

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7.30 pm.
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors: Vice Chairman A Maidment. J Dungate. J Curtis.

J Stupple. N Whatley. J Franklin. P Isaacs

D Cllr D Hurley. Clerk M Whatley

AGENDA. 2017.

Chairman welcomed all to the December Meeting.

99. Apologies for Absence.

C. Cllr Parsons (Committed elsewhere). Cllr Quance (Working). Cllr Gliddon (Family commitment). PCSO Melissa Baker (Rest day).

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

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

Chairman and two Councillors stated that when the Local Grants were to be decided at item 109 they would not participate in any debate or decision where their interests in individual local organisations were relevant - Chairman(Shebbear Shooters). Cllr Maidment (Youth Club). Cllr Franklin (SSSG).

(b) Registerable Interests.

None.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None.

102. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday November 21st 2017, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Dungate, that the Minutes be approved as a true record. All in favour.

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

Village Map. Wrote to Rev Martin Warren and Andrew Goode requesting permission to site the Parish Map in the Church Room.

Christmas Tree. Inspected three Christmas trees offered by Mr & Mrs Roffey, found to be too small. With Cllr Whatley visited Stacey's Christmas Tree Farm at Clawton and chose a 19ft tree overall.

Helipad Opening Ceremony. Organised /ceremony and together with Chairman issued invitations to all those involved. Sent invitation to Mrs Tiner requesting that she unveil the memorial plaque for Dr Richard Tiner, but she declined. Also invited Peter Tiner, brother. Purchased refreshments.

Mobile Post Office Van. Sent letter to Geoffrey Cox, MP regarding the deplorable and totally unreliable mobile Post Office Van service or lack of it. Received a reply from Linda Butt, Acting Office Manager to confirm that Geoffrey has taken up this issue with the Post Office.

Helipad Finance. Transferred £4,324.79 from Reserve Account to Current Account being money ring-fenced by the Parish Council for the Helipad project. E-mail to Lee Duckworth requested the £1,200 initial payment made to Community Aid – Shebbear be refunded.

Tap Funding. Chased a couple of Parish Councils re Tap Funding.
Draft Budget. Prepared Draft Budget for consideration by the Councillors.

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

None.

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

(1) Standing Orders.

To be discussed at future meeting.

(2) Community Allotments.

Cllr Isaacs had asked if Community Allotments could be included on the Agenda as he was of the opinion that there were a number of residents who might be interested in taking one on. Chairman explained that the Parish Council had gone down this route a few years ago with land behind Suomi, New Inn, but had failed to complete. Cllr Hurley confirmed that if 6 or more residents wanted an allotment, TDC would be obliged to look for land. Cllr Isaacs to write an article for Reflecting Shebbear to ascertain what interest there was.

106. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period

None.

107. District Councillor's Report.

Chairman welcomed Cllr Hurley to the Meeting.

Cllr Hurley congratulated Shebbear Parish Council for the actions taken to bring night landings of the DAA to the village.

Speedwatch

Speedwatch team based at Stibb Cross came to Shebbear and stationed themselves outside the College. 19 motorists in the hour that they were there exceeded the 30mph speed limit. Figures are recorded at 35mph +. real effort must be made to form a team in Shebbear as the aforementioned info shows, there is a need.

Planning Permissions

No decisions have as yet been taken with regard to the 4 outstanding planning applications to build houses in Shebbear. The Plans Dept has been reorganized following the departure of the Department Manager, David Green, who took up a post at Tiverton. There have been a number of problems due to staffing Shortages, which were partially overcome by the employment of Agency planners. Pleased to now report that new planners have been employed and the team is almost at full strength.

Local By-Elections

On 30th November the Torrington by-election was won by Lib Dem Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin by a large majority. Westward Ho goes to the polls on Thursday.

Gypsies and Travellers in Bideford

Residents attended a meeting of the C&R Committee last week with strong views about where the Temporary Tolerated Travellers Site should actually be re-established. At a previous C&R it had been agreed that it should be adjacent to the riverside on the site of the former Skate Park. However, another site had been identified at Caddsdwn, which was offered for the Council's use for a period of two years. This did require an amount of money to be spent in order to make it suitable for the Travellers' use. The local residents didn't want the riverside site to be chosen and the businesses didn't want the Caddsdwn site agreed to. After much discussion it was finally agreed to leave the decision in the air while the Council make a huge effort to identify land which would be suitable and not attract the kind of attention being seen to date.

New Software Tool Launched

The TDC website receives over 10,000 visits per month. A new software tool to make the website more accessible to more people has been launched. The "Recite Me" toolbar, which can be clicked on from the top of any of the Council's web pages using the "Read and Hear Me" button, gives users a number of options to make reading easier, such as having the text read aloud to them or changing font sizes and colours. The intention is to make the website as accessible as possible to people of all ages including people with a disability learning difficulty or other impairment. Any text-based content can be translated into more

than 100 languages.

Mobile Post Van Service

Wrote to Geoffrey Cox concerning the mobile Post Office Van service. I also received a reply from Linda Butt confirming that Geoffrey had taken this up with the Post Office.

New Tap Fund Rules

Coming into effect in 