

## 12. Correspondence

- 12.1. 20231119 Fire service consultation For consideration Cllrs are informed that the annual consultation to gather views about the level of precept for the fire and rescue service is open until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Those wishing to respond to consultation can do so via an [online survey](#) or over the phone by calling 01392 872354.
- 12.2. 20231025 Church House Inn Harberton For consideration The Parish Council has been asked by a Harberton resident to clarify the situation regarding the continued presence of the solid structure erected in the village square directly out outside the public house. It would appear that there is the danger that it will be regarded as a permanent structure as the marquee is to be taken down and a 4mX4m new platform installed in its place on which a number of tables and chairs will be placed in the open. The letter continues to comment that parking in the village is difficult, made even more so by parking spaces being taken up by the marquee and outside tables. Another major difficulty is in the lack of room for service lorries to manoeuvre leading to them having to reverse all the way down to the junction with St Clements Terrace. The Parish Council is asked to clarify the situation preferably before the new structure is built.
- 12.3. 20231026 Electoral Registration Canvassing Door Knocking For information Cllrs are informed that canvassers working on behalf of South Hams District Council will be trying to make contact with those households who have not supplied information that has been requested under Electoral Registration legislation. The canvassers will be carrying ID and will be delivering forms and not taking information at the doorstep, unless it is offered to them. SHDC will be advising the police and ward members that canvassers will be calling on properties. Parish Councils are also informed in case cllrs or the clerk hears from any concerned residents.
- 12.4. 20231026 Error in PC minutes Sept 12th For information Cllrs are informed that a Harberton resident has noted an error in the Determining Officer's Planning Application report with regard to application 0467/23/HHO Householder application for erection of first floor extension over existing sun room & garage at Wesley House Harberton, which was carried through to the minutes of the Parish Council, dated 12th September 2023. Item 6.2.6 states *"The proposed extension is approximately 15m away from no.1 St Clements Terrace, and this is the closest point between the terrace and proposed extension."* The resident comments that the Determining Officer is wrong and that the mean distance between the blank north elevation of the proposal and the south facing living room of No 1 St Clement's is 9.9 m. This is 2.1m, (17 %) closer than required in JLP section 13.28 p242 fig 23.
- 12.5. 20231031 Temporary Traffic Notice - LANE FROM HIGHER GROVE TO LOWER ASHRIDGE FARM, Harberton (TTRO2453325) For information Cllrs are informed of the road closure to take place between 8am – 5pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to enable pruning of trees around 2 spans and 2 pole clearances - once the clearance and pruning is complete, the spans are to be roped for future infrastructure. There will be no alternative route in place.
- 12.6. 20231101 Fire safety advice for people experiencing power cuts For information Cllrs are informed that Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue service is contacting parish councils as a means to get safety messages out to communities. There are four main safety messages: 1. The Fire and Rescue service would prefer that people use torches and battery powered candles rather than candles when people are lighting their homes during a power cut. [Candle safety advice](#) is provided for anyone who must use candles. 2. Don't try and cook using barbecues or using fires inside your home. 3. Turn off any appliances that may be a fire risk if they switch on when the power comes back on (such as hair dryers or electric hobs). 4. Keep portable oil or gas heaters at least 1 metre from people or furniture, and do not cover them with anything that could catch fire, such as clothing.
- 12.7. 20231101 N2 Closure Order Harberton uUCR 302 Cllrs are informed that that Devon County Council has made an Order for an 18 month temporary closure of Harberton uUCR302. The closure is necessary following severe damage to the surface caused by flooding.
- 12.8. 20231102 #47 2023 DALC E-bulletin For information Cllrs are informed that Cllr John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council, is once again hosting a series of online meetings with town and parish councillors to share information about Devon County Council's current priorities, and what's likely to come in next year's budget. Most importantly, Cllr Hart is keen to hear about the main issues and concerns in your community. Every council is invited to send a representative to highlight issues and engage in discussion on local priorities. A briefing for the South Hams area will take place at 6pm on 30<sup>th</sup> November by Zoom.
- 12.9. 20231103 Temporary Traffic Order - East Moore Cross to West Leigh Cross, Harberton (TTRO2351789) For information Cllrs are informed of the road closure taking place between 29<sup>th</sup> January to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to enable patching works. An alternative signed route will be in place.
- 12.10. 20231106 Changes are coming to the recycling and food waste collection service in the South Hams For information The Parish Council is informed by press release that changes are coming to the recycling and food waste collection service in the South Hams from 20 November – with residents receiving letters from

6<sup>th</sup> November explaining the coming changes. Every single property in the South Hams will be affected. You might have a change to your recycling and black bin collection day, or the way you put out your waste and recycling on the kerbside. Collection day changes can be checked online on [waste.southhams.gov.uk](https://waste.southhams.gov.uk) from 18<sup>th</sup> November.

- 12.11. **20231107 DALC Newsletter #48 2023** *For consideration* Cllrs are informed that this issue includes news about the new pay award for the year 23/24. The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has come to an agreement on the 2023/24 pay award, applicable from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. With effect from 1 April 2023, for all spinal points to 43, the agreed award was a flat rate payment of £1,925. For all spinal points above that the award was 3.88%. An update to the pay scales has been provided. It was noted that the Clerk's current rate of pay is £13.95 per hour on LC1 spine point 17, which would increase to £14.95 per hour and be back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.
- 12.12. **20231107 Land Rover** *For consideration* Cllrs were informed that the land rover that has been poorly parked in the Harberton Parish Hall care park since July has still not been moved. The Parish Hall Committee has informed the owner that South Hams will be contacted if nothing happens soon. The Parish Council has been asked to make the report to South Hams within an agreed time limit, as South Hams District Council needs permission from the Parish Council, as the landowner, to investigate.
- 12.13. **20231109 South Hams Corporate Strategy** *For consideration* Cllrs have been invited to join an online session between 6:30 – 7:30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 to give feedback on SHDC's draft 'aims and ambitions'. Formal written responses are also welcome from Parish Councils by email. A copy of the corporate strategy is provided for information.