

## Harberton Parish Council May 2022

### 12. Correspondence

- 12.1. 20220407 District Council Raising Awareness of Climate Change *For information* Cllrs are informed by press release of the actions that South Hams District Council (SHDC) are taking to tackle their carbon footprint, including converting the vehicle fleet to electric and providing renewable energy for leisure centres in the district. As well as reducing carbon emissions, the Council has changed its ground maintenance procedures to increase biodiversity and wildlife in the South Hams. As part of efforts to achieve the climate change goals, the Council has also carried out Carbon Literacy Training, in collaboration with Torbay Council, from the Carbon Literacy Project.
- 12.2. 20220408 Rewilding tours @ Lower Sharpham Farm *For information* Cllrs are informed that Lower Sharpham Farm are promoting rewilding tours for groups to learn more about what Lower Sharpham Farm are doing to increase biodiversity, improve health and wellbeing and supporting local economy, in response to the ecological crisis. Posters and a link to information about the tours is provided <https://www.ambios.net/rewilding-tours-at-sharpham/> (html).
- 12.3. 20220419 Garden Waste, Where We Are – An Open Letter *For information* Cllrs are informed of the letter received from SHDC apologising for disruptions to waste collection due to sickness amongst the contracting team. SHDC is working closely the contractor to ensure that they try to get back to as many missed collections as possible. If your brown bin is not collected on your scheduled day, we are asking you to leave it out until 5 p.m. on the following day If it still hasn't been collected, then please take your bin back in and bring it back out on your next collection day. Missed collections can be reported via the district council's website: [www.southhams.gov.uk/missedcollection](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/missedcollection) (html)
- 12.4. 20220425 9,000 Households First to Receive Energy Rebate *For information* Cllrs are informed by press release that just over 9,000 households who live in Council Tax bands A to D and who paid by Direct Debit on 1 April have now been paid their £150 Council Tax Energy Rebate by South Hams District Council.
- 12.5. 20220426 District Council Respond to Recent Article *For information* Cllrs are informed by press release that garden waste collection in the South Hams is not being postponed as suggested in recent newspaper articles. The contractors, FCC Environment, is working to mobilise as many rounds as possible on a daily basis and to collect all waste collections as they can with the resources available. Where rounds aren't able to be sent out, priority will be given to household collections of refuse and recycling collections. SHDC officers continue to challenge FCC daily and the Leadership Team are meeting with FCC at their highest level to press on them the urgent improvements needed to deliver the quality waste service residents deserve.
- 12.6. **20220429 The state of Parish roads *For consideration* The Parish Council has been approached by the Chair of Ashprington Parish Council regarding the condition of South Hams roads and in particular the growing problem of potholes. Ashprington Parish Council has raised the matter countless times with Devon County Highways but if anything things are getting worse not better. Ashprington Parish Council resolved to invite Highways to meet representatives of the three parishes, Ashprington, Dittisham and Harbertonford (sic) face to face in an effort to seek a remedy. The Parish Council is asked if it is interested in this approach.**
- 12.7. **20220505 St Peters Harbertonford *For consideration* Cllrs are informed of correspondence from the treasurer of St Peter's Church hoping that St Peter's will be looked on favourably again this year with regards to receiving a grant towards upkeep of the churchyard.**