

# Minutes of Harberton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2002 at Harbertonford Primary School at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs Hockings, Janes, Stubbings, Preston-Day, D Cllr Steer, Fearn, Williams and Evans

**Apologies:** Mr G Buxton-Smith of the Environment Agency and Mr B Lawrence

**Public:** 3

**Clerk:** Mrs D Crann

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and invited the members of the public to speak. Mr G Wheeler from Harbertonford commenced by presenting the Parish Council with a cheque for £300.00. He said this was the result of a sponsored shoot by his local group who wished to contribute something to the village following all the flood prevention works. The Chairman and Councillors thanked both Mr and Mrs Wheeler and said they would like to give due consideration to the best use to which this could be put. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Mr Fairweather, also from Harbertonford, then spoke. He has already written to the Clerk regarding a proposal by the Environment Agency to site a seat/bench along the riverbank down Bow Road, as mentioned in the Parish Council minutes of 10/9/02. He said he felt this site would possibly be vandalised and left littered with debris and would not contribute to the wellbeing of the village. After further discussion, it became clear that funds might not be available for this project after all. The members of the public then left the meeting.

The Clerk gave apologies from WPC Douglas of Totnes Police. She reported no incidents this last month. There was, however, a problem with youngsters riding cycles/mopeds around the school area, causing damage and leaving debris.

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

## **Matters Arising:**

- 1) Flooding in Harberton. D Cllr Steer was able to report some progress in as much as Messrs Halcrow had now been appointed by SHDC to carry out a study
- 2) Queen's Golden Jubilee photographic record for Harberton was still progressing
- 3) Re HGV lorries through Harberton. Still ongoing
- 4) Travellers' vehicles at Dattins Quarry. Still ongoing

## **Planning:**

### **Parish Council Recommendations –**

#### **Decisions at the meeting:**

**23/1939/02/F** 6 Marl Park, Harbertonford. Extension to rear of dwelling. No objections. Proposed by Cllr Janes, seconded by Cllr Preston-Day. 6 in favour, 1 abstention

**23/1984/02/F** Smokey Cottage, Harbertonford. Safety improvements to access onto A381 road. No objections. Proposed by Cllr Janes, seconded by Cllr Evans. 6 in favour, 1 abstention

**23/2032/02/AD** Harbourne Filling Station, Harbertonford. Advertisement application for fascia sign. No objections. Proposed by Cllr Preston-Day, seconded by Cllr Janes. 6 in favour, 1 abstention

**23/2074/02/TCA** Pebbles, 3 Woodland Road, Harbertonford. Application to fell a Cypress tree. No objections. Proposed by Cllr Preston-Day, seconded by Cllr Janes. 6 in favour, 1 abstention

## **Correspondence:**

- 1) Seat at Gills Cross, Harberton. Cllr Stubbings reported that this seat is badly in need of repair or renewal. After some discussion, it was decided to put a note in the Parish magazine for residents' comments
- 2) A letter from Mr Fairweather of Harbertonford had been received and duly discussed at the start of the meeting
- 3) DCC. Notification of temporary closure of Moreleigh Road, Harbertonford, 11/11/02 for resurfacing, had been received
- 4) SHDC. Executive Forward Plan had been posted on noticeboard
- 5) SHDC. Development Control Liaison Meeting 7/11/02
- 6) A letter from Mr Bean of Luton to the Chairman was read out to the meeting. This matter is now being addressed by SHDC
- 7) SHDC. A letter had been received regarding a "sporting logo". The Parish Council thought it was not appropriate for our Parish Council
- 8) SHDC. Affordable housing. A letter had been received from Alan Robinson of SHDC. The councillors all wished to support SHDC in their policy towards affordable housing and a letter of support will be sent by the Clerk
- 9) DCC. Proposed zebra crossing and footway A381 Harbertonford. This work is scheduled for 25/11/02. Councillors were not happy that the skid-resistant surfacing will not be laid in the current financial year
- 10) SHDC. Copy of a Public Entertainments Licence for Mr C Lawrence of Maltsters Arms, Harbertonford, had been received. There were no objections
- 11) SHDC. Minutes received of meetings 10/7/02, 1/8/02, 24/10/02 and 31/10/02 shown to the meeting
- 12) SHDC. Consultation document on draft Cultural Strategy received and shown to the meeting
- 13) S Hams CAB. Annual Report received and shown to the meeting
- 14) SHDC. Agenda and Minutes shown to the meeting
- 15) SHDC. Budget Consultation Meeting 28/11/02 at 7.00pm at Follaton House. Cllrs Evans, Williams and the Clerk will attend
- 16) Countryside Agency. Villages update shown to the meeting
- 17) Letter from Airwave MmO2 re the new Tetra system shown to the meeting
- 18) DAPC. Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Clerk had received booklets and a copy of the Model Publication Scheme, these to be passed around the councillors to be discussed further at the next meeting, when the model scheme will be completed. This must be completed and returned to the Freedom of Information Board by the end of the year. The Clerk has also booked to attend a training day run by DAPC at the Woolwell Centre, Woolwell, on 18/11/02 from 10.00am to 4.00pm, costing £20.00 and a cheque was signed between meetings for this event.
- 19) DCC. Monthly newsletter shown to the meeting
- 20) Torbay District Community Health Council Annual Review 2001/2 shown to the meeting
- 21) The Chairman referred to Mr G Buxton-Smith's apologies for non-attendance tonight. He will, however, attend a local dedication of the new dam project on 6 December by Mrs Palmer at 10.00am and planting of special trees, followed by a cup of tea in the Village Hall. This will be attended by the school children and Parish Councillors and husbands and wives. The main opening of the flood prevention scheme is to be scheduled for 15/5/03, when further dignitaries, press and public will be invited

The councillors all agreed that 6 December would be a good time to present the Environment Agency with the £5,000 cheque which is to be the Parish's contribution towards the scheme and which has been raised this year through the Council Tax. Proposed by D Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Janes. All in favour

22) Cllr Evans gave a short report on the meeting she attended in Exeter in September on behalf of the Parish Council

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

1) Cllr Stubbings brought the Council's attention to the fact that dogs were still roaming loose in Harberton village.

2) Cllr Janes enquired as to what was the optimum size one could have for a summer house.

3) Cllr Preston-Day reported yet again that the buddle hole needed attention along Woodland Road, Harbertonford, at the first left-hand bend.

4) Cllr Fearn reported two buddle holes needed clearing along Screws Lane, Harberton. Also, from Copperthorn down to Blakemore Level a drain was possibly blocked at the bend in the road.

5) Cllr Evans reported some residents of Harberton were having difficulties accommodating the recycling bags. D Cllr Steer suggested that the bags could be put in the green bins until collection. She stressed the importance of this new scheme to SHDC. The old recycling scheme was, in fact, costing the Council money, whereas this new scheme should be able to produce income and, of course, would reduce land fill.

6) Cllr Evans asked if the road down to Dundryge could be made one-way towards Harberton, as it was so narrow with only two passing places.

7) The Chairman asked for the route to Cholwell to be signed from Gerston Cross on A381, along Windmill Down, then left at Tristford Cross, to enable HGVs easy access to Cholwell without passing through Harberton, where roads are too narrow.

**Cheques signed:**

**Between meetings –**

**No 266** – Devon Association of Parish Councils - £20.00

**At the meeting -**

**No 267** – Environment Agency - £5,000.00

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 December 2002 at 7.30pm at Harberton Parish Hall.