

Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council
Tuesday 11th November 2025

11. Correspondence

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. Items of correspondence for information
- 11.2.1. 20251016 Electric Vehicle Charging - Harbertonford school open to discussing using the playground A Member of the Public (MoP) has informed the Clerk of a meeting held with the Academy Head who indicated an openness to putting electric vehicle charging in the school playground, where some residents park overnight. The information is shared should this open up options for electric vehicle charging plans in the village.
- 11.2.2. 20251022 #46 2025 DALC E-bulletin Cllrs are informed that this ebulletin includes an invitation to one of DALC's regular free 'Connect' events for DALC members. The event 'Connect Event: The Changing Roles of Town and Parish Councils Through LGR - Devolution and Partnership Working' took place on November 5. Slides and a recording of the session will also be available via DALC's website after the event.
- 11.2.3. 20251024 Libraries Unlimited - Annual Report 2024-25 The Parish Council has received a link to [Annual Report 2024-25 - Libraries Unlimited](#) also providing a link to how the charity can be supported: [Support Us - Libraries Unlimited](#).
- 11.2.4. 20251027 Advance notice - South Hams Community Awards 2026 The Parish Council is asked to consider potential nominations for the award. The Chairman of the District Council and a panel of judges are looking for nominations for people who make a difference in the community, in the following categories: Young Persons Award (for under 18s); Community Champion Award (for over 18s); Community Organisation Award; Climate and Biodiversity Champion Award (individual or group). A link to the online nomination form when nominations open and all nominations will need to be submitted by end of January 2026
- 11.2.5. 20251009 #47 2025 DALC E-bulletin Cllrs are informed that this ebulletin encourages responses to the draft Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) that sets out a shared vision for restoring Devon's wildlife and natural habitats. The Strategy identifies where and how we can work together to protect and enhance nature, from river catchments and woodlands to coastlines and urban green spaces. Public consultation runs until 05/11/25. www.naturerecoverydevon.org.uk The bulletin advertises the next Connect Event at 1pm on 11/11/25 called 'All Things Traffic' that provides an opportunity to understand the policy and processes which shape how we manage traffic on our highways and the associated infrastructure such as white lines and signs.
- 11.3. Items of correspondence for consideration
- 11.3.1. 20251021 Oaktree Field, Harberton/CLT Cllrs are in receipt of correspondence in full. In summary: Cllrs are informed that a Member of the Public has written to the Council a second time disappointed with the response to their letter considered by the Parish Council at the prior meeting, October 14. The process of how items of correspondence are considered. The letter dated October 21 notes that the CLT received a grant to purchase the land commenting the PC should be taking an active interest in what is happening. The CLT, the Parish Council and South Hams District Council are asked to give a proper account of the up to date position and plans for the CLT and the land at Oaktree field.
- 11.3.2. 20251022 Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Precept Survey Local residents and businesses are asked to respond to a five-minute form asks how people feel about the service they receive, and will influence the amount the Service receives from council tax in 2026/27. The Parish Council is asked to help by sharing this information with communities through a poster provided, sharing @dsfireupdates social media posts and completing the [survey](#) before 3 December.
- 11.4. 20251104 0828/25/OPA land at Meadow Close Harberton - expected change of Statutory Consultee response Cllrs are in receipt of correspondence in full. In summary: The Parish Council is forwarded an email by a Member of the Public sent to the Local Planning Authority with regard to the Ford Farm site. The email noted that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had voted not to allocate the site in the Neighbourhood Plan, following the outcome of a reconsultation exercise. The member of the public has therefore asked the Development Management Officer to factor this into their deliberations on the live OPA on the Meadow Close/Ford Farm site, and post the email with information about the outcome of the consultation exercise and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group's decision on the planning portal for the public record.