

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th August 2018 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor J Dungate

Councillors: Vice Chairman J Franklin. R Clark. G Quance.

J Curtis. J Stupple. N Whatley. P Isaacs

D Cllr D Hurley. 23 Members of the Public. Clerk: M Whatley

AGENDA. 2018.

Chairman opened the Meeting saying that it was good to see so many of you here this evening. I can only surmise which of the Agenda items you are interested in.

60. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Maidment. C Cllr Parsons.

Absentees. Cll Gliddon.

61. Public Participation Period of 15 minutes. For speakers registered in advance, with the Clerk.
None.

62. Declarations of any Councillors Interests in Items on the Agenda.

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

None.

(b) Registerable Interests.

None.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None.

63. (a) Draft Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday August 9th 2018, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.
Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Franklin, all in favour that the Minutes be recorded as a true record.

64. Any matters arising from the Minutes. Clerks Report.

Flood Warning System Dipper Mill

Arranged an informal meeting with Julian Parkin, Technical Engineer from Hydro-Logic, who apologised that the system had not been the success they had envisaged. Initially, the problems were an issue with the modem, they have installed roaming SIM cards to improve the reliability of the signs; amended the flood alert threshold following advice from our Flood Officer, Ron Lester. The flooding mechanism is complicated since they measure the water level in the river, and flooding may also be caused by another channel and from surface water. They are prepared to remove the faulty signs for restoration, and then reinstall them fOC, with a one year Warranty. They offer access to the data on their website (Timeview Telemetry); enhanced data frequency during a flood event (15 mins data upload to Timeview Telemetry); text message or e-mail alert to anyone who wants to receive them. The Alert System costs £30 for 250 alerts. Julian confirmed the annual maintenance costs IRO £600 to include equipment, engineers to come down and service the equipment twice yearly £250, and SIM card £140. Members to take a final decision on the future of the system at the next

full PC Meeting on August 14th 2018.

Caute Telephone Kiosk.

Accepted quote of £200 - £220 from Adrian Caudwell to repaint the telephone kiosk.

Memorial

Asked Cllr Clark to accept the quotation for the Monumental mason to repaint the war memorial lettering in the sum of £90 - £120.

Ditches

Responded to Vicki Braddon, Highways Engineer, that Shebbear would be happy to work on a joint ditching venture. Received an e-mail from Cllr Parsons who reported that whilst at a Highways meeting with Area Highways Manager (Meg Booth) she talked about a pilot scheme in Shebbear, which, if successful, they would roll out elsewhere.

Planning

1/0113/2018/FUL. Astrabenz, Shebbear, Devon.

Revised scheme to include toilet/drainage.

Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council support the revised application.

1/0578/2018/FUL. Suncrest, Caute, Shebbear, Devon.

Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections.

Dr's Surgery.

Invited Jane Wells, Practice Manager, to up-date us at the August meeting. She declined. Sent letter to all doctors (12) at RCMG asking if one of them would attend the Parish Meeting.

Invited Dr Fernandez, who issued a Statement to be read out at the meeting.

65. To Agree any items to be dealt with in Part 2, closed session, of the Meeting.

None.

66. Any urgent Agenda business or correspondence brought forward with the approval of the Chairman.

(1) Dr's Surgery.

Chairman reported that invitations had been sent to both Dr Fernandez and RCMG to attend the Parish Council Meeting, and both parties had declined. However, Dr Fernandez had issued a statement to be read out at the meeting. "Chronologically, we thought that we had an agreement signed by us with Ruby Medical Group. That was a licence to occupy the premises and my signature is still on the document. Just the Wednesday before the transfer, we had an email from Ruby Medical Council, stating that they did not want to continue with the agreement, they just did not explain any reasons to us. When I bought out Dr Miller 6 years ago, that is what I understood it would happen, it would be transferred to new service providers. If one has two purpose-made buildings as surgeries as we have for Shebbear and Hatherleigh, what is the point of having them empty with no income, with all the equipment and all the medications for the patients already packed and with no possibility of using those medication bags. On top of that, I live in the village; my property is being affected by the lack of doctors surgery locally. No, it does not make any sense for us to block the buildings' use as surgeries under the new medical practice. We would be very happy if Ruby Medical Group or any other group decided to use the buildings as GP premises. From our point of view, they are ready to be used. It looks to me like there was a bit of a plan, especially in Shebbear, not for the surgeries to continue".

