

## **SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL**

Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

### **Present:**

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Vice Chairman: Cllr E Haste. Cllr G Quance. Cllr Dungate. Cllr R Gliddon.

Cllr J Curtis. Cllr J Stupple. Cllr N Whatley.

Cllr D Hurley. C Cllr B Parsons. PCSO Melissa Baker.

4 members of the public. Clerk M Whatley.

### **AGENDA. 2015. Commenced at 7-30 pm.**

**Chairman R Clark** opened the Meeting with a special welcome to our two speakers.

#### **152. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Maidment (away).

Cllr Dymond (no apologies).

#### **153. Public Participation Period.**

(1) Statement of Intent. Proposed Planning Application for agricultural building at Wootton Farm, Shebbear. Hannah and Samuel Quance, joint presentation.

Proposal for new stock shed to be erected adjacent to existing buildings, to house new 'state of the art' milking parlour with automatic feeding. Priority is welfare of the cows. Environment Agency satisfied the existing slurry storage is adequate. Formal notification from TDC not yet received.

**Chairman thanked Hannah and Samuel for their presentation.**

(2) **Chairman welcomed C Cllr Parsons to the meeting and invited him to say a few words as he was aware the Councillor had another engagement.**

Cllr Parsons reported that it had not been an easy year in terms of budget. One of the biggest problems facing Torridge District Council is the appalling state of the roads. The new Highways Contract has been awarded to Skanska, a Swedish company, to start in April 2017. At a full Council meeting they gave an impressive presentation of a mobile patching pothole machine which seals the hole with stone chippings and hot tarmac at a cost of £10 per pothole as opposed to around £70 for traditional methods. They find this is working well in other parts of the country. South West Highways will no longer be, it will be 'Devon Highways' from April onwards.

**Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for his input.**

(3) **Chairman invited PCSO Melissa Baker to give the Police Report at this juncture.**

Police Log Over the past three months, 2 suspicious behaviour, 1 silent 999, 1 harassed domestic, 1 offensive communication.

Speed watch. Had contact with Shebbear College and looking at doing a speed watch at site by the school in the New Year. Looking at educating as well.

More update on Facebook in the New Year from Okehampton, Torrington neighbourhood.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial)

Two Councillors' stated that when the Local Grants were to be decided at item 162 (1) they would not participate in any debate or decision where their interests in individual local organisations were

relevant. Cllr Clark (Shebbear Shooters). Cllr Quance (Lake Chapel Graveyard).

(b) Registerable interests. None received.

© Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

Cllr Haste declared that his interest in land behind the school had ended as his grazing tenancy had terminated and he wished his interest to be removed from the Register.

**155. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday November 8th 2016, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.**

Proposed Cllr Curtis, seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour that the Minutes be approved.

**156. Any matters arising from the Minutes. Clerks Report.**

1. Planning

Church Fields, Land Off Pitt Lane, Shebbear

Responded to TDC – “having seriously considered the application and after much questioning of the applicant, there remained too many serious flaws and unaddressed issues for the Councillors to give support. Shebbear Parish Council recommended TDC refuse the application”.

2. Lamp by Doctor’s House

Asked Cllr Dungate in his capacity as electrician to take a look and advise how to proceed. Cllr Dungate provided a full report on the state of the lamp and bracket.

3. Warning floodlights at Dipper Mill

Reported to Hydro-logic that sign on the Libbear side continually flashing; the Shebbear sign facing the New Inn at wrong position; sign on Holemoor side of the river, the sensor was not receiving the instruction to place itself in the alert state to predict floor status. Arranged for engineer to attend site.

4. Christmas Tree

We have to thank Cllr Quance for sourcing and delivery of the Christmas tree, and Cllrs Quance, Haste, Whatley and also David Walker (our previous Clerk) for helping to erect and decorate.

5. Brass Memorial Plaque

Ordered brass memorial plaque for Rev Nigel Mead and his wife Phyllis.

6. Diamond Jubilee Mugs

Sold 16 Diamond Jubilee Mugs at £2.00 each.

7. Wayleaves

Have secured a Contract with Open Reach concerning Wayleaves on two electricity poles, 1 jointbox, 1 pole and associated wires and 15 metres of underground duct, and have agreed a one-off payment in the sum of £930.00 to end of September 2016.

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

None.

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

(1) Agree works to be carried out to Oak tree - £150.

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Gliddon, all in favour.

(2) Lamp outside Doctor’s House.

Having inspected the lamp, Cllr Dungate reported the actual lamp housing to be in good condition and the sodium Halide lamp and light sensor functioning correctly. However, the substantial wrought iron bracket which fixes to the building is in need of attention. Suggested the work could wait until the summer. To be discussed at a future date.

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

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

None.

## 160. District Councillor's Report.

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

Full Council Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

A presentation was given by Dr Alison Dymond who heads up the Northern Devon Healthcare Trust with regard to the proposal to move the stroke unit from Bideford to Barnstaple. (This trust is responsible for the Healthcare of this area including the Hospitals). It is proposed that the stroke unit at Bideford is transferred to N Devon Hospital in Barnstaple. Patients would be taken directly to N Devon for treatment and then sent home to convalesce. The 10 bed Bideford unit would close. When asked about the rumours of closure of the A & E Unit at Barnstaple, she told the Council that this was incorrect and there were no plans to close this.

### Speedwatch

PCSO Baker informs me that enthusiasm for the speedwatch scheme in Shebbear seems to have waned. Volunteers at that time may now not wish or not be able to participate in the scheme. Applications for Langtree and Frithelstockstone have been processed and as things stand there should be training activity on this front soon.

### Air Ambulance Floodlights

Finance had been made available to assist local organisations in the installation of floodlights. On the Air Ambulance website there is an interactive map showing proposed night landing sites and those that have already installed floodlighting. [www.daat.org/landing-sites](http://www.daat.org/landing-sites). Further assistance is available to interested parties by contacting the Air Ambulance Development Officer ... details on the aforementioned web page.

### North Devon and Torridge Local Plan Examination.

The Local Plan hearing sessions have now concluded. Prior to the close of the final session the Inspector provided TDC with preliminary findings on key matters, some of which will require the Councils (N Devon and TDC) to undertake additional work. The main concern of the Inspector was the 5 year supply of land for house building. This should be monitored and if building did not keep pace with targets then other sites need to be identified as additional allocations to the 5 year supply.

**Chairman thanked Cllr Hurley for attending and bringing us up to date.**

## 161. Planning.

### (a) New Applications.

**Received after the Agenda had been circulated.**

**Application DCC/3934/2016. Retention of temporary mobile single classroom unit for a further 10 years at Shebbear Community School, Road from Square to Battledown Cross, EX21 5SG.**

Councillors consider this is providing an essential asset. Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council supports this application.

### (b) Applications Granted

#### (1) **1/0993/2016/FUL. Battledown Farm, Shebbear.**

**Proposed Agricultural Fodder Storage Building.**

Received by the Councillors.

### (c) Applications Refused.

None.

### (d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

## 162. Finance.

(1) To Consider applications for Local Grants. Councillors who had declared an interest left the meeting individually for the duration of their interest.

Grant, for payment in early May 2017, were agreed to 9 local organisations:-

Little Bears £500. Shebbear Football Club £300. History Group £100. Citizens Advice Bureau £250.

**Cllr Quance left the room whilst Lake Chapel Graveyard grant was discussed. Lake Chapel**

**Graveyard £150. School Support Group £550. **Chairman left the room whilst Shebbear Shooters****

**grant was discussed. Shebbear Shooters £150. Shebbear Youth Club £550. Shebbear Lunch Club £400**

(ring fenced for a new cooker for the Church Room). HRCT £400.

Proposed Cllr Quance, Seconded Cllr Haste, all in favour that grants be distributed as itemised.

- (1a) **Received after the Agenda had been circulated, Proposal for Donation towards Shebbear Helipad.**  
 Chairman reported that the Helipad had been pioneered by the Defibulator Group and that that DAA had chosen the field behind the Village Hall as the most appropriate site for night landing, the cost of the lights at £5,000, and a committee had been formed for fundraising to make this a community effort. Cllr Haste proposed a Donation of £1,200 being the windfall monies received from the Wayleaves, to be paid immediately to the Shebbear Community Group in favour of the Helipad, Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour.  
 Cllr Dungate proposed Shebbear Parish Council agree to underwrite the full cost of the lights up to the required £5,000 to ensure there is no delay due to lack of funding. Seconded Cllr Haste, all in favour. Clerk to contact Mr R Tiner of the Shebbear Community Group.
- (2) To Agree the Budget for the financial year 2017-2018.  
 Councillors agreed a budget based on last year's budget of £12,960 plus 2% = £13,220.00 for the coming year, and that costs of any further parish projects or improvements be met from the reserves.
- (3) To Agree the provisional Precept ahead of the final details re funding to be received from TDC.  
 Councillors agreed the provisional Precept as £13,220.00.
- (4) Tap Funding.  
 Clerk reported failure to find a parish partner for the Tap funding. Chairman suggested Clerk approach Martin Prentice of HRCT offering them the opportunity to share some Tap Funding for which his firm could be the beneficiary if he could find a partner for Shebbear.
- (5) Approval of Items for payment.  
 (a) RBL Poppy Appeal – Remembrance Day Wreath £17.00  
 (b) Adrian Caudwell – Tidy up and pressure wash War Memorial in village square - £60.00  
 (c) Re-imburse Clerk for printer ink and postage £19.35.  
 Proposed Cllr Haste, Seconded Cllr Dungate that items (a) – (c) be paid, all in favour.

Bank Balances.

Current Account £10,992.21

Reserve Account £14,058.41

Current Account balance includes – P3 Funds £1,254.36

**163. Correspondence.**

- (1) Local Grants Letter received from Little Bears.  
 “Our committee work extremely hard to support the pre-school and we are always working hard on the next fund-raising event to help raise vital funds. Our running costs remain the same whether we have five or fifteen children, we aim to provide the best learning opportunities for our children. Have built a new garden area and put down new environmentally friendly flooring. Now looking at raising funds to replace and renovate the kitchen area within the pre-school, we also need a high and low sink so the staff and children have separate areas so they are not mixing paints etc, with preparing food. Any contribution that the Parish Council could make towards this would be gratefully received.
- (2) Torridge Council Neighbourhood Watch.  
 Clerk to respond that we have no Co-ordinator.
- (3) Dipper Mill flood warning system (circ).

Circulation File

Extra Full Council Meeting 21/11/16 (Circ). Parish Council Weekly List. BT Public Payphone Removals. Devon Senior Voice. Healthwatch Voices. Air Ambulance Landing lights.

**164. Any Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday January 10th 2017 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.**

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 9-35 pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....