

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Extra Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 7.30 pm.
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors: J Dungate. J Curtis. J Stupple. G Quance.

R Gliddon. N Whatley. J Franklin. P Isaacs

D Cllr D Hurley. 15 Members of the Public. Clerk M Whatley

AGENDA. 2018.

138. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Maidment (on holiday). C Cllr Parsons (committed elsewhere).

139. Public Participation Period of 15 minutes. For speakers registered in advance, with the Clerk.

Retrospective Application – Astrabenz, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

A number of applicants had registered with the Clerk to speak after the Agenda had been circulated.

- (1) Mr & Mrs Worth.
- (2) Maria Bailey (Architect).
- (3) Jason Quance.
- (4) Chris Vicary.

Chairman introduced the first speakers, Michael and Tracy Worth. Mrs Worth described the business she and her husband had established since purchasing Astrabenz in 2003, and wished to regularise their activities. From one man and a van carrying out services and repairs to machinery on farms, the business has grown and now employs 6 full time engineers and 2 apprentices learning to be mechanics. It is their intention to expand the business by increasing the fleet of mobile service engineers with vans operating from the New Inn site, which amounts to 90% of the business. They also offer tractors for sale and have a dealership with Deutz.

Chairman introduced the second speaker, Maria Bailey (Architect).

Mrs Bailey acting for the applicant confirmed that the permission being sought would be class B2 with restrictions defining the present activities so that any other use within the B2 category would not be automatically permitted.

Chairman introduced the third speaker, Jason Quance.

Jason was here to support Mr and Mrs Worth on their application. He had been a customer from the start of the machinery business, which was of great benefit to himself and other farmers in the local area.

Chairman introduced the final speaker, Chris Vicary.

Chris Vicary stated that he was not opposed to the application, nonetheless, there were a number of issues, which concerned him and he had posted his concerns to the planning department.

Chairman thanked the speakers for their contributions. The application would be discussed further under Planning.

140. 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.

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

Chairman wished to inform members about a potential Code of Conduct complaint, and suggested this be dealt with in the closed session of the Meeting following departure of the members of the public. Cllr Hurley was invited to be present.

142. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) **1/1179/2017/FUL. Astrabenz, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon. Re-submission.**

Retrospective application for retention of an extension, hard-standing and change of use of agricultural land and buildings for the repair maintenance and sale of agricultural machinery, including the development of new vehicular access.

After lengthy discussions, members voted to give support for the existing activity to be regularised, but expressed concerns about road safety and potential damage to the verges and environmental issues. Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council recommends TDC approve this application having had regard to the concerns outlined in the letter.

(2) **1/0138/2018/FUL. Ladford Mill, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.**

Single storey kitchen extension.

Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

143. Correspondence.

(a) Michael Wright – Inconsistencies in local planning matters.

Chairman read out a letter he had received from Mr Wright. This was deferred to the next Meeting.

Clerk was asked to circulate a copy of the letter to all Councillors.

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There was a debate regarding the public interest in the above, a motion that was not in the public interest to reveal any identities was carried. then the motion to enter into Part 2 was proposed by Cllr Curtis, Seconded by Cllr Stupple, and carried. Chairman informed members regarding the subject matter. A motion to return to Part 1 was proposed by the Chairman and carried unopposed.

145. The next Full Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 13th 2018 at 7-30 pm in the Church Room, Shebbear, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no further Business, Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed Dated