

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2017
in the Village Hall, Shebbear at 7.45pm

Present:

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

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

A Maidment. G Quance. K Dymond N Whatley.

District Cllr D Hurley.

25 members of the public. Clerk M Whatley.

AGENDA. 2017. Commenced at 7-45 pm immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.
Chairman R Clark opened the Meeting, and welcomed all present.

204. Apologies for Absence.

C Cllr Parsons (Purdah). PCSO Melissa Baker. (Annual Leave). Cllr Gliddon (no Apologies received).

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

- (1) Rev. Martin Warren – The Fortescue Trust.
- (2) Richard Haste. Outline Planning Application for up to 5 dwellings. Field Known as ‘Dougies Field’, Shebbear.

(1) Chairman welcomed Rev Warren to the meeting.

Rev. Warren explained that The Fortescue Trust is one of the Charities for the Parish, of which he is Ex-officio Chairman. The Trust was set up in the late 19th century in memory of one of the Fortescue family members, to be of service to the young people of the Parish of Shebbear. There are 5 Trustees of the Charity, both Church Wardens, also ex officio, and two co-opted members, Ken and Jean Chamberlain. The aim is to give support to young people under the age of 25 years. They used to give books, Bibles and religious tokens, currently, they give book tokens through the schools.

Chairman thanked Rev Warren for enlightening members of the activities of the Trust.

(2) Chairman welcomed Richard Haste to the meeting.

For Transparency purposes, Richard Haste stated that he is an employee of Torridge District Council, but is here this evening in a private capacity.

Richard outlined plans for a small development of five houses on 0.3 Ha of land owned by his family towards Battledown Cross, and accessed off the existing road which runs through Shebbear. Each dwelling to have at least two car parking spaces.

Chairman thanked Richard Haste for his presentation. However, no questions would be taken at this time because it would place Cllr Haste in a position of conflict with the Code of Conduct, and any discussion would be taken after Cllr Haste had left the room.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

Cllr Haste declared a pecuniary interest in additional 35 acres of land in Shebbear, which he had agreed to rent for the season.

(b) Registerable Interests.

Cllr Haste declared a registerable interest in land known as ‘Dougies Field’, Shebbear. Planning Application no. 1/0044/2017/OUT. Mins 213 (3). **Cllr Haste would leave the room whilst the application was discussed.**

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None received.

207. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

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

Invited Rev Martin Warren to speak at the PC Meeting this evening about the Fortescue Trust.

Instructed Adrian Caudwell to attend to weeds along the pavement edges in the village.

Gave remaining 13 mugs to our Chairman for the Bowls Club.

Sent letter to North Devon Hospice with cheque for Tap fund donation of £825 to go towards the new mobility vehicle for The Longhouse Hospice, Holsworthy, and have received a letter of appreciation.

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

None.

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

None.

211. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period

None.

212. District Councillor's Report.

Chairman welcomed D Cllr Hurley to the meeting.

Alan Whittle. Cllr Alan Whittle passed away last Thursday night. Alan was Ward Member for Hartland and Bradworthy and was a very active Councillor. He was also Lead Member for the Environment, a role that he has been hugely active in.

David Fulford. Sadly another former Councillor also passed away the week before. David Fulford was Ward Member for and was also Deputy Mayor of Bideford Town in 2012 and 2013. Bideford North from 2007 - 2015.

Peer Review. Recently had a Peer Review carried out by the LGA Peer Review Team. The team comprised 5 people including the Chief Executive of Arun District Council, Corporate Director of South Staffordshire District Council and the Leader of Daventry District Council. In all they spoke to around 70 people including the Leader and Deputy Leader, Group Leaders, Lead Members, Officers, SMT and the planning team. The purpose of the review is to ascertain how the Council is performing and how the current performance can be improved. It appears that Torrridge did really well. Councillors will discuss the findings of the report at a meeting on May 22nd.

New Facilities at RBH. Work has now started on the building of new office facilities at Riverbank House as part of the Transformation Programme. When completed the new building will enable the Council to move a step closer to a planned relocation to a signal site which will be followed by the disposal of less efficient facilities such as Bridge Buildings to make further savings. Almost 1,000 tonnes of stone was laid and levelled in preparation for piling which has now also been completed. The next phase is to form the concrete foundations followed by substructure masonry in preparation for the steel frame delivery. The new building should be complete by end of October.

