

Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council
Tuesday 14th October 2025

13. Correspondence

- 13.1. E-Circulars for information Cllrs are informed that the Clerk receives the following regular e-circulars, that can be forwarded on request: Citizens Advice South Hams, Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency, Devon Communities Together, Devon County Council Community News Round-up, Devon Home Choice, Emergency Planning newsletter, Friends of the Dart, Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement (GLEAM), Harberton Village Email, Healthwatch Devon, Information Commissioners Office, National Association of Local Councils Events newsletter, One Devon NHS Integrated Care Board, Parish Online, Rural Services Network, SLCC Membership, South Hams Society.
- 13.2. Items of correspondence for information
- 13.2.1. 09/09/25 Take action for your community this autumn! Cllrs are reminded of the South Hams Energy Assembly taking place 9:30 – 15:30 on Saturday October 18 at Kingsbridge Community College The term 'Energy' refers to renewable electricity and renewable heat, plus insulation and other methods to reduce waste. The event is intended to equip and empower local networkers and stakeholders so that they in turn can pass on information, solution, signpost, have answers to common myths and misconceptions. It covers domestic, business/commercial, farming, and community energy topics booking here. How to set up a Food Compost Creation Station is available 10:00 – 13:00 Saturday November 15 at Old School Farm, Dartington Estate, [booking here](#).
- 13.2.2. 20250910 #39 2025 DALC E-bulletin This bulletin encourages all cllrs of both large and smaller councils to watch a recording and review slides from the recent 'Connect' event focusing on Local Government Reorganisation. Log in credentials to access the DALC website are required, but can be arranged, contact the Clerk for information.
- 13.2.3. 20250913 Data Protection fee - direct debit due to be collected ICO:00011446883 Cllrs are informed that the payment and registration as a data controller under the Regulations will expire on 25/10/2025. Based on the Parish Council's last assessment, the renewal payment required is £52.00, that will be taken by Direct Debit taken on or around 25/10/2025.
- 13.2.4. 20250915 Autumn 2025 Training & Events Cllrs are informed of the bulletin from DALC that advertises new training courses: Writing Grant Applications & Sourcing Funding, 15 October 2025 12.00-14.00 via Zoom; The Changing Roles of Town and Parish Councils Throughout Unitary Creation 16 October 14.00-15.00, All Things Traffic 02 December - 13.00-14.00. The 'Being a Good Councillor' short course is being delivered in person at Exeter Court Hotel on 02 December between 18:30 – 21:30.
- 13.2.5. 20251001 Overgrown pavements in Riverdale Cllrs are informed that a MoP raised concerns that it is not possible to walk, nor push a wheelchair, on the pavements in Riverdale because of overgrowth across both pavements. Comment concerning lack of maintenance of private gardens was also raised. The MoP had received a reply providing a link to Devon County Council's 'Report Overgrown Trees and Vegetation' portal, and noting that the condition of neighbouring gardens is a private matter, asking if contact has been made with the residents to raise concerns directly.
- 13.2.6. 20251009 Announcement: LGR Briefing with Devon County Council A briefing by The County Council is provided to inform informing all Parish Councils of the opportunity to attend a briefing from Devon County Council on it's leading proposal for local government reorganisation and hear views on the approach. The County Council will share ab approach to empowering neighbourhoods and working with town and parish councils; A financial assessment of how the County Council can support local government services strategically and in communities; The decision-making process and timescales. This event will be taking place on 20th October, 2pm -3pm those interested can [book a free space here](#).
- 13.3. Items of correspondence for consideration
- 13.3.1. 20250915 Letter from Harberton resident re CLT The Member of the Public (MoP) has asked the Parish Council to help obtain an update on the future of the CLT site, as letters written to the CLT, to Hastoe (the developer) and the Local Planning Authority requesting an update on understanding that the planning permission has now expired, have been unanswered. The MoP commented that village residents and those hoping to be housed in the development surely have a right to know what is going on. It was commented that if the development is no longer viable, other community ventures, such as a community orchard, additional allotments or even a composting scheme could enhance the community and be discussed with villagers.
- 13.3.2. 20250916, 20250920 & 20250926 Off-grid sewage treatment in Harberton Parish - Agenda item for Oct14th Correspondence has been received from a MoP noting that, following an interconnect rejection by South West Water to the proposed development at Ford Farm (planning application reference 0828/25/OPA), and posting of the applicant's proposal for a sewage PTP on the Planning Portal and subsequent objections posted in response, the Parish

Council is asked to clarify comments made in its recommendation to the planning authority. Specifically: 1) What was meant [by the Parish Council] by water matters being 'conditioned' to future homeowners - what instruments would be used to effect what is meant? 2) The PC's policy on off-grid private sewage treatment for (say) greater than 5 homes in the Parish and its degree of congruence to the position of the EA.

- 13.3.3. 20250918 Defibrillator Status Update A notice has been received that defibrillator checks in Harberton have not been updated to the WebNos website. It is noted that an email was also received on 24th September from the Circuit noting that a status report is also overdue on this secondary website, used by the Ambulance Services.
- 13.3.4. 20250919 Signage in Harberton Cllrs are informed that considerable damage was made to one of the church gateposts after a delivery van was directed down the lane besides the pub by SatNav. The Parish Council is asked, on behalf of HCCF (whose main aim is to maintain the fabric of St Andrew's, including the churchyard walls!), to please raise the issue of a sign making clear the width limits of that lane and urging people to ignore the Satnav. A home made sign made by a villager recently disappeared.