

Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council
Tuesday 14th June 2022

Item 13 Correspondence

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- 13.1. **20220512 Letter from Anthony Mangnall MP** *For consideration* Cllrs are informed of the letter from the MP urging Parish Councils to join Devon County Council's road warden scheme to enable Parish Councils to deliver minor works on the highway in response to continual problem on potholes and quality of the roads. The letter also comments that with an expectation of an increase in police numbers there will be a need for 'hubs' in the community where officers can stop off during patrols in the area, places from which to engage with community and somewhere with the facilities for officers to undertake their duties. The Parish Council is asked if it is interested in the village halls in the area becoming one of these 'police hubs' for officers on patrol. Representatives from town and Parish Councils in the constituency are invited to a meeting at Halwell and Morleigh Village Hall at 6:15pm on Thursday 16th June with the MP to discuss.
- 13.2. 20220519 Thanks *For information* Cllrs were informed of an email of thanks received from St Peter's Church PCC for the grant which will enable arrangements to be made to pay someone to cut the grass.
- 13.3. 20220519 Vans at Vicarage Ball *For information* Cllrs were informed of correspondence with a resident asking again about vans parked on Vicarage Ball. The Clerk had responded to say that the Clerk and other residents had made a report to South Hams District Council (SHDC) and if no action had been taken as yet, it was likely because the vehicle was not considered abandoned. It was suggested to get in contact with SHDC directly. The resident further commented that a tractor had burst a tyre to avoid the vehicles.
- 13.4. 20220525 Temporary Traffic Notice - TRISTFORD ROAD, Harberton (TTRO2245134) *For information* Cllrs are informed of updated dates for the road closure as now taking place between 8th - 12 August inclusive to enable a new sewer connection.
- 13.5. 20220526 Airband fibre to the premises rollout *For information* Cllrs are informed of an invitation to a public webinar held on Wednesday, June 15th, 2022, at 7pm to learn more about Airband's work to install the new [Ultrafast fibre-to-the-premises \(FTTP\) broadband network](#) across large part of rural Devon on behalf of the publicly funded Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) broadband programme. The webinar will include a presentation from Airband about the programme with a question and answer session. To attend follow this link: <https://msteams.link/N3SU> (html).
- 13.6. **20220526 28 Days Notice** *For consideration* Cllrs were informed that the Parish Council had received prior notification on the installation of 1 new telegraph pole at Dorsley Barton and 3 poles in Harberton village as part of the new broadband network installed by Airband. The locations have not been flagged through Planning. The Clerk had requested this information shared with the community via the Harberton Village email list to help raise awareness. Contact details are provided for anyone wishing to make enquiries.
- 13.7. 20220526 Councillors Agree Discretionary Council Tax Payment Scheme *For information* Cllrs are informed by press release that having paid £3 million to 20,000 households as part of the £150 Council Tax Rebate Scheme over the past month, the Executive at South Hams District Council has approved an additional scheme to distribute a Discretionary Council Tax Rebate. The Council has started to process over 1,200 applications that it has received from those households by those who have already applied online. However there are still 5,000 households that have not claimed, or do not know that they are eligible, including those who already receive reductions in their Council Tax. To apply follow this link: www.southhams.gov.uk/rebate-application
- 13.8. 20220527 Proposed changes to Countywide Parking Order *For information* Cllrs are informed that Devon County Council has reviewed policy on residents' parking across the county and have made proposed changes that policy. Comments or objections can be made before via an online form found here: [Civil Parking Enforcement - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](#) with the closing date of 24th June 2022. There is no specific reference to sites with Harberton Parish within this policy.
- 13.9. **20220601 South Hams HATOC Proposed Traffic Regulation Order** *For consideration* Cllrs are informed that no waiting restrictions requested by the Parish Council on specified lengths of Old Road, Packs Close and Woodland Road have now been advertised. Full details are available via the Devon County Council website here: <https://app-trafficorders-live.devon.gov.uk/Home/Document/23752> (html) Comments and objections can be made via an online form found here: [Local Waiting Restriction Programme 2021/22 - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](#) until 27th June 2022.
- 13.10. **20220604 Speed limit in Harberton** *For consideration* Cllrs are informed that a resident has written to comment on the alarming speeds that traffic is travelling on Tristford road, asking whether 20mph signs could be requested at the top of Gills Cross and at the turning to St Andrews Cottages.

13.11.20220607 SHDC Statement on Waste Service *For information* The Parish Council has been informed by press release that South Hams District Council has taken legal advice and has written to the contractor providing waste services demanding that they rectify the situation as a matter of priority. The situation has gone on far too long and it urgently requires a resolution for residents. Unfortunately, the Council is unable to provide further details at this stage, but they will provide an update as soon as they are able to. At all stages, the Council has sought to work with the contractor to improve and resolve the situation.