

**Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 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. 20260211 Temporary Traffic Notice MORELEIGH ROAD (TTRO2667939) Cllrs are informed of an application of a road closure between 18 – 20 March to enable ground investigation works on Moreleigh Road, Harbertonford, in relation to the upcoming flood mitigation works in the village. A signed diversion will be in place.
- 10.3. Items of correspondence for consideration
  - 10.3.1. 20260209 Lights and Puddles A resident has written to comment about plants and vegetation an area in Riverdale, Harbertonford, causing puddles when it rains and making it difficult to use the paths. It was commented that the matter is worsened by the lamppost on the edge of the square not working. The resident also comments that parking issues cause problems for wheelchair users, where cars and camper vans often park on the pavement. It was reported that the resident had been sign posted to Devon County Highways 'report it' website, as most of the issues raised were a Devon County Council matter. It was also suggested to speak with residents or post a message on Village Life about considerate parking, and to raise with the PCSO.
  - 10.3.2. 20260211 Sheep Cllrs are informed that a resident has been directed to the Parish Council by the Police, having raised the matter with livestock on the road from Eastleigh Cross to Sandwell. The resident commented that the farmer is doing nothing to contain the sheep, causing a hazard to traffic and themselves. The resident asks if there is anything that can be done to force the farmer to stock proof his fields or any legislation that could be used to prosecute him. The Clerk replied to state that the The Parish Council doesn't have any powers with respect to any landowners maintaining boundaries, but could potentially reach out to the farmer through its network and attempt to address the problem of his livestock being on the roads.
  - 10.3.3. 20260226 All Town & Parish Council Briefing: NPPF and its Relationship with Neighbourhood Plans Cllrs are informed that a briefing will be held remotely via MS Teams on Thursday, 12 March from 4:00pm to 5:00pm to address reforms to the national planning system and the impact on how planning applications are determined locally. Huge increases in housing numbers handed down by government have left a lot of planning authorities vulnerable to speculative development as locally adopted policies are given less weight in decision making. By intentionally undermining adopted local and neighbourhood plans, government intend to create a 'boost' to the supply of housing across the country. Despite South Hams District and West Devon Borough Council's trying to protect the integrity of Neighbourhood Plan policies for as long as possible, emerging decisions from the Planning Inspectorate and the High Court are clear that certain Neighbourhood Plan policies can no longer be given the weight that either the Local Authority, or local communities would like. The virtual briefing to Town and Parish Councils to explain how changes to national policy will impact certain local and Neighbourhood Plan policies, and what the options are in the short to medium term.
  - 10.3.4. 20260301 Traye Conference Cllrs are informed of an invitation to attend the TRAYE Youth Conference on **Monday 13 April 2026, from 9.30am to 3.00pm at Stover Country Park**. As TRAYE celebrates its 10 year anniversary, this conference offers an opportunity to reflect on the impact of rural youth work across our nine towns and parishes and to look ahead to how we can continue strengthening support for young people in South Devon. The day will include key note speakers, young people sharing their experiences, an outdoor session with Stover Rangers, and outdoor poetry workshop. Parish Councillors are entitled to one complimentary ticket per council area. All Proceeds from ticket will go directly towards supporting TRAYE youth clubs and young people.
  - 10.3.5. 20260302/20260303/20260304 Bus Turning Area in Harberton The council has received three emails raising concern about parking in the bus turning area in Harberton. Emails have been received by two residents and by TallyHo! that operates the bus service. Emails note that the number of cars parking opposite the bus stop in Harberton make it very difficult for the bus service to and from Totnes to turn around. TallyHo! has approached Devon County Council about the bad parking and eroding road but have advised that it is nothing to do with them. The condition of the road is causing the vehicles to ground out and the consistent parking on the turning circle is making it impossible to turn around. Some of our vehicles which have served the village for numerous years are unable to go down at all because of the damage being caused. TallyHo! is hoping to find a solution other than withdrawing the service

from the area. Emails from the public also comment that the extra parking along Preston Farm can make it difficult to get the bus or other larger vehicles through the corner of the road before the bus shelter.

Those parking on the bus stop itself create a hazard for children getting on or off school buses.

- 10.3.6. 20260303 Road in our parish Last month, cllrs were copied into correspondence to Devon Highways from residents of Tigley with regard to the condition of the road, making access hazardous and impossible for smaller vehicles. As residents have not had a direct reply from the County Council, the Parish Council has been asked provide support r your support in getting something done to repair the road.