

**Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**9. Correspondence**

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. Items of correspondence for information
- 9.2.1. 20260122 SLCC News Bulletin Cllrs are informed via the Society of Local Council Clerk's news bulletin that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has confirmed the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for parish and town councils in England for the financial year 2026/27. The new limit will be £11.60 per elector.
- 9.2.2. 20260129 #06 2026 DALC E-bulletin Cllrs are informed that this e-bulletin provides information on where people who have been affected by recent flooding events can go for information. Devon County Council has [created a leaflet](#) that can be shared with affected residents.
- 9.2.3. Notification of Road Closure – Work Ref: SV001KR-CDF091 Moreleigh Road, Harbertonford Cllrs are informed that the Environment Agency have requested a road closure on the Moreleigh Road 24/02/2026 and 26/02/2026 to undertake ground investigation works in relation to the upcoming flood mitigation works in the village.
- 9.2.4. 20260204 Community Action Group Lane TQ9 6EW Cllrs are informed of a letter jointly written to Devon County Highways from a group residents that live along a common access lane to 11 properties in Tigley, Harberton TQ9 6EW, to which the Parish Council has been copied for information. The letter requests an immediate meeting with relevant authorities and the community group to discuss issues of the compromised road surfaces Tigley, following years of deterioration, leading to increased risk to people and property, an immediate survey of the works needed, and an authority funded 'community agreed' remediation plan. (Cllrs have been provided with a full copy of the correspondence in addition to this publicly available summary).
- 9.2.5. 20260205 Grill clearance in Harberton Cllrs are informed of correspondence from Devon County Council's Flood and Coastal Risk Management Environmental Sustainability Group, asking for information on current arrangements for management and clearance of the grills in Harberton. This is to support an assessment into what benefit might be gained from upgrading the various grills on the watercourse inlets around the village. The Clerk replied to confirm that there is not yet a Parish Lengthsman in place, and, having canvassed the view of Cllr Morris and members of Harberton Ark, it isn't clear who manages St Clements Terrace, but it is DCC in partnership with SHDC manage the Old Forge area of Harberton. A reply was received to comment that the local flood risk officer is not aware of current arrangements for grill clearance, and that a query has been raised with SHDC for further information. It was commented that from DCC's Flood and Coastal Risk Management team's experience, contracting a lengthsman for routine clearance is a wise move. Clearance in response to knowing a storm is on its way/clearing during a storm is best suited to be sat within the community volunteer network/flood group.
- 9.3. Items of correspondence for consideration
- 9.3.1. 20260114 Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Community Risk Management Plan engagement survey Cllrs are informed that the Fire and Rescue Service is beginning to develop a new 5 year plan and keen to collect as many views as possible through its [online survey](#). All recipients of the email are asked to display a poster and encourage participation.
- 9.3.2. 20260126 Request for local insight on mobile phone coverage in Devon Parishes Cllrs are informed that Parish Councils across Devon are being asked by South West wifi business working on rural connectivity projects across Wales and the South West to help build a clearer, ground-level picture of mobile phone coverage in rural areas via an [online form](#) (html). This is not a sales message and there is no obligation or commitment at any stage.
- 9.3.3. 20260127 Storm Chandra Flooding 26th - 27th January Devon County Council's Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team have asked for information about any areas affected by flooding due to Storm Chandra. The Council is asked for any information about the date/time and location that flooding occurred; If any properties were flooded internally (and the addresses of these properties, if known); Any key roads which were affected Photographs (if possible); Any other information deemed relevant.
- 9.3.4. 20260202 Totnes Clerk's Cluster Meeting Cllrs are reminded of the upcoming opportunity to network with other local Parish and Town councillors in the Totnes area on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 5 for 5.30pm start in the Guildhall, Totnes.