

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th August 2016 at 7.30 pm.
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

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

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

2 Members of Public. D Cllr Hurley. C Cllr B Parsons. Clerk M Whatley

AGENDA. 2016. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

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

98. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Dymond (working). PCSO Melissa Baker.

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

(1) Victoria Duggan Statement of Intent. Planning Application. Eastfield, New Inn.

Ms Duggan outlined her proposed conversion of an existing stable block to a one-bedroomed annexe for dependent relatives, and produced drawings to show the members. Has submitted detailed planning application. Formal notification from TDC not yet received.

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

(a) Discloseable Pecuniary Interests (Prejudicial) None received.

(b) Registerable Interests. Cllr Maidment registered her interest in a planning application, and would leave the room whilst this was discussed.

© Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.
None received.

101. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2016, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour that the Minutes be signed as a correct record.

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

Banking. After all the problems experienced with the Bank, raised a complaint and received £50 in compensation.

Planning. Responded to TDC regarding Balleroy Close that Shebbear Parish Council strongly recommends TDC refuse the application on the grounds that – a) the footprint is far too big for the plot and bears no thought to the privacy and light of the adjoining property being very tight to the boundary. b) Must have easy access to the transformer at all times. c) Parking spaces allocated in this proposal create a ‘parking hazard’ if a driver is reversing to those entering and leaving Balleroy Close. d) Relocation of the Communal Refuse Facility to the nose of the plot will also create a blind spot for traffic, a long walk for Balleroy Close residents, and this position would be closer to Barn Close residents. Balleroy Close tenants pay for this facility in their rents.

Tap Funding. Responded in the negative to Buckland Brewer regarding joining neighbouring parishes to organise a joint lengths man service.

Adopt a Seat. The brass plaque for David Brown has been received and will be fitted to the seat within a few days. (Clerk passed the plaque around the members).

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

None.

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

(1) Allowance for plants for War Memorial, Shebbear Sign flower bed, Pitt Hill and Battledown beds.

Cllr Haste suggested an outlay of £150.00 per year for plants, £30.00 for each location. All in favour. Cllr Haste suggested that the two plant containers / troughs located at Hay Cross and Battledown be replaced by two new larger containers. Chairman charged Cllrs Curtis and Stupple to search for something suitable. Cllrs Parson and Hurley offered to finance the two new containers jointly. Chairman thanked the Councillors for their kind offer. Chairman suggested a plant container be placed on the grass area to the right of the entrance to the village hall. All agreed. Clerk to make enquiries with Westward Homes, who own the land as to whether this would be acceptable.

(2) Footpaths.

Shebbear Warden to commission a contractor, Henry Whittaker from Environment South West to undertake the following small projects -

Fp3 - 2 in 1 gate to be hung safely and the lane just after the gate cut out.

Fp5 – Missing signs to be replaced at either end of this route.

Fp5a – Sleeper bridge to be replaced.

Fp9 – Small gate and rails to be replaced on the boardwalk.

Fp11 – Eastern end to be signed from the road.

Fp12 – Need to check signs to see if these are in place or need adding, if missing.

(3) Air Ambulance

Chairman raised the question of the air ambulance landing in Church fields and the gate being padlocked. Cllr Quance replied that the field gate by Church Farm can be removed from its hinges should vehicle access be required, for example taking patients to the air ambulance. Clerk to make DAA aware of this.

105. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

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

None.

106. C Cllr Parsons Report.

Chairman welcomed C Cllr Parsons to the Meeting.

Cllr Parsons reported that there was not a great deal going on at County Hall, Exeter, following Brexit.

Roads. He had been discussing these in Cabinet and had met with South West Highways, He had also been out inspecting the lanes with Cllr Hurley, and whilst these are in a terrible state, there is no finance available to make things happen very quickly. The Contract with South West Highways terminates in February 2017.

Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for his report.

107. District Councillors Report.

Chairman welcomed D Cllr Hurley to the Meeting.

Consultation was due to end at the end of July but has been extended to Friday 12th August. Comments can be entered online at https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyour_say/consultations/north-devon-link-road-2/.

Balleroy Close (1/0596.2016/FUL)

The Planning Officer dealing with this application has now left TDC. New Officer dealing intends to visit site (Tuesday). I will keep Shebbear PC informed as to how application is proceeding.

Locality Working.

Corporate clothing has now been introduced. TDC officers, working “in the field” who meet members of the public as part of their everyday duties should be more easily recognized in the turquoise clothing, and the Council hope to promote a consistent and easily identifiable presence within our communities.

NHS Public Meeting.

There is a public meeting being held on 20th August at 11am at Great Torrington Bowling Club, called to discuss NHS plans for our area. The speaker is Deborah Hamilton of HS Action Campaign, London.

HAAG (Holsworthy Area Advisory Group)

There are two AAG's at present, Holsworthy and Torrington, and plans for a third one at Bideford. The HAAG meeting is held three times a year and involves 29 Parish Councils meeting with County Councillors, TDC District Councillors and TDC Officers. Invited speakers include Highways the Police and the Environment Agency.

CT Support Scheme.

Poor response to consultation. Letters have now been sent to all registered (with TDC) self-employed.

Chairman thanked Cllr Hurley for his report.

108. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) **1/0654/2016/FUL Aishleigh, Shebbear, Devon.**

Demolition of existing Conservatory and Erection of New Garden Room.

Cllr Maidment, having declared a registerable interest, left the room.

The new proposal is on the same footprint as the existing conservatory, and would be a visual improvement. All in favour to support the application. Clerk to respond to TDC.

Cllr Maidment returned to the meeting.

(2) **1/0724/2016/FUL. North Worden Farm, Shebbear, Devon.**

4-Bay Agricultural Storage Building.

No objections. Clerk to respond to TDC.

Received after the Agenda had been circulated.

(b) Applications Granted

1/0565/2016/FUL. Hay Cross, Shebbear, Devon.

New Chalet Bungalow and Garage.

Received by Councillors.

(c) Applications Refused.

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

109. Finance.

Approval of Items for payment.

(a) Adrian Caudwell – Grass Cutting £216.00

(b) Information Commissioner Annual Registration Fee £35.00

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

Bank Balances

Current Account: £7,326.82 inclusive £92.50 (medals) £50.00 (Nat West).

Reserve Account: £14056.03

110. Correspondence.

(1) PCSO Melissa Baker Police Report.

Logs – 1 domestic incident, 2 highway disruption (sheep on road).

Crimes – 1 assault, 1 theft.

(2) Little Bears Pre-School – Local Grant.

“On behalf of Little Bears Pre-School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and members of Shebbear Parish Council for awarding us with the fantastic amount of £450.00.

We are extremely grateful for any support that we receive, as being a charity, we work hard to fund raise for the children, so any extra funding is always very much appreciated.

The money will be spent on the garden area which has recently been developed, so it will be fantastic to buy some new garden essentials for the children to enjoy.

Many thanks again for your support, we truly are grateful. Leanne Marshall, Chairman Little Bears Committee.

(3) NatWest Bank – Compensation.

“We take the issue of customer service very seriously and this experience is not indicative of the high standard of customer service we strive to achieve. I have awarded you with £50.00 compensation for the trouble and upset caused by this situation and I have applied the funds to your Business Current Account.”

Circulation.

Advanced Notice of disruption to all TDC IT Systems, Website and Emails. HAGS. Active Villages. Legal Briefing. Devon Senior Voice. Letter from Ros Davies, Public Rights of Way Officer re variety of small works to be carried out. NatWest re Compensation. Brunel Engraving Proof for Memorial plaque David R Brown. Holsworthy MCTI.

111. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday September 13th 2016 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

- (1) Green Wheelie Bins – Disposal of compost.
- (2) Cars parking outside the school creating a single lane with no passing spaces.

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