

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7.30 pm.
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors: Vice Chairman E Haste. J Stupple. J. Curtis.

A Maidment. R. Gliddon. G Quance. N Whatley

D Cllr Parsons. D Cllr Hurley.

1 member of the public. Clerk M Whatley.

AGENDA. 2016. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

Chairman R Clark opened the Meeting, and welcomed all present to the April meeting.

45. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Dungate (holiday).

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

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial). None received.

(b) Registerable interests. None received.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

(1) Cllr Haste confirmed he had agreed to rent 35 acres in the village.

(2) Cllr Quance confirmed he had agreed to rent further land in the village.

Clerk to update Interests for Inclusion in the Register of Members and copy to TDC.

48. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday March 8th 2016, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Haste, seconded Cllr Curtis, all in favour.

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

Dog Bins. Still waiting on TDC Legal Advisor on the License.

Queen's Medals. Cllr Maidment and I have been dealing with this together and still have a few medals available out of the minimum 50 order.

Planning Application Balleroy Close. Revised Application for 3 new dwellings. Clerk sent response to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council would accept the proposal subject to four Conditions – 1. Relocation of waste bin to where two houses were to be sited. 2) Waste bin to be placed on hard standing. 3) Additional parking space to be made available next to waste bin. 4) Contribution to be made towards the Play Area.

Property to rent in Shebbear through DCH. Clerk had sent two letters to DCH and as yet received no response or acknowledgement. D Cllr Hurley had spoken with the Building Control Officer, and sent us this report. "The Company building the homes at Ackland Close had signed up to a scheme called Robust Details Ltd. This is a scheme for new builds only and is advertised as "The robust details scheme is the alternative to pre-completion sound testing for satisfying Part E of the Building Regulations. Using the scheme avoids the

uncertainties of pre-completion sound testing. The scheme is self-certified and a compliance certificate is signed. Building Control is not involved in any way.

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

None.

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

1. Work Required to Items on the Assets List. Following inspection of the Assets by Chairman and Clerk Some items were found to need attention.
Bus Shelter. Needs washing, sticky tape remains removed from windows and windows cleaned. Clerk to speak to Adrian Caudwell. Shebbear Sign. Needs sanding down of algae and oiling. Brass requires cleaning, Clerk to speak to Adrian Caudwell. Seats. There are a total of 10 seats dotted around the village, six of which require power washing. Also the steps up to the seat at New Inn require cutting and cleaning to make safe. Clerk to speak to Adrian Caudwell. Towable Gritter. Chairman reported that the salt gritter had not been used for two years and should be checked for road worthiness. Cllr Parsons said the gritter was over 4 years old and suggested it be looked at by a mechanic. Agreed we ask M & G Garage or Stewart Tucker to inspect. 1840 Tithe Map. Clerk to contact Peter Christie at the Records Office to confirm location of map.
2. Chair reminded members that some of the seats have a brass plaque on the back that commemorate loved ones. Chair asked whether members felt we should offer the public ‘to adopt a seat in Memoriam’, the Parish Council to pay for the brass plaques. All in favour. Clerk to put article in Reflecting Shebbear.
3. The Chairman raised the question of the Parish Lands Committee and Shebbear Parish Council, which has a vacancy for a representative, and we need to nominate a member to attend these meetings every three months. Chair explained that the Parish Lands Committee sits on a fund of about £80,000 on which it is allowed to spend the dividends for the good of the needy around the Parish. Cllr Haste put his name forward, all in favour.

52. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

None.

53. District Councillors Report.

The Chairman welcomed District Councillor Hurley.

Planning Info for Parish Councillors. Cllr Hurley reported that TDC are now looking to set up sessions for both Town and Parish Councils so that they can be fully informed on how to engage effectively with the Planning Service. TDC to hold the first sessions in May.

Speed watch. Shebbear is currently under discussion as the data does not show a need for a speed watch and is likely that each session would result in zero letters being sent as the number of vehicles is very low.

PCSO Melissa Baker said “If there are no vehicles recorded speeding in order to send a letter (35mph or over) this shows there is no actual problem and also, if the groups are standing around for an hour at a time with nothing to do it has been found that they get quickly disheartened and disband.” Cllr Hurley reported back to Melissa that there were plenty of instances of drivers exceeding the 30mph limit in the village and also those that speed past the college. Surely those in the speed watch team are there to help make the roads safer. The co-ordinator for the Frithelstock group has been ill and they are about to go back into action. Melissa has asked them to book some dates for Shebbear and when data from these sessions is analysed a decision on the Shebbear speed watch team can be taken.

Community Grants. In addition to the Ward Councillor Grant of £1000 per annum, all Ward Councillors have been allocated £10,000 for Community projects. There will also be a Corporate Pot of £200,000 that Local Parishes, Town Councils, voluntary organisations and community groups can bid into. All applications must have the support of the Ward Councillor and are to be made online at www.torridge.gov.uk/cmmunitygrants.

Ackland Close + Building Control. Cllr Hurley reported that he had spoken with Building Control with regard to the poor insulation and electrical problems that were highlighted at last month’s PC meeting. He had supplied BC with information regarding the building of Ackland Close that Chair had imparted to him, and was told that the builder of Ackland Close, Midas Homes signed up to Robust Details Ltd, a Company who market themselves as “The alternative to pre-completion sound testing to meet Part E of the Building

Regulations.” Builders who sign up to this scheme self-certify so building control are not involved. Best now for tenants to contact the Housing Association and try to get them to remedy the problems.
Cashless Torridge. Seems to have gone relatively smoothly. Ladies at Bideford coped with minor problems and assisted customers

Chairman thanked Cllr Hurley for his report.

Chairman introduced and welcomed County Cllr Barry Parsons to the meeting.

New Personal Care Contract. Cllr Parsons reported that the Council has increased the amount it spends for care in the home. There will be in the order of £4,000 payable to people who are supported at this time.

Libraries. Have a good spread of libraries across Devon where high quality and modern library services will be integrated with other complimentary services.

New Living Wage. Torridge District is about to benefit more than any other Council. The new minimum wage will help the lower paid in this area as the rates of pay have been abysmally low because we have so many poorly paid jobs here especially in the care and retirement sector, which has made it difficult to support a mortgage.

Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for taking the time to attend the Meeting and for his input.

54. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) **1/0002/2016/SCR. Land at Pitt Hill, Shebbear.**

Residential Development.

This is a ‘Screening Application’, not Outline Application, Detailed or Full Application and was sent to us by TDC in error. Cllr Hurley said you can submit a pre-application ‘SCR’, which doesn’t cost anything.

(2) **1/0064/2016/FUL. Mill Cottage, Shebbear, Devon.**

Clerk to respond that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this revised Application.

(b) Applications Granted

(1) **1/0927/2015/OUT, Highfield, Shebbear.**

Residential Development for up to 2 Dwellings.

Received by Councillors.

55. Finance.

Approval of Items for payment.

(1) Clerk’s Expenses (Stationery £15.33. Toners £26.11) £41.44.

(2) Queen Elizabeth II 90th Commemorative Medals £1.99 ea, postage £7.50 + VAT = £128.40

(3) Subscription to ‘Clerk’s Direct’ £12.00

All in favour items (1), (2) and (3) be paid.

(4) PCSO Melissa Baker Police Report for the past month.

Logs – 5 nuisance anti social behaviour.

Crimes – 1 threatening and abusive behaviour, 1 criminal damage.

(5) To receive the Accounts for the financial year to March 31st 2016 and complete the Annual Return.

Clerk presented the audited Accounts, approved by the Councillors and the Annual Return signed.

Bank balances to March 31st 2016.

Current Account £6,380.64

Reserve Account £14,053.67

56. Correspondence.

(1) HRCT. I am writing to express our thanks for your grant of £800. Every penny we receive is vital to the running of the Ring & Ride and Volunteer Car service. We have, as you may know, a small number of active users in the Shebbear area. These services are a lifeline for the people in this area who do not have access to their own transport, and we are grateful for your continued support.

(3) Letter from Val Merritt re Litter in the Village. Suggested regular Community ‘tidy up’ days. Cllr Clark

suggested a date be agreed and advertised in 'Reflecting Shebbear'. Cllr Haste suggested we employ a handyman to spray the edge of pavements. Clerk to enquire if the Council still provide this service and also make enquiries to Crop Mech.

- (4) E-mail recd from D Cllr Hurley re wind Energy (Circ)

Circulation.

Devon Senior Voice Clerk Direct. Invitation to Briefing on Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust.
List of Properties from DHC. Council Matters (Came & Co.)

57. Any Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday June 14th 2016 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05 pm.

Signed

Dated