Chairman read an email from Jane Wells "Unfortunately, Dr Brown and Dr Lee are also on holiday this Week, and with the vitriol on social media at the moment I feel that it would not be useful to send any representative to a public meeting. However, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with the parish councillors to explain the situation".

Cllr Clark informed the meeting that our preference would be for someone to speak at a full and open parish meeting, we owe this to the Parish. However, we were put out and offended that RCMG felt they would be exposed to malicious public at a formal Parish meeting. If they were still unwilling to attend a parish meeting he proposed a small sub group should be formed to comprises 4 councillors, 4 non-councillors and representatives from RCMG, to sit down and talk quietly and listen to what the Doctors have to say and to discuss any way forward. The sub group would have to report back to the full Council meeting. The Meeting should be chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr John Dungate, it should be minuted and the Minutes to be circulated and approved by all present. Seconded Cllr Stuppel, by show of hands all in favour except Cllr Quance who abstained.

Chairman invited residents in the gallery to put forward questions.

Why is the Medical Centre not fit for the Shebbear purpose? Why won't Jane Wells and the Medical Centre converse with Dr Fernandez? Why are the NHS not involved? Why was the village hall not suitable even as temporary premises? What happened on the Wednesday? RCMG has sent out two letters asking people to sign. One letter says FOR Shebbear, the other says AT Shebbear. They could supply medications FOR Shebbear from anywhere. Therefore, replace the word FOR with AT Shebbear.

It was agreed that Lee Duckworth, Barry Hunt, Anita Collins and Ysanne Carlisle represent the non-councillors.

Clerk to write to Jane Wells to set up a meeting.

The discussions regarding the surgery having finished, the gallery cleared.

(2) Decorate War Memorial.

Clerk reported that she had weeded the war memorial and planted a few begonias for colour. She had taken advice from Keith Nixon on what to plant to mark the centenary in November and accordingly had ordered 40 red polyanthus from Muriel Johns, which will provide colour and withstand all weather conditions including frost.

(3) Memorial Celebrations for November.

(a) Letter from Lorna Wyard.

Chairman read a letter received from Lorna who had kindly offered hot homemade soup and a crusty roll & tea/coffee, all free, on the occasion of the centenary and would put out a donation box in aid of 'Help the Heroes' or relevant charity. Agreed Shebbear Parish Council would make a donation of £100 towards the charity. Clerk to accept Lorna's offer and email Martin Warren.

(4) Decision on the Flood Warning System –

(a) to take over responsibility for the system and renew the maintenance contract.

(b) to abandon the signs.

© retain the detection system (sensors).

(d) walk away from the system altogether.

Chairman proposed Option (b) not going ahead with the signs. Although Hydro-Logic had agreed to repair and re-install them free of charge, should they fail again at a cost of £3,000 each to repair, this was non-viable for the Council. Seconded Cllr Franklin. All in favour.

Cllr Clark proposed Option © to retain the detection system and review in one year's time once it had been established that the system was of benefit to the community. There was no commitment or implied commitment to accept transfer of ownership of the system to the Parish Council at this time. Seconded Cllr Franklin. All in favour.

Clerk to write to DCC and Hydro-Logic.

(5) Neighbourhood Plan.

Chairman suggested that as Cllr Maidment is leading this and is away on holiday, it should to be held over to the next meeting.

(6) Seat / Picnic Table for the Village Hall.

Clerk to contact Lucy Luxton and ask if the Village Hall still wants the seat.

67. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period.

None.

68. District Councillor's Report.

Chairman welcomed Cllr Hurley to the meeting.

Doctor in Shebbear.

Last month I said that I was pleased that some progress had been made with regard to the surgery in Shebbear. One month on it appears to be as difficult a puzzle to solve as ever.

Transformation Programme.

The Torridge Transformation programme, now in its 4th year, is nearing completion. Almost all staff have now temporarily re-located to allow the internals of the building to be altered.

