

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors: Vice Chairman A Maidment. J Curtis. J Stupple

G Quance. R Gliddon. N Whatley. J Franklin. P Isaacs

D Cllr Hurley. 6 Members of the Public. Clerk M Whatley

AGENDA. 2018.

01. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Dungate (holiday). C Cllr Parsons (engaged elsewhere). PCSO Melissa Baker (working).

02. None

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

03. 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.

04. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday March 13th 2018, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour that the Minutes be recorded as a true record.

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

Helipad Refund

Community Aid – Shebbear are holding their AGM on 25th April and hopefully then we will be issued with a refund of the £1,200.

Shebbear Parish Council Response to Mr Wright.

Formulated letter to Mr Wright, approved by Chairman and Jamie Hollis prior to emailing to all members for their approval.

Dipper Mill Flood Warning System

Asked Ron Lester to become official Flood Officer in an effort to manage the project to success. To report at next PC Meeting.

End of Year Accounts

Prepared accounts for the period 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018 for approval by the members.

VAT

Prepared and submitted VAT Reclaim Form for period 1st April 2017 – 28th February 2018.

Risk Assessment

Carried out Risk Assessment on assets with our Chairman.

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

None.

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

(1) Dipper Mill Flood Warning System – Report from Ron Lester (Flood Officer)

In order to combat the signs triggering too soon, have increased the levels at which the flood warning signs are activated. System glitch which leaves signs on. Need for a second type of flood alert, to be triggered earlier at a lower river level offering ‘flooding is possible’ status. Under investigation. The sign near Holemoor has failed again and is now out of warranty. Estimate for replacement is £900 inc VAT possibly plus parts. This sign and one of the other two are showing serious amounts of rust and water ingress. Possibly a manufacturing fault. Councillors agreed Ron Lester should be sent a formal letter asking him to proceed to bring the system to a satisfactory working order.

(2) River Level and Gauge Contract Renewal.

To be discussed at next meeting.

(3) Allotments (Cllr Isaacs)

Poll put up on Facebook resulting in 15 definitely interested. Chairman has been approached by a villager who might have some land sufficient for 8-10 allotments. Cllr Isaacs to make contact and report to next meeting. An advert had been placed in the Shebbear Show brochure.

(4) Road Wardens.

The County Council have a drive on road wardens in each village. Chairman approached by Adrian Van Heysse, who has asked to be considered as a warden. Cllr Stupple had been involved in roadwork in a previous life, and explained what was involved in filling a pothole. Chairman asked if we could get any guidance from Steve Brockman; Cllr Philip Hackett is a road warden or Bradworthy and Cookbury also have a warden.

(5) Village Open Plan Meeting June 21st 2018.

Councillors agreed we need feedback on what the parish feels about the future of Shebbear, and should prepare some kind of survey to be carried out at the meeting. Chairman and Cllr Maidment to look into this.

(6) Risk Assessment.

Chairman and Clerk had carried out a risk assessment on Parish Council assets and certain remedial works are required. War memorial, bus shelter, telephone kiosk at Caute, village sign and seats all need power washing. Wooden seats and sign to have a coat of preservative. Seat under oak tree in Square to be replaced. Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Maidment, all in favour. Clerk to purchase new seat.

08. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

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

09. District Councillor’s Report.

Green Waste. Enrolment for Green Waste collection went live at the beginning of this month. Over 500 households have subscribed. Start date for collection under this new scheme on 4th June.

New Homes Bonus.

The scheme is funded by payment from the Government of the equivalent of a band D council tax for each new house that is built, paid for four consecutive years. Many groups and organisations have been grateful for the Grants that they have received, from Bideford Amateur rowing club to Dolton Village Hall and from Newton St Petrock Village Hall to Langtree Parish Hall. Commencing this year funding to the scheme has been reduced and the maximum grant that can be applied for has been reduced from £30,000 to £10,000.

Middle Dock Appledore.

Torrige have leased the Middle Dock at Appledore with the intent of storing vehicles that are to be used in the new waste collection service.

Torrige Bridge.

Calls concerning possible suicide attempts from Torrige Bridge have fallen significantly due to the redesigned fencing that was carried out making pedestrian access more difficult.

Transforming Torrige.

Work has commenced at Riverbank House to convert the vacated office that was used by Planning into modern offices for staff. Work should be completed by late summer.

Chairman thanked Cllr Hurley for his report.

09a. County Councillor’s Report.

C Cllr Parsons, unable to be present, had asked Chairman to deliver two messages.

Holsworthy Rural Community Transport

Received a call from Martin Prentice of Holsworthy Rural Community Transport. Community bus schemes have always operated under an S19 licence, classified as non-commercial. Now the large commercial bus companies are complaining that the community transport groups have an unfair advantage and can outbid the commercial operators on contracts like that of the County Council. The commercial organisations took this matter to court and the judge ruled that any organisation operating making a charge such as ‘Ring and Ride’, were operating commercially. In this case, they can no longer operate under an S19 licence. To operate commercially all commercial transport groups would have to employ a qualified Transport Manager and all drivers would have to be PSV qualified and this would put them out of business due to cost and unwillingness of the drivers to take the PSV exams at the cost of which is about £1500 each.

This has been taken up by Geoffrey Cox, MP, and he has taken the matter up with the Transport Minister.

Holsworthy Town Council Meeting

A meeting has been arranged by Holsworthy Town Council in liaison with Holsworthy Hospital League of Friends and the NHS to be held at the Memorial Hall, Holsworthy on April 19th 2018, 3.30pm and 7.30pm to discuss the future of Holsworthy Community Hospital.

10. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) **1/0281/2018/AGMB. Barn Opposite The Shippen, Caute, Shebbear, Devon.**

Prior Notification for the change of use of agricultural building to No. 1 dwelling under Class Q.
Observations omitted in error. To be corrected in May Minutes.

(2) **1/0302/2018/OUT. Land adjacent to Stoneleigh Cottage, Shebbear, Devon.**

Residential development for up to two dwellings.

Cllr Quance stated that the site was garden, which had been claimed from the field and he could find no evidence of change of use. Clerk to respond to TDC.

According to local knowledge the land in question is agricultural land, and we can find no evidence of change of use from agriculture to garden. Shebbear Parish Council therefore recommends that TDC refuse this application.

(b) Applications Granted.

None.

© Applications Refused.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

11. Finance.

(1) VAT.

Clerk reported she had submitted a Reclaim Form for £1,243.85.

(2) To Approve Accounts for year 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018.

Received by Councillors.

(3) Approval of Items for payment.

(a) Black Torrington Parish Council – Training for Councillors - £75.00

(b) TDC Charge for Payroll £72.00

Proposed by Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Stuppel, that items (a) and (b) be paid, all in favour.

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £12,993.84

Reserve Account: £9,737.21

12. Correspondence.

- (a) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.
 Logs – (4) 1 theft, 1 personal anti-social behavior, 1 road traffic collision and 1 violence.
 Crimes – (3) 2 theft in dwelling, 1 use of threatening/abusive/insulting words behaviour with intent to cause fear or/provoke unlawful violence.
- (b) Shebbear Parish Council Response to Mr Wright.
 Clerk had sent a response to Mr Wright, approved by all members. Chairman asked that a copy be placed in the Circulation File.
- © Thank You Letters for Tap Fund – HRCT.
 To be placed in the Circulation File.

Circulation File.

Council Planning List. Thank You letters HRCT. Shelter Solutions Ltd. Evolis Radar Speed Sign. Dipper Mill. CPRE. Devon Home Choice List.

13. Agenda items for the Annual General Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday May 8th 2018 at 7-30 pm, 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