

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday August 13th 2013
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor H Davis

Councillors: E Haste. J Curtis. J Stupple. M A Wells. T Carr. J Dungate. P Lomax.

4 Members of the public. Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2013. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

91. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Gliddon (Away). Cllr R Clark (Prev eng). PCSO Baker (Off duty).

92. Public Participation Period.

No requests received.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests.

None received.

(b) Registerable interests.

None received.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

94. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 9th 2013.

All in agreement, that the Draft Minutes, which had been previously circulated, be approved and signed by Chairman as a correct record after the words "*seconded by Councillor Stupple*" were added to line 10, Item 85(1) after "Proposed by Councillor Wells,".

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

Clerk reported that, regarding the suggestion from John Lewis that a defibrillator be made available for public access, he had consulted Dr Fernandez who was not very keen on the idea and intended to come to the July Parish Council meeting to discuss the reasons. In the event he was unable to attend. Councillors felt that, as Dr Miller had not been in favour, and now Dr Fernandez was of much the same opinion, it would not be appropriate for the parish council to take the suggestion further.

Councillor Lomax offered to accompany Clerk on the annual inspection of fixed assets which will hopefully be carried out before the September meeting. As we now have to monitor our own road salt/grit stock, that will also be assessed at the same time. It was reported that the salt we have had in store since 2011 is affected by the damp atmosphere which makes it unsuitable for the towable gritter. Councillor Haste, having had problems in the past as Snow Warden, recommended that any salt we obtain in future be in 25kg plastic bags which, although slightly more expensive, would at least remain useable and easy to handle.

Clerk had been asked if there was any news about the Parish Plan but, apart from hearing from committee members that there was still enthusiasm to continue with the project there appeared to be a slackening off of progress. It is likely that the next committee meeting will be arranged after the summer holiday period.

Councillor Lomax said that as he hoped to be moving soon he would prefer to withdraw as a parish plan committee member. Councillors felt that two parish councillors on the plan committee would be sufficient and Councillors Carr and Haste agreed to continue when progress was restarted.

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

Agreed - all items to be Part 1.

97. Any urgent agenda business or correspondence brought forward with the approval of the Chairman.

None.

98. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) *Replacement of bus shelter. Consideration of quotations received.*

Councillors were all in agreement that the quote from GoShelters represented the best value for money at £4,275.00 plus VAT, which included delivery and installation and that Clerk should arrange for the free site survey by the company before the colour is agreed and an order is placed. Councillor Dungate will arrange to dismantle and remove the existing shelter at the appropriate time. Enquiries to be made to find someone who can make use of any sound timber.

(2) *West Country Concrete (Endford works).*

As rumours had been circulating that a meeting had taken place between Mr Rumsam and TDC planners recently Chairman had made enquiries at Riverbank House and reported that there had been a meeting which was described as routine, to discuss ongoing progress. Apparently a new site for relocation of the WCC works has been identified, and, although matters are still at the early stage, the architect has enough to start drawing up preliminary plans, with the estimate that there may be action on the relocation within the next 12 months.

(3) *Main road at Smokey House.*

The Parish Council had received complaints that the narrow section of the main road at Smokey House was causing an increasing number of traffic near misses and the suggestion is that better warning signs would go some way towards helping the situation. Agreed that Clerk should contact Highways and ask for SLOW to be painted on the road on either side of the location and to check that both Road Narrows signs were in place and visible.

(4) *MCTI meeting - rural bus services.*

Chairman had attended the recent MCTI meeting at Torrington where the issue of rural bus services was raised. Councillors felt that Shebbear had a reasonable service to surrounding towns although a better connection with Bideford would be desirable. Clerk will place an item on the village website and notice board inviting any comments, critical or helpful, from bus users, and potential users, in order that recommendations can be forwarded for inclusion in the survey.

Chairman commented that he would like to see representatives from Shebbear at the Holsworthy and Torrington MCTI meetings as he had been impressed by the usefulness of the debates. Councillor Wells had also attended and felt the same.

99. District Councillors Report.

No report, pending the election of a new District Councillor.

100. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

None received.

(b) Any relevant adjacent applications.

1/0017/2013/FUL. Erection of 500kw wind turbine at Bowden Farm. Buckland Brewer. (Amended drawing, height reduced from 74m to 67m). Originally received by Councillors in February this year when no comments were made. Agreed No further comments required.

(c) Applications Granted.

Clerk reported that, since the agenda had been issued, he had received notification that the following had been approved.

1/0068/2013/FUL. Biomass boiler house and loading ramp at Shebbear College.

101. Finance.

(1) Approval of Items for payment

Proposed Councillor Lomax, seconded Councillor Curtis, with all in favour, that agenda items (a) to (d) inclusive be paid.

(2) Town & Parish Fund 2013-14

Report received by the Councillors.

Bank Balances to July 30th 2013.

Current account - £5,953.21 Reserve account - £15,534.43

Received by the Councillors.

102. Correspondence.

(1) *Northern Devon Green Infrastructure Survey*. To Councillors Circulation for any comments prior to return.

(2) *P3 questionnaire*. Completed and returned by Councillor Lomax.

Councillors Circulation

TDC Printing Service. Licensing Act review. Holsworthy Area Advisory Group (Agenda & Minutes).

Police newsletter. HealthWatch magazine.

103. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday September 10th 2013, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairmans discretion.

Clerk to make a further request for Highways to unblock the road drain outside Valley View, and also to follow up the points raised by Councillor Dungate regarding surface dressing of the local roads, the hazards caused by surplus chippings, and whether the type of chipping used is appropriate.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 8-42 pm.