

Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council
14th March 2023

Item 11

11. Correspondence*

- 11.1. 20230216 District Council votes to adopt 100% Council Tax Premium on Second Homes *For information.* Cllrs are informed by press release that South Hams District Council has formally adopted a proposal for second home owners to pay double the Council Tax amount for the area as soon as legislation allows. The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill that enables these powers is likely to become law from 1 April 2024 at the earliest.
- 11.2. **20230216 Contact from Totnes Neighbourhood Team Sergeant *For consideration***
Cllrs are informed that the Totnes Neighbourhood Team Police Sergeant covering the parish area has been in touch to provide contact details and to ask if there is anything the Parish Council needs from its neighbourhood team.
- 11.3. 20230217 Does the South Hams need more car charging points? *For information* Cllrs are informed via news release of survey launched by South Hams District Council to find out what South Hams residents think of the number of electric car charging points across the district. The survey closes on the 17th March and can be found via the following link www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/south-hams-ev-survey (HTML)
- 11.4. 20230227 Temporary Traffic Notice - A381, Harberton TTRO2349470 *For information* Cllrs are informed of a road closure on the A381 between Gerston Cross to Langridge Cross between the hours of 19:00 and 07:00 on 12th and 13th May 2023 to enable resurfacing works. A signed diversion will be in place, through Totnes, Ugborough, Ermington, Aveton Gifford, Churchstow, Morleigh and vice versa.
- 11.5. 20230301 #09 2023 DALC E-bulletin *For information* Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes a [candidates guide to the election](#) (HTML) with key dates and a timeline, eligibility criteria and a guide to campaigning. The Clerk will publish this on the Parish Council's website so it is freely available to anyone who wishes to nominate themselves to be elected to the Parish Council. The e-bulletin also confirms that the new section 137 figure for 2023/24 is £9.93 per elector. There is a reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting, which is not a meeting of the Parish Council but a meeting of the electors in the parish must take place between the 1st March and 1st June inclusive. As this is an election year, DALC has confirmed that an Annual Parish Meeting can be held during the pre-election period, however it may be easier to hold it before or after the pre-election period if possible. The advice is that Parish Councils may want to review its normal content to ensure you are sticking to normal council business and not allowing the event to be used to promote a candidate.
- 11.6. 20230301 Find out the new South Hams garden waste collection days *For information* Cllrs are informed by press release that the first collections of the new South Hams garden waste service will take place within two weeks of 6th March 2023. Garden waste will be collected on a different day to refuse and recycling. Residents can check which day collections will take place by visiting the website using this link: www.southhams.gov.uk/findmycollectionday (HTML)
- 11.7. ORD2103785 HARBERTONFORD March 2023 - Cancelled *For information* Cllrs are informed that works between A381 to junction with Moreleigh Road that were due to take place in January and then rescheduled for March 2023 have been cancelled due to adverse weather forecasts.
- 11.8. 20230306 Bus Service Changes in Devon for April 2023 *For information* Cllrs are informed that amongst the changes to bus timetables across the county, minor changes have been made to the [timetable of Service 92](#) (Dartmouth to Totnes via Harbertonford) to improve punctuality.