

Meeting of Harberton Parish Council
12th October 2021
Item 14 Correspondence Summary

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- 14.1 **20210911 Kingsbridge Area Foodbank For consideration** Cllrs have been asked to request the District Councillor grant £1000 of funding to the Kingsbridge Area Foodbank to maintain it's essential service. Despite being based in Kingsbridge, the service is currently supporting two families in Harberton Parish: We are currently supporting two families in the Harberton Parish: 4 adults and 9 children. The cost of support is approximately £10 per person per totalling £6250 per annum.
- 14.2 20210913 Data Protection fee - Reminder to renew Cllrs are informed that registration with the Information Commissioners Office will automatically renew by direct debit at a cost of £35.00 which will be taken on or around the 25th October 2021.
- 14.3 20210913 Consultation on draft Gambling Statement of Principles Cllrs are informed that the Licensing Authority is required to review its gambling policy, known as the 'Statement of Principles', every three years. The policy sets out the principles which South Hams District Council will apply under the Gambling Act 2005 over the next three years. Once approved, the updated policy will be in effect from January 2022 to January 2025. Cllrs are invited to make comment in response to the consultation open until 24th October 2021
<https://www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk/gambling-consultation>
- 14.4 20210915 On Road Parking Harbertonford A resident of Bow Road has written to the council to comment at the recent increase in the amount of cars parked on the road, seemingly from people who are not residents. The Parish Council has been asked if it is known the reason behind this as it is causing some hostility for residents struggling to find a space.
- 14.5 20210917 Garden waste suspension to continue in South Hams For information Cllrs are informed by press release of the District Council's reluctant decision to continue the suspension of collection of garden waste. The decision will be reviewed on 14th October. Residents are encouraged to compost garden waste or take it to the recycling centre, not to burn it.
- 14.6 20210923 The People's Plan To Shape Better Lives for All Cllrs are informed by press release that SHDC has adopted a new 20 year vision for the district called 'Better Lives for All' to make the area a better place to live and work. Schemes within the six priority areas include projects to tackle climate change and improve local biodiversity; outdoor community projects such as skate parks and games areas; town centre improvement plans and cycle network. In addition to this, the document pledges ongoing lobbying of the Government to close a loophole which enables second home and holiday let owners to avoid paying council tax and business rates. It also supports a Freezone to encourage economic growth.
- 14.7 20210924 Council Declares a Housing Crisis Cllrs are informed by press release that SHDC has declared a housing crisis due to the lack of rented accommodation, the increase in house prices due to second home owners, the conversion of properties to Airbnb's and people moving into the District following COVID. The Leader of the council says that It is becoming evident that the housing policy promoted nationally is not working in areas like the South Hams. The announcement comes with a series of proposed actions to stimulate building, to build more affordable homes, encourage tenants of affordable homes to downsize to make more homes available to families in need, to regulate and put new conditions in place on holiday homes and holiday lets.
- 14.8 20210929 DALC #57 2021 Newsletter _ Autumn Events and Training Cllrs are informed that DALC is providing 'Responding to Planning Applications' training that may be of interest to councillors.
- 14.9 20210930 Temporary Traffic Notice Broadpark Style Cross to Bennetts Cross, Harberton Cllrs are informed of the road closure from 13th – 14th October 2021 for tree safety works.
- 14.10 20211005 Citizens Advice South Hams AGM Cllrs were informed of an invitation to attend the AGM on 1pm - 1.30pm Tuesday 26th Oct 2021, held on Zoom.
- 14.11 20211006 Overwhelming Public Support for Council's Rewilding Plans Cllrs are informed via press release that 97% of 1000 respondents replied positively to the council's proposals to improve biodiversity in the district. 90% were happy with proposals to relax grass-cutting regimes, leaving areas of long grass along the verges and edges of parks, as well as introducing planting of new areas of wildflowers. The full report can be found here:
www.southhams.gov.uk/Executive

