

Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council
Tuesday 13th January 2026

10. Correspondence

10.1. 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.

10.2. Items of correspondence for information

10.2.1. 20260106 Totnes Area Clerk Cluster Meeting Cllrs are informed that the next Clerk and Councillor cluster session proposed for 20th January will now be deferred until 17th March when it is hoped that more information about Local Government Reorganisation will be available. The meeting will take place from 5pm at Totnes Guildhall, with wine and nibbles available, and an opportunity to meet councillors from neighbouring parish and town councils.

10.2.2. 20260106 Local Government Reorganisation - Town and Parish Council Briefing Cllrs are informed of an invitation from South Hams District Council to attend an online briefing on Wednesday 21st January at 18:00 to hear from the Leader and some of the South Hams Officers that have been working on the Local Government Reorganisation plan submitted by the District Council to Government. The meeting provides the opportunity for councillors to ask questions ahead of the Government consultation opening in early February. The plan is available via the following link: www.reimaginingdevon.org. A Microsoft Teams invitation can be forwarded to any cllrs interested in attending.

10.2.3. 20260107 Budget Briefing for District, Parish and Town Councillors Cllrs are informed of an invitation to join Budget Briefing meeting being held by Devon County Council on **Thursday, 15 January 2026**. This session provides an opportunity for Councillors and Officers of Devon County Council to present its proposed budget priorities for the next financial year and to invite feedback that helps shapes spending priorities.

10.3. Items of correspondence for consideration

10.3.1. 20251129 Bus Shelter Painting Cllrs are informed that a response to the call for help to paint the bus shelter has been received and further contact required to take the offer forward.

10.3.2. 20251219 Footpath Maintenance Cllrs are informed that South Hams Ramblers now have a dedicated Path Maintenance Team offering free labour on most jobs relating to path upkeep that the council may have. Volunteers are fully insured through Ramblers. An invitation is made to contact the team if more information is required.

10.3.3. 20251228 Harbertonford grass areas Cllrs are informed that an invoice has been received from Paul Westlake for grass cutting in Harbertonford. The contractor is willing to continue cutting the grass at the same price per cut, should the Parish Council wish him to do so.

10.3.4. 20251228 Your defibrillator pads will expire in 30 days Cllrs are informed that the adult pads for the Harberton defibrillator expire on 28th January 2026 and should be replaced.