

## **SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL**

Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.30 pm.  
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors: Vice Chairman A Maidment. G Quance. J Stupple.

J Dungate. R Gliddon. J Curtis. N Whatley.

D Cllr D Hurley. 3 Members of Public. Clerk M Whatley

### **AGENDA. 2017.**

#### **41. Apologies for Absence.**

C Cllr Parsons. PCSO Melissa Baker.

Absentees: Cllr Dymond (no apologies received).

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

#### **43. Declarations of any Councillors Interests in Items on the Agenda.**

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

None

(b) Registerable Interests.

Cllr Gliddon declared a Registerable Interest in Southcombe Farm, Item 50 (Mins 1) and would leave the room whilst this was discussed.

**Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.**

None received.

#### **44. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 11th 2017, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.**

Proposed by Cllr Whatley, Seconded Cllr Maidment, that these be approved and signed as a true record, all in favour.

#### **45. Any matters arising from the Minutes. Clerks Report.**

Contacted Peter Tiner with our bank details and arranged for the donations to be put in place.

Emailed Lucy Luxton and others involved informing them that the money would be paid as Grants solely for the ongoing costs of the defibrillator and night landing site in Shebbear, against invoices supported by invoice from the contractor. I can confirm that the initial £400 has now been deposited into our current account and the first payment of £50 was paid in on the 21<sup>st</sup> July.

I would just mention that our Chairman wrote a personal letter to Peter Tiner thanking him for his generosity.

Arranged with Dr Fernandez that he would trim his hedge/tree by the bus shelter.

The lamp on the Dr's house in the Square has been completely refurbished and is now back in place. Our thanks to Cllr Dungate.

The tree guard removed some time ago from the memorial tree has now been completely de-rusted and painted, and is ready to be resited on the small oak tree to the left of the lychgate. Thank you Cllr Whatley.

Planning. – Responded to TDC regarding 1/0548/2017/LBC. Pittbridge Cottage, conversion of existing coach house to holiday cottage. Shebbear Parish Council supports this application.

1/0499/2017/FUL. Shebbear Village Hall, erection of 10m high lighting column for Devon Air Ambulance Night-time Operation. Of enormous benefit to the community as a whole supporting all ages.

Shebbear Parish Council fully supports this application.

1/0399/2017/FUL. Dipper Mill Farm, proposed new access. Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

1/0568/2017/FUL. 11 Meadow Park, Shebbear. Construction of horse exercise and turnout arena/menege for private use. Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application, but we are aware of the logistics of the work, and suggest they include something to protect the amenity for the neighbours as work is being carried out.

Badworthy Farm, Shebbear. New building for winter storage hay and straw, implements and livestock. Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this applications.

Tap Funding. Emailed Dr Julia Foster and Martin Prentice informing them that Shebbear Parish Council had agreed to donate the Tap Fund of £842 to HRCT and asking for help in finding others interested in joining us, also emailed all neighbouring Clerks to gain support.

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

None.

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

(1) Local Plan Consultation and Brownfield Call for Sites.

Chairman reported that the Local Plan had gone to the Inspector and that one or two concerns had been identified and would need to be altered. Cllr Hurley understood things are going through, the Inspector did not want 4/5 houses in Appledore, which the applicant wanted to put into the Plan, and this may have delayed matters. Cllr Maidment asked how this Plan would impact on Shebbear? Cllr Hurley replied that TDC has 17/18,000 houses in this Plan. There is just one Brownfield Site in Shebbear. Chairman reported that here, matters were moving forward with the Concrete Works.

(2) Unoccupied Property within the Parish.

Three unoccupied properties within the Parish, 1 Halwill Cottages opposite the School and the pair of cottages between Battledown Cross and New Inn Cross. Councillors not aware of any sensitivities. Clerk to advise TDC.

(3) Co-option of New Member.

Application closing date had been set for 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017. Co-option meeting for interviews 7<sup>th</sup> September. Clerk to book Church Room and arrange appointments with applicants, at present 4.

(4) Life Education Wessex.

Received letter requesting Grant towards work of providing health, well-being and drug prevention education to approximately 75 children at Shebbear Community School when they visit the school for one day in October this year. The cost to deliver the health programme is £630 per day, schools contribute approximately half of this, and they needed to raise a shortfall of £270. Cllr Quance proposed Shebbear Parish Council support this with £200. Cllr Dungate amended the proposal and further proposed £270 be paid as this equates to a little over £3.00 per child. Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour.

**48. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.**

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period

None.

**49. District Councillor's Report.**

**Chairman welcomed D Cllr Hurley to the meeting.**

BT/ATM in Torrington.

Cllr Hurley reported that in response to the Lloyds Bank closure and removal of the last ATM in Torrington, this had caused difficulties for residents. BT had applied to replace the phone box at South Street car park with an updated kiosk combo, i.e. a phone on one side and ATM on the other. Torrington's Planning Officers and Planning support team worked together to make sure the application could be considered as quickly as possible, and the application was approved the day after the 21 day consultation period ended. A further application to install an ATM in the frontage of the hardware store in the High Street has also been received.

Bideford Bridge + Traffic Flow Highways Meeting

Following the meeting last month in which Highways talked about their plans to renew the end of life expansion joints at each end of the New Bridge in Bideford, concerns were raised by Torrington that the plan

needed to be re-thought as it was considered that suggestions on the table at that time would have caused chaos in and around Bideford. A further meeting was held at RBH last Friday with officers from DCC and CC Stuart Hughes (Portfolio Holder), and a new proposal has been put forward. This is a much better scenario than previously suggested, but has yet to be confirmed. These proposals have to be considered by the engineers to see if they are feasible and work will not now start until after Christmas.

#### Tantons progressing

Work is now ongoing at the old hotel building in Bideford known as 'Tantons'. In addition to the conversion of the hotel accommodation to separate units, a change to the planning consent has been requested. There used to be a bar/restaurant on the ground floor of the hotel, and I believe that the new owner wishes to reinstate this.

#### TDC visiting local Business.

During a recent peer review at Torridge over 80 people were interviewed by the Peer Review team. Some were members of the business communities.. It was stated by these people that when they came to Torridge with a problem they left, usually happy with the outcome. They did however say that Torridge never approached them. The Leader of Torridge, Jane Whittaker, and myself discussed this and as a result we are now approaching local businesses to see if they would like us to visit them to discuss any problems they have that Torridge can help them with. The businesses that we have visited so far certainly seemed to like the idea, as do our fellow Councillors at Torridge. Today we visited Torrington.

#### To Meg Booth ref involving PC's in local road repair plans.

I have emailed Meg Booth with regard to Highways involving PC's with regard to what repairs take place in their area. This was a subject that was mentioned at the meeting I had with Meg at County Hall a couple of months ago. As yet, I've had no reply. I will however persist.

#### Telephone Fraudsters and Torridge

Fraudsters appear to be operating in Torridge at the moment with several residents reporting that they have received telephone calls from people claiming to represent the Council. The current scam appears to involve residents being told that they are due back-dated Council Tax refunds over many years amounting to several thousands of pounds. The hoaxer then asks for their bank details to process the fictitious refund. Fortunately the people that have reported these incidents had the good sense not to be taken in by the scam, but the Council are asking people to be vigilant should they receive similar calls. The Council would never contact people out of the blue regarding such matters, and would never request bank details over the phone. If anyone receives one of these calls they should hang up and then report it to TDC on 01237 428700 and then the police using the 101 number.

## **50. Planning.**

### (a) New Applications.

#### (1) **1/0178/2017/FUL. Southcombe Farm, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.**

Part retrospective application for subdivision of the farmhouse, lean-to and ancillary accommodation into three dwellings.

#### **Councillor Gliddon left the room whilst this was discussed.**

Councillors considered the application did not increase the footprint of the building, which was at present occupied by a single person. It would be common sense to convert this to three dwellings. Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Maidment, all in favour. Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application. **Cllr Gliddon returned to the room.**

#### (2) **1/0599/2017/FUL. Eastfield, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.**

#### **Construction of a 50m x 25m equestrian riding arena for private use.**

Cllr Maidment observed that a sand school would be appreciated widely. Cllr Quance said this would be good for animal welfare. It was agreed Clerk respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections for the sand school to be used for private use.

#### (3) **1/0709/2017/LBC. Pittbridge, Shebbear, Beaworthy Devon.**

#### **Conversion of Barn to Holiday Cottage.**

Because the property is Listed, it is not allowed to have parking in front of the conversion, and Councillors considered there was ample room for parking across the road in the orchard. Clerk to

respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

**(4) Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwelling house Barn at Grid Reference 243324 110756, Shebbear.**

Withdrawn.

**(b) Applications Granted**

**(1) 1/0538/2017/FUL. Holroyd Farm, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.**

**Proposed general purpose livestock building.**

Received by the Councillors.

**(2) 1/0457/2017/FUL. 27A Ackland Close, Shebbear.**

**Use of existing garage as kitchen and installation of window in northern elevation.**

Retrospective application.

Received by the Councillors.

© Applications Refused – None Received.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications - None Received..

**51. Finance.**

**(1) Approval of Items for payment.**

(a) MAG – Converting 3 no. top rung opening sashes to side hung including hinges and locks £218.00.

(b) Fairold Marine Ltd –Refurbishment Village Square Light on Dr’s House £425.00

© Data Protection Registration Renewal – ICO £35.00.

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

**Bank balances.**

Current Account: £10,017.14

Reserve Account: £14,059.58

**52. Correspondence.**

**(1) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.**

Crimes – 1 criminal damage.

Logs – 3 concern for welfare, 1 civil dispute and 1 historic.

**(2) Letter from Peter Parkes re Local Planning Issues.**

A letter had been received from Mr Parkes in response to the article ‘Local Planning Issues’ in the August issue of Reflecting Shebbear. Councillors agreed the letter was informative and should be submitted to Mike Darby for inclusion in the October edition of the magazine (to which Mr Parkes had agreed).

**(3) Letter received from John Bradbear enquiring if there were any allotments available in Shebbear. Clerk to respond in the negative.**

**Circulation File.**

Police Report July. Parish Council Weekly Lists. Council Grant Thank You from HRCT and Shebbear Shooters. Life Education Wessex. Letter from Peter Parkes re Local Planning Issues. Local Plan Consultation & Brownfield Call for Sites. G M Planning – Barn at The Shippen, Caute, Shebbear.

**53. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday September 12th 2017 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.**

**(1) Map of Shebbear.**

Cllr Whatley had raised the subject of an up-to-date map of the village with the Chairman. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

There being no further Business, Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....