Waste and Recycling Call Centre.

The number of calls to the temporary call centre in Bridge Buildings have fallen quite significantly, from 8

operators down to a max of 2. Since the vast proportion of calls are concerned with W&R one temporary operator has located to Westcombe (where W&R are located, for a short period and will take calls specifically dealing with waste and recycling. He will have access to W&R databases and will hopefully be able to answer questions. If this is a successful exercise it will be continued beyond this short period until such time as the number of calls return to a normal level.

Garden Waste Subscriptions.

Discussions are to begin as to how TDC collect the Garden Waste subscriptions for next year. The most attractive way is by DD, this last year most subscriptions were dealt with by members of the public signing up via the TDC website. Obviously annual DD is a much easier method.

Torridge Bridge.

Works to replace the west expansion joint were successfully completed earlier this year. DCC will be replicating the traffic management plan and sequence of works to replace the failing expansion joint at the east end of the bridge. Commencing on 17th September with a forecast completion date of 20th December 2018. The majority of these works will be undertaken at night, under two-way lights with a 20-mph speed restriction in place for the duration. A one-off closure on Sunday 21st October will however be required. The road is planned to be fully open and no traffic management for the busy Christmas period. Work in school holidays will be organised to minimise disruption.

Caute to Rowden

I did a recce of the Caute to Rowden road recently and as such got in touch with Cllr Parsons and, via Barry, Vicki Braddon who is the Highways Area Manager in the temporary absence of Simon Phillips. I'm told there are plans to repair/surface dress this road, but not until next year 2019/20.

Community Grants.

Formally known as New Homes Bonus has once again been extremely successful. This year's money has all been awarded and to date nearly £1m has been granted to various projects in Torridge.

Chairman thanked Cllr Hurley for his report.

Cllr Hurley left the Meeting.

69. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

None.

Appeals

(1) **1/1120/2017/FUL – APP/W1145/W18/3206981**

Land to the Rear of Tor View, Shebbear, Devon.

Closure of access and creation of new access, demolition of existing building and shed and erection of new holiday unit and shed.

Received by Councillors.

(2) **1/0302/2018/OUT –APP/W1145/W/18/3207357**

Land Adjacent to Stoneleigh Cottage, Shebbear, Devon.

Residential development for up to two dwellings.

Received by Councillors.

(b) Applications Granted.

(1) **1/0533/2018/FUL. 1 Green Lane Bungalows, Shebbear.**

Part retrospective application for a single storey garage.

Received by Councillors.

Received after the Agenda was circulated.

(1) **1/0578/2018/FUL. Suncrest, Shebbear.**

Erection of double garage.

Received by Councillors.

© Applications Refused

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

70. Finance

- (1) Approval of Items for payment.

- (a) Data Protection Fee Renewal - £40.00.
 - (b) S C Collins, Restoration of Lettering on War Memorial - £90.00.
- Proposed by Cllr Stuppel, Seconded Cllr Franklin, all in favour that items (a) and (b) be paid,

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £5,956.35

Reserve Account: £19,739.32

71. Correspondence.

- (a) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.
None received.
- (b) Marilyn Pearce – Speed Watch.
A speed watch took place on Thursday 2nd August outside Shebbear College, During the hour they logged 18 speeders out of 97 vehicles. These will be forwarded to Devon and Cornwall Police.
- © Contribution to North Devon Annual Forward Plan.
To be circulated to all members.
- (d) Hedge cutting on the football field reported by Marilyn Pearce at the July meeting.
Chairman reported that he had had a word with the Chairman of the Football Club, who said it was merely a mis-understanding of instructions and apologised. He was well aware there was a restriction on hedge cutting until the end of August.

Circulation File.

Council Planning Lists. Police Report. NatWest. Notice of Road Restriction October. HAGS. Future Services at Holsworthy Hospital (C Cllr Barry Parsons). Creative Play. Devon Home Choice. Parish Paths Partnership Newsletter.

72. Agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday September 11th 2018 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

- 1. Local Plan.
- 2. Surgery.
- 1. Remembrance Sunday Centenary Arrangements.

There being no other business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.38pm.

Signed

Dated