Roads in and around Shebbear. Further to letter that was read at last month's PC meeting, Mr Parkes has been in communication with Steve Brockman who is the Neighbourhood Highway Officer. Mr Parkes had previously suggested to Steve Brockman that residents could walk local roads, identify and mark potholes, and DCC could repair them. Steve Brockman replied that the contractor would only repair potholes that they deemed to be unsafe. Steve did say that he would undertake inspections of the Caute roads last week and submit his recommendations to the contractor. However, the aforementioned rules still apply --- final say as to whether a repair is carried out or not is with the contractor, which I find ridiculous.

I know that Barry Parsons has said that a high priority should be given to the Caute to Shebbear road and the Caute to Rowden Chapel road, and now that the new Highways Contract has started we shall have to wait

and see what happens. I will liaise with elected County Councillor after 4th May and push hard for repairs to these roads.

Speedwatch. A Speedwatch team for Shebbear is, I believe, essential to help prevent accidents in the village because of speeding. All effort must be made to encourage people to come forward. It's not about helping to prosecute a friend/neighbour by reporting them for speeding. It's about making the roads safer for all. The Speedwatch team at Frithelstock were out again on Friday. This followed an appearance a couple of weeks ago. Drivers do take notice and do approach the area with much more caution.

Chairman thanked Cllr Hurley for his comprehensive report.

213. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) **1/0203/2017/FUL**

Aish Barn, Shebbear.

Proposed porch extension with roof canopy overhang and new window to north gable.

Mr and Mrs Vicary confirmed their planning rights had ceased when they renovated the main barn. Members considered this proposal blended with the existing and did not affect any other property. Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objection and recommends TDC approve this application.

(2) **1/0795/2016/FUL**

APPEAL Ref: APP/W1145/W/17/3168619

Removal of Condition 1 Agricultural Occupancy Condition of Application 1/1146/1996.

Brambley Barton, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Cllr Quance, who was not present at the meeting when this application was discussed, felt strongly that a 5-bedroomed house in our Parish remaining empty because of an Agricultural Occupancy Condition was wrong, and expressed his wish to attend the Appeal Hearing.

(3) **1/0044/2017/OUT.**

Field Known as 'Dougies Field', Shebbear, Devon.

Outline planning permission for up to 5 dwellings with all matters reserved.

Cllr Haste left the room.

The application was debated at length. Cllr Maidment was of the opinion that the potential site is a long way out of the village. Cllr Dungate proposed that the Council object because the site is outside the development area, which has been long established within the village, Seconded by Cllr Maidment. The proposal to object was defeated. Lack of consensus remained. Cllr Quance proposed the majority of the Council had no objection and a vote should be taken, seconded Cllr Stupple. A vote was taken, which resulted in 4 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions. Clerk to respond to TDC.

(b) Applications Granted.

(1) **1/1216/2016/FUL. West Croft, Shebbear.**

Proposed loft conversion, alterations and extension to dwelling.

Planning Permission Notice stated 'The proposed accommodation within the proposed garage conversion hereby permitted shall be used solely for residential purposes ancillary to the existing dwelling known as West Croft, Shebbear, and not as a self-contained independent dwelling.

Received by the Councillors. Cllr Dymond asked how 'Special Conditions' were monitored.

© Applications Refused.

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

214. Finance.

(1) Approval of Items for payment.

- (a) DALC – Affiliation Fee £197.43
 - (b) TDC – Charge for Payroll Service £72.00
 - © Re-imburse Clerk for Stationery and Ink £30.97
- Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour that items (a) (b) and (c) be paid.

- (2) To receive the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the financial year to March 31st 2017.
Proposed Cllr Quance, Seconded Cllr Curtis, all in favour. Clerk to Minute and date the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17, signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Bank balances.

Current Account: £8,965.08	Reserve Account: £14,059.10
(Includes P3 Account in credit £254.00)	(Includes £4,800 ring-fenced for Helipad Fund - £1,200 pd)

215. Correspondence.

- (1) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report
Crimes – 1 use threatening/abusive/insulting words/behavior.
Logs – 1 suspicious behavior and 1 intelligence call.
- (2) Thank You Letter – North Devon Hospice.
Circulated in the Circulation File.

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North Devon Hospice. Temporary traffic Notice. Parish Council Weekly Lists. North Devon Coast AONB's Grant Scheme. Police Report.

- 216. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 7.30m**, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.53 pm.

Signed

Dated