

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday December 11th 2012
in the Church Room. Shebbear.**

Present:

Chairman: Councillor H Davis

Councillors: J Dugate. E Haste. J Curtis. T Carr. M A Wells.

Mr K Rumsam (WCC Ltd). Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2012.

125. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Clark (Away). Cllr P Lomax (Unwell). Cllr J Stupple (Unwell). Cllr R Gliddon (Family commitments). D/Cllr J Lewis (Hospital). PCSO M Baker (Off duty).

126. Public Participation Period.

No requests received.

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

(a) Discloseable Pecuniary Interests.

Councillor Dugate declared an interest (Item 136/3) as he is presently employed at E C Haste & Sons.

(b) Registerable Interests.

Councillor Haste. (Item 136/3). Family business involved.

Councillor Wells. (Item 134d/e). A family member belongs to a campaign group.

Councillor Davis. (Item 134d/e). A family member belongs to a campaign group.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None received.

128. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday November 13th 2012.

All in agreement that the Draft Minutes, which had been previously circulated, be approved and signed by Chairman as a correct record.

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

As requested last month Clerk had reported the flooding and bank slippage by the village hall to Highways who had placed it on the priority list. They had also agreed to include the bank slippage in remedial work, although it is technically village hall property.

Also reported were the indistinct Give way lines in The Square, the rough road surface at Moortown, and four metal containers containing oil which had been fly tipped at Fulford Bridge.

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

None.

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

None.

132. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) West Country Concrete Ltd. (Endford Works).

Following on from the informal meeting at the end of November between Mr Rumsam, Mr Mears, (his architect), and representatives from the Parish Council, full Council received more details of the companies plans to move to a more suitable site. To enable this to happen it would be necessary to sell the existing site which would probably be used for housing which TDC were broadly in agreement with. TDC were also keen to ensure the business and its jobs remained in Torridge. Mr Rumsam said that he had been offered sites in Cornwall but wished to remain in this area, as he valued his current workforce.

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Councillors discussed the type of housing and the density that would be preferable based on past experience of recent developments. The inclusion of a number of live/work units was suggested. Mr Mears took note of what was said and will come back with some ideas in the New Year, possibly as an article in Reflecting Shebbear.

133. District Councillors Report.

None received, D/Councillor Lewis is in hospital.

134. Planning.

(a) New applications. None.

(b) Application Withdrawn. None.

(c) Applications Granted.

(1) **1/0724/2012/FULM**. *Installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, including PV panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, fencing and pole mounted security cameras. Land at Southcombe Farm. Shebbear.*

Received by Councillors. Notification placed in circulation folder for information re conditions attached.

(2) **1/0859/2012/FUL**. *Proposed covered yard. Battledown Farm. Shebbear.* Received by Councillors.

(d) Refused Applications to Appeal

1/0304/2012/FUL *Installation of 1 wind turbine (height to blade tip 34.5 metres), access, and associated works. Land at Henscott Farm. Bradford. For Mr M Elliot.*

Councillor Carr had prepared a summary of inaccuracies identified in the application. Agreed - Clerk to forward this, in triplicate, to reach the Planning Inspectorate before January 7th 2013 deadline.

(e) Any relevant adjacent applications.

1/0349/2012/FULM. *Erection of 102m wind turbine, access road and associated works - affecting Public Right of Way (Amended description). Land at Alscott Farm, Peters Marland. (Week ending 26/11/12).*

Letters, updating objections with the latest information, have been prepared in readiness for sending to the Planning Committee just before the date when this application is due for decision, provisionally thought to be January 10th.

135. Finance.

(1) Approval of Items for payment:-

All Agreed that Items (a) to (e) inclusive, be paid. Item (f) deferred until February / March.

(2) Local Grants 2013

To receive applications for grants from local organisations, and agree grants payable in April/May 2013.

Requests received from 13 organisations which were considered by Councillors. Grants totalling £2,225 were approved, with all in agreement, as follows:

Shebbear Short Mat Bowlers £100. Lake Chapel graveyard £100. St Michaels graveyard £150.

Rowden Chapel graveyard £100. Little Bears £350. Shebbear Village Hall & PF £750. Shooters £50.

Shebbear United AFC £200. History Society £100. Citizens Advice £100. Shebbear School Support Group £225.

(3) Budget and Precept for year to April 2014

To determine the budget for the financial year ending 31st March 2014, and agree the provisional Precept.

After consideration of options for the financial year to March 31st 2014 Councillors set and approved the budget and agreed that a Precept of £12,220 for the period 2013/2014 be provisionally fixed pending confirmation in January 2013.

(4) Funding for Parish Plan Committee administration.

Decision held over until after Plan Committee Meeting in January when more information re funding is available.

Bank Balances to November 30th 2012.

Current a/c. £9,183.98 Reserve a/c £9,529.62 Received by Councillors.

136. Correspondence.

(1) *Geoffrey Cox QC MP.* Received by Councillors. Mr Cox writes to advise that he has formally objected to the application to erect a wind turbine at Alscott Farm, Peters Marland.

(2) *Mr N R K Brock. (Previously circulated to Councillors).*

Letter read out at the Meeting. Mr Brock referred to Minute 112(7) of the October Meeting which concluded that the Parish Clerk was to blame for a disclosure of confidential information. The Brock family asked that it be made clear that the Clerk alone was not to blame but that the Parish Council as the data controller had failed, not only the Brock family, but Shebbear parish as a whole.

Mr Brock also felt that he had been unfairly treated at the October meeting when, having been allowed to speak, he was interrupted by the Chairman before he had finished what he was saying.

Agreed. Clerk reply to Mr Brock that his request for clarification is accepted and that it be explained that the intervention was made by Chairman to prevent any possible defamatory language, not to curtail Mr Brocks' participation. However, Councillors did not agree that their activities had failed the whole parish.

(3) *Mr S S Harrup. (Previously circulated to Councillors).*

Received by Councillors who did not wish to make any further comments.

Councillors Circulation

Gt Torrington LCP. Mike Wright. (Acoustics information). Torridge Connect mag. Received by Councillors.

137. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday January 8th 2013, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairmans discretion.

Councillor Wells suggested that the poor performance of Torridge District Council Planning Committee be put on the agenda for the January Meeting.

Chairman drew attention to the training courses that DALC are to organise relating to The Localism Act.

Councillor Carr gave an early apology for the January Meeting as he will have family commitments.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 10-17 pm.

Signed..... Dated.....