

Harberton Parish Council
Ordinary Meeting 8th November 2022

11. Correspondence

- 11.1. 20221007 Temporary Traffic Notice MORELEIGH ROAD TO A381 Harberton *For information* Cllrs are informed of a road closure from 12th December for a maximum of 5 days to enable road surfacing. The alternative signed route will be via Hernaford Road.
- 11.2. 20221010 Temporary Traffic Notice MORELEIGH ROAD TO A381 *For information* Cllrs are informed of a road closure from 3rd – 6th January for a maximum of 5 days to enable drainage works. A diversion via Hernaford Road will be in place.
- 11.3. 20221014 South Hams Support Interest for Investment Zone *For information* Cllrs are informed by news release of the District Council's decision to support the submission of an Expressions of Interest for Investment Zone (IZ) status for the Plymouth and South Devon Freeport.
- 11.4. 20221016 Request for Grant - St Andrew's Churchyard *For information* The Parish Council has been thanked for the 2022/23 contribution to Harberton cemetery expenses.
- 11.5. **20221017 Reduced Council Tax Scheme - Have Your Say on Proposed Changes** *For consideration* Cllrs are informed by press release that the District Council has opened a public consultation on changes to its Council Tax Reduction Scheme ahead of making any decisions. Consultation is open until 27th November 2022 and can be viewed by following this link: www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk/council-tax-reduction (html).
- 11.6. **20221018 Your SLCC Membership Renewal Notice** *For consideration* Cllrs are informed that the Clerk's membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks is due for renewal on 1st December 2022. Renewal for the coming year would cost £134.
- 11.7. 20221019 #50 2022 DALC E-bulletin *For information* Cllrs are informed that this issue includes news that new training dates for the following courses have been made available: Being a Good Employer, Chairing Local Council Meetings, Clerks Essential Series, Being a Good Council Series should any councillors be keen to book a place.
- 11.8. 20221020 Halwell - Tree Works - A381 *For information* Cllrs are informed of the closure of the A381 at Halwell on 24th and 25th November between 7pm and 7am in order to complete tree safety works on Devon County Council land adjacent to the highway.
- 11.9. 20221021 ICO - Renewal confirmation ICO_00011263882 *For information* Cllrs are informed of the confirmation of the annual direct debit payment made to the Information Commissioner's Office as a registered data controller.
- 11.10. 20221026 #51 2022 DALC E-bulletin *For information* Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes information about a new webinar on the Code of Conduct available for Parish Councils, and a new e-learning course about the Standards in Public life. This bulletin also includes a link to DALC's annual report.
- 11.11. **20221027 FW Nature and Climate Declaration*** *For consideration* Cllrs have received a request to support the Nature and Climate Declaration calling on the Government to have a strategy to: Ensure that the UK achieves its fair share of C02 reductions to ensure that global temperature does not rise above 1.5C as against pre-industrial temperature – as agreed at the Glasgow Conference; and Halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 as agreed by the Government in the Leaders Pledge for Nature.
- 11.12. 20221031 Peninsula Transport Business Plan 2022_2023 *For information* Cllrs are informed that each year Peninsula Transport produces a business plan, setting out its priorities for the year ahead. business plan details the work that will be delivered to support those priorities and is available to download here: www.peninsulatrtransport.org.uk/business-plan/

- 11.13. 20221101 Our financial situation has never been so bleak as it is now *For information* Cllrs are informed by press release that the County Council's leader is urging the Chancellor and Prime Minister, to use the extra time they now have to produce an economic recovery plan that's balanced, fair and equitable. And crucially, an economic plan that doesn't single out local government for cuts. The press release comments that [deep cuts to vital local services in Devon are inevitable unless the government provides more support](#). The County Council has made £36m savings in the current financial year but needs to find additional £37m savings before the end of March 2023. Projections show another £75 million savings to be found in the next financial year unless the Government intervenes. Alongside lobbying the government for support, the Council has put a freeze on staff recruitment in non-frontline areas, delayed planned investment in IT and infrastructure projects, and cut heating and lighting bills. All external contracts are being squeezed. Some routine road maintenance has been stopped and school transport contracts and public transport subsidies are being reviewed.
- 11.14. 20221101 New Community Project - Power Allotments, Devon *For information* Cllrs are informed that Power Allotments, Devon is a community energy site finding project, jointly run by the Devon Energy Collective and Regen, and funded by Devon County Council. A Parish Pack has been put together to introduce the project to the Parish Council including some posters and leaflets for the community to learn more and get involved. More information can be found on the website: <https://devonenergycic.co.uk/our-projects/power-allotments-devon/>
- 11.15. 20221102 #52 2022 E-bulletin *For information* Cllrs are informed by this bulletin that DALC has endorsed the 20's Plenty campaign for a speed limit of 20mph to be normal on residential streets and in town and village centres, unless full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit on particular streets.
- 11.16. 20221102 South Hams garden waste service subscriptions are now live *For information* Cllrs are informed by press release that Residents of the South Hams can now sign up for the new chargeable fortnightly garden waste subscription service at a cost of £49 per year. This subscription covers collections for one brown wheelie bin, with a maximum of two subscriptions for two bins per household. Collections for those who sign up before the deadline of 22nd January 2023 will begin in March 2023.

FW: Nature and Climate Declaration

1 message

BAILEY, Ron

27 October 2022 at 15:39

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Dear Councillor

I wrote to you a few months ago about a public meeting in Kingsbridge on the Climate and Nature Emergency. Nearly 250 people turned up including many councillors – so thank you.

I am writing now to ask you to support the attached Nature and Climate Declaration which has been signed by nearly 2000 politicians from all parties. In a nutshell it calls on the Government to have a strategy to: -

1. Ensure that the UK achieves its fair share of CO2 reductions to ensure that global temperature does not rise above 1.5C as against pre-industrial temperature – as agreed at the Glasgow Conference; and
2. Halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 as agreed by the Government in the Leaders Pledge for Nature.

If you would like to sign the Declaration please let me know and I will add your name.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Ron Bailey

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Nature and Climate Declaration

We, the undersigned, note the stark warning contained in the UK Government's *Net Zero Strategy* of October 2021 that:

“If we fail to limit global warming to 1.5°C, floods and fires will get more frequent and more fierce, crops will be more likely to fail, and sea levels will rise driving mass migration as millions are forced from their homes. Above 1.5°C, we risk reaching climatic tipping points, meaning we could lose control of our climate for good.”

We welcome the *Leaders' Pledge for Nature*, signed by the UK Government, which states that—if we fail to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030—we increase the risk of further pandemics, rising global temperatures and loss of species.

We agree with statements made by Ministers that we must go further to address the interdependent crises of ecosystem degradation and climate change—and that the success in building a nature positive and zero carbon country—will depend on public engagement and support.

We therefore call on the UK Government to deal with these critical risks to our heritage, communities and future prosperity by:

- 1. fulfilling our fair share of emissions reductions to ensure that the average global temperature increase will not exceed 1.5°C**
- 2. halting and reversing biodiversity decline by 2030, and**
- 3. delivering a more ambitious and integrated environmental protection and decarbonisation plan.**

We urge the UK Government to consider these recommendations in advance of the negotiations at the UN biodiversity summit, COP15, in April 2022 and the UN climate change summit, COP27, in November 2022.

The undersigned