use of caravan at 4, Riverdale Harbertonford to be followed up by SHDC.

23/0496/11/PRE (proposal) SX7330659654 Hatchlands Farm, Harberton. Proposal for 25acre site for solar panels 2.7m high. Details shown to Councillors.

Correspondence.

1. SHDC Notice of Referendum on voting system 5.5.11. also letter from SHDC re Declarations of Interest was read to the meeting.

2. Email from Mr. Padfield re omission from minutes of meeting 8.2.11. Referring to Mr. Padfield asking Mr. Halliday about DCC's lack of formal submission in DPD process in Area RH18 at Harbertonford Specifically that there was no opinion that vehicles be routed to A381 rather than through Old Road causing serious extra traffic to the School and houses. Mr. Halliday responded that opinions would be given when a planning application was submitted. Parts of the proposed site are owned by different people and should be considered by all interested parties before planning permission is given.

3. DALC Annual Sub now due. £261.25 (incl VAT £33.25) to be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Johnson. All in favour.

4. DPFA Annual Sub now due. £35.- to be paid. Proposed by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. Janes, All in favour.

5. Temporary Road Closures:- 11.4.11. Old Rd. & Bow Rd. Also 14.4.11. Old Rd. & Bow Rd. Also Cancellation Moreleigh Rd. 12.4.11. Also Moreleigh Rd. 11.5.11. & Bow Rd. 9.5.11. All in Harbertonford.

6. Letter from Inspector Tomlinson, Totnes Police was read to the meeting - The structure of policing will be changing from 20.5.11. Response will cover Totnes & Kingsbridge, crime also from Totnes. Local beat officers will still be in place but more officers will be on duty at times of highest demand, many of these later in the evening.

7. DCC Devon Tithe Map Project. Volunteers sought.

8. Harbertonford Bottle Bank. Already dealt with under Matters Arising No. 3.

9. S. Hams Society Bulletin newsletter shown to the meeting also notice of AGM 12.4.11. at Kingsbridge.

10. Email received from Mrs. Padfield of HAS. Thanking the Parish Council and all concerned for their help in setting up HAS which was now in action.

11. Email received re Community Oil Buying Group shown to the meeting.

12. Email re Celebration for Royal Wedding shown to the meeting.

13. SHDC Reg 26 – Notification of Review of S. Hams & W. Devon Councils Statement of Community Involvement letter shown to the meeting.

Other items on the table.

Good Councillors Guide.

S.Hams Carers Forum 24.3.11.

S. Hams CVS

SW Ambulance Service

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Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership

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

Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman.

1. Cllr. I. Steer reported potholes and the road breaking up past Dundry to Langridge Cross, Harberton.

2. Cllr. Beamish reported the resident at 11, Marl Park, Harbertonford was unhappy at the new equipment being installed at the Harbertonford Playground as he will be overlooked.

Cllr. Beamish was unhappy that the 111 Bus service had been withdrawn and children going to Torquay Grammar School now have no direct bus service

Chairman's Report. Cllr. Fearn said that he had now served on the Parish Council for 17 years and this was his last meeting. During his time in office the Allotments had now been set up thanks to Mr. Colin Finch & HAS with a lot of hard work from the committee and Mrs. Padfield, Cllr. Knight & Cllr. Beamish. The Flood Schemes had been completed in Harbertonford (2001) & Harberton (2007) and proved successful. Harbertonford had been the first Parish to contribute towards such a project. Cllr. Fearn thanked all the Councillors for their support and assistance also D.Cllr. R. Steer & C.Cllr. P. Black and the Clerk Mrs. Crann.

Cheques signed.

No. 514	DALC	£216.25
No. 515	DPFA	35.-
No. 516	Colin Finch	435.76
Pd into bank from HAS		436.76
d/d	Plusnet	9.99

The meeting closed at 9.45.pm. The next meeting will be the new Parish Council members on 10.5.11. at Harberton parish Hall at 7.30.pm.