

**Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council
Tuesday 12th May 2026**

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. 20260420 Surface Dressing Programme 2026 - Totnes & Dartington Division Cllrs are informed that sites for 2026 include Bennetts Cross to Brockhill, Harberton (Parish) and Hernaford Cross to Spanish Lane End, Halwell and Moreleigh (Parish).
- 11.2.2. 20260507 TTRO2669757 On Site Notice Temporary Traffic Notice - VARIOUS ROADS Cllrs are informed that roads will be closed for road dressing between Hernaford Cross to Spanish Lane End and Morleigh Road for up to three days within the period 11 – 15 May 2026. Local signs will be installed to give residents atleast 7 days notice.
- 11.2.3. 20260430 DALC #21 E Bulletin Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes a link to a recording of the recent Connect Event about 'clustering'. The session brought together examples from councils already working collaboratively, highlighting how clusters can take many different forms - from small, informal groups to larger networks involving councillors, clerks and officers. A link to the recording is available from the DALC website.
- 11.2.4. 20260430 Highways Assembly 6 May 10am – 1pm Cllrs are informed that a digital copy of the 'Handbook for Highways' launched at the Highways Assembly event on 6 May has been circulated to all Parish and Town Councils. A copy can be forwarded to cllrs on request.
- 11.3. Items of correspondence for consideration
- 11.3.1. 20260414 Grant of Support Harberton Playing Fields Association (HPFA) has made its formal request for a grant of £1000 as budgeted in the Parish Council's 2026/27 financial year to support maintenance projects in the play park.
- 11.3.2. 20260430 Meeting to discuss planning policy (Case Ref CV21972) Caroline Voaden MP has invited an open meeting with other South Hams Town and Parish Councils to discuss the role of Neighbourhood Plans in Planning Policy. The meeting is called following the MP's awareness that many Town and Parish Councils are unhappy that the Neighbourhood Plans they worked so hard to put together are being disregarded in planning decisions. The MP's view is that development should be community-led, and that local authorities are best placed to know what developments are needed in their area, not central government. Each Council is welcome to send a maximum of two representatives, providing names by email ahead of the event. 13:45 – 15:15 on Thursday 11 June 2026 at Halwell and Morleigh Community Hall
- 11.3.3. Ford Farm 0828-25-OPA. Re-affirmation of PC position A member of the public has written to the Parish Council to request that the Parish Council submit the following statement to the District Council's Development Management Committee ahead of its meeting of 11 June 2026: *'The Parish Council re-affirms it's decision to oppose this OPA. Furthermore, the Neighbourhood Plan will state that this site will not to be allocated for development'*. NB: The above is a summary. Cllrs will receive the full item of correspondence with papers.