

Minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2002 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Hockings, Janes, Fearn, Stubbings, Preston-Day, D Cllr Steer and Devon County Cllr Owen Masters

Speakers: From Environment Agency Mr G Buxton-Smith and Mr T Miles and from Messrs E Thomas Mr G Adamiw

Clerk: Mrs D Crann

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and invited Mr Buxton-Smith to speak. He started by introducing his colleagues and then outlined recent progress with the flood prevention works. The traffic lights had now gone, easing congestion. Bow Road was still closed, but would soon be open to single line traffic until the work there had finished. The work in the river would be able to commence after 27 June and the dredging would then start. The Ford Area would then be occupied by the contractors, and one of the exits would need to be the steps opposite the Post Office, thus causing some more traffic problems. The spoil from the river would be tipped up onto the reservoir site along Woodland Road. Mr Adamiw would be in charge of this phase for the contractors. After several questions, the three gentlemen left the meeting.

County Councillor Owen Masters then spoke. He outlined some of the County spending programme for this year, deploring the inevitable cutbacks. He pointed out that the government contribution seemed to shrink every year. Cllr Masters thanked the Parish Council for their letter acknowledging his efforts in achieving the funding for the flood prevention works now in progress. He also mentioned the Harberton scheme, to which DCC had promised to contribute and this was one of the capital schemes now being considered by SHDC. Cllrs Masters then left the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then considered, and after two amendments, were signed by the Chairman as a true record. Apologies had been received from Insp Ellis of Totnes Police and the Clerk read out a fax received from him reporting two crimes in each village during the past month.

Matters Arising:

1) Flooding in Harberton. Still ongoing.

2) Ford area in Harberton. This work was now nearly complete and looked really splendid. The result of a real community effort. A cheque had been signed between meetings for £282.52 in favour of Messrs Jewsons for materials. Another invoice for £55.46 for the balance of the building materials had been paid for by Mr Cannon and he was to be reimbursed. Proposed by Cllr Fearn, seconded by D Cllr Steer. All in favour. There was still an invoice for a quantity of sand awaited from Mr J Hoddinott. A seat donated by Mr and Mrs Steer has yet to be put in place. It was also suggested that a granite plaque commemorating the Jubilee be placed in the area. This was proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Stubbings. All in favour. Estimates to be obtained. Letters of thanks will be sent to Messrs Jewsons and Jim Morrison of DCC and Cllr Fearn asked the Chairman, Cllr Hockings, to officially open the new garden at the request of the volunteers.

3) Queen's Golden Jubilee. The photographic record of Harberton, organised by Helen Strivens was progressing.

4) Re HGV lorries through Harberton. The Clerk will approach Peter Hookham of DCC for advice on possible new signing at the entrance to the village at Broad Park Stile.

Planning: Parish Council Recommendations

Decisions at the meeting –

23/0957/02/F Langford Farm, Harberton. Conversion of redundant building to dwelling. Cllr Hockings declared an interest and left the meeting. No objection in principle. Proposed by Cllr Fearn, seconded by Cllr Stubbings. 4 in favour, 1 abstention.

23/0991/02/TCA Fell Ash west of lane leading south opposite Wesley Place, Harberton. Decision delayed for site meeting.

23/0998/02/F Leigh Bridge Cottage, Harberton. Extension. No objections in principle. Proposed by Cllr Stubbings, seconded by Cllr Fearn. 4 in favour, 1 abstention.

23/1004/02/F Pebbles, Woodland Road, Harbertonford. Extension to rear and extra storey. Decision delayed for a site meeting.

23/1006/02/F Lark Rise, Harberton. Raising of wall. Parish Council object as out of keeping as it is considerably higher than the surrounding walls. Proposed by Cllr Stubbings, seconded by Cllr Fearn. 4 in favour, 1 abstention.

Correspondence:

- 1) South Hams CVS. New Communities Against Drugs worker appointed.
- 2) S Devon Carers Consortium meeting 31/5/02 at Kingsbridge at 11.00am.
- 3) SHDC. Executive Forward Plan. Posted on noticeboard.
- 4) DCC. Emergency Planning Update shown to the meeting.
- 5) Devon Community Recycling Network Conference 27/6/02 at St Leonard's Church, Exeter, at 10.15am.
- 6) Environment Agency Flood Directory shown to the meeting.
- 7) Coast and Countryside – Favourite Trees shown to the meeting.
- 8) Crime and Disorder Reduction Survey 2002/5 shown to the meeting.
- 9) Transport Solutions shown to the meeting.
- 10) Farm Visits – leaflet shown to the meeting.
- 11) Proposal for Housing and Training Young People in Kingsbridge – details shown to the meeting.
- 12) Temporary road closure for Harbertonford Jubilee Street Party – details shown to the meeting.
- 13) DTLR. Conduct of Councillors – consultation paper shown to the meeting.
- 14) District Audit. New accounting and audit regime shown to the meeting.
- 15) Letter from Mrs Skyrme-Mason explaining her resignation from the Parish Council was read to the meeting.
- 16) Devon Structure Plan 2016. Notification of consultation period until 6/9/02.
- 17) Society of Local Council Clerks. Meeting 28/6/02 at County Hall at 1.00pm. Details shown to the meeting.

18) South Hams Police liaison meeting at Noss Mayo Village Hall on 24/6/02 at 7.30pm. Details shown to the meeting.

19) SHDC. Minutes of Executive Meeting 30/5/02 shown to the meeting.

20) Newsletter from DCC shown to the meeting.

21) DCC. Public Rights of Way survey from 17/6/02 shown to the meeting.

22) SHDC. Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes shown to the meeting.

23) DAPC. New Ethical Framework presentation 18/6/02 at County Hall at 7.00pm. Details shown to the meeting.

24) DAPC. Village Green magazine, Clerk's Training Barnstaple, Audit Training Barnstaple, Planning for Local Councils 12/9/02, Financial Risk Assessment 25/9/02, etc shown to the meeting.

25) Letters from Mrs P Mills and Mr S Jane explaining their resignations from the Parish Council were read out to the meeting. It was agreed that all the resigning councillors should receive a letter of thanks.

Matters at the discretion of the Chairman:

1) Cllr Janes reported renewed concern re business being carried on at The Barn at Shambahala Cottage, Moreleigh Road, Harbertonford. He agreed to report back on developments at the next meeting.

2) Cllr Stubbings reported the road breaking up in the lane past Manor Cottage, Harberton, even up to Hayes Barn. The Clerk will contact DCC.

3) Cllr Stubbings also reported the footpath sign at Watery Lane missing and he asked the Clerk to enquire if any new copies of the Definitive Map were available.

Cheques signed:

Between meetings -

No 257 – Jewsons Ltd - £282.52

At the meeting –

No 260 – Mrs D Crann - £437.87

No 261 – Mr K Cannon - £55.46

Cheques 258 and 259 have been cancelled unused.

The meeting closed at 10.40pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 July 2002 at 7.30pm at Harberton Parish Hall.