

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday August 12th 2014 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor E Haste.

Councillors: Vice Chairman J Dungate. M A Wells. R Clark. P Mingham. T Carr.

District Councillor D Hurley.

3 Members of the public. Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2014. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

Chairman E Haste opened the Meeting, and welcomed all present.

89. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor R Gliddon (Family bereavement). Councillor J Stupple (Family bereavement).
Councillor J Curtis (Family bereavement). PCSO Melissa Baker.

90. Public Participation Period.

No requests to speak received.

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

- (a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial). None received.
- (b) Registerable interests. None received.
- (c) Any variations to Members Registration of Interests. None received.

92. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 8th 2014, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

All in favour, that the July 8th Minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

Clerk reported that planning applications 0639/2014 Extension to a farm building at Allacott Farm, Shebbear, and 0720/2014 Erection of stables at Owl Barn, Berry, Shebbear had been received on July 11th, with a deadline for responses of August 1st. No comments had been received from members of the public and Councillors agreed that TDC be notified that Shebbear Parish Council had no objections to the proposals before the last response date of August 1st. This was done on July 26th.

Flood Warning Monitor at Dipper Mill. No further information was available about the progress of this project as the Environment Agency Officer dealing was on holiday.

Drain (Gully) Cleaning. Following complaints of standing water in The Street, Clerk had contacted Highways who gave details of the planned Gully cleaning programme for the coming winter. The full details, including the fact that Shebbear was not scheduled for a visit until January 2015, was received by the Councillors.

Post Office van. Clerk had written as requested to Mr Fryatt at Woolserly Post Office about the recent disruption to the service provided by the mobile Post Office. A reply has not yet been received.

Wayleave payment for the streetlamp on The Lawn. As instructed Clerk had written to Dr Guillen to pass on the Councillors views about writing an annual cheque for £1 (one pound) for the lamp on the Doctors house. Clerk had also enclosed a copy of the original agreement made between Dr Miller and the Parish Council that had been in force since 1990. A reply is not yet received.

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

None.

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

None.

96. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) *Devilstone Inn.*

Councillor Dungate, as Chairman of the newly formed Devilstone Inn Action Group, reported that the first meeting of the Group had been well attended. In addition to the election of Officers, 3 sub groups had been formed to address the matters of listing, researching a business plan, and funding. The next meeting is planned for August 14th when it is hoped that a fourth group will be formed to liaise with Steve and Chris at the Devilstone Inn.

(2) *Parish Plan.*

Councillor Carr reported that, despite articles in Reflecting Shebbear and on the parish website, together with the spreading of the word generally, the response has been zero, with no interest generated. Do we do nothing. Do we leave it for a period of time and try again or do we make it a parish council project and present it to the parish for approval. There is evidently enthusiasm to achieve things for the parish, as shown by those participating to save the pub. Maybe in time that enthusiasm will spill over into interest for the Parish Plan. What is important to remember is that the Parish Plan must be in place to qualify Shebbear for funding. All were in agreement that the situation is monitored for the time being.

(3) *Seats in the Square.*

Clerk reported that he had sent out 3 invitations to quote for the task of removing the redundant seats, positioning the 3 new seats on concrete bases and making good the grassed areas. Councillors all in favour that the quote from A P Construction was the most competitive and should be approved. Clerk to action.

(4) *Allotments.*

Councillor Clark reported that he, and a member of the Allotment Society had agreed to attend a meeting with representatives of the Methodist Circuit at Seldons (Solicitors) in Bideford on July 9th at 9am, as the Circuit Superintendent had directed that the matter be sorted out. On the morning of the meeting, when Councillor Clark and Shelley Fleming were en route and were almost at Bideford, they received a phone call to say the meeting was cancelled. On returning home Councillor Clark spoke with the Rev Slings who was of the opinion that despite the Allotment Association being assured that the Methodists were supportive of the project there were forces working against it and that all negotiations had to be channeled through Manchester. No further details are available and the Rev Slings has now moved away. All in favour that a letter be sent to the Methodists in Bideford, and copied to Manchester, with details of the disgraceful manner in which the Allotment Association and the Parish Council have been treated.

97. District Councillors Report.

David Hurley reported that in the last few days legislation has come into force to allow the Press and members of the public to film or digitally report public meetings, with the intention of benefitting local democracy and a free Press.

David has been in touch with Shebbear Village Hall Committee to ensure that they are aware of the currently available Improvement Fund and that there is only a short time left before the remaining funds are all allocated which is likely to be well before the end date of March 16th 2015.

Other matters reported include the opening of Holsworthy AgriCentre in September, the TDC Transformation programme and a new Cosy Devon home insulation initiative available to qualifying applicants.

Chairman thanked David for attending and presenting his report.

98. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

1/0639/2014/FUL. *Extension to agricultural building at Allacott Farm. Shebbear.* No Objections.

1/0720/2014/FUL. *Erection of stables at Owl Barn. Berry. Shebbear.* No Objections.

(Item 93 refers).

(b) Applications Granted. None.

(c) Any relevant adjacent applications. None.

99. Finance.

(1) *Approval of items for payment.* Proposed by Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Dungate, with all in favour, that agenda items 99(1) (a) to (f) inclusive be paid, together with a claim by Councillor Clark for the purchase of stationery for the public meeting on July 10th, £12.98.

(2) *Town and Parishes Fund.* The Community Development Resource at TDC will no longer be available after November 2014. Parish Councils are advised to submit their applications for the current allocations of TAP funding before that date as it is not yet clear what arrangements will be put in place after that date.

Clerk reported that the North Devon Hospice intends to build a Long House in Holsworthy in order to provide Care closer to home for people in Holsworthy and the surrounding parishes. The cost of this is stated to be £75,000. This provides an opportunity for all parishes in the area to jointly use their TAP fund allocations in a worthwhile cause. Holsworthy Town Council have offered to act as the lead Council and deal with the necessary paperwork.

Councillors were all in favour that the current available allocation for Shebbear of £862.00 be put towards the scheme and Clerk to liaise with Holsworthy Town Council accordingly.

(3) *Replacement village entry signs.* Since gaining approval at the July Meeting, (Minute 83(3) refers), for the purchase of 3 new Shebbear signs at a cost of £240.00, Clerk had discovered that the existing posts were badly rusted and not fit for further use. A revised quote of £390.00, including £150.00 for 6 new posts, was received by Councillors who were all in favour of the purchase being made.

Bank Balances to July 30th 2014.

Current a/c £4,583.54 Reserve a/c £14,041.91 - Received by the Councillors.

100. Correspondence.

(1) *TDC. Meeting Wednesday Sept 10th at Langtree Village Hall.* Received by Councillors.

(2) *In Memoriam 2014.* Received by Councillors..

(3) *Mr J Brock - TAP Fund. (Circ).* Received by Councillors.

Councillors Circulation

DALC Newsletter. Clerks & Councils mag. Devon Senior Voice mag. Healthwatch.

101. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday September 9th 2014 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairmans discretion.

Councillor Wells drew attention to the fact that the sound emission monitoring being carried out in connection with the proposed Badworthy Farm wind turbine was not being done properly as the equipment was sited in the wrong place. District Councillor Hurley offered to speak with the TDC officers dealing with the matter, who are away at present, and report back at the next Meeting.

Councillor Wells also reported serious potholing on Berry Hill and at Berry, which are deep enough to be considered a hazard. Clerk to inform DCC Highways via the "Report It" facility on the DCC website.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 9-05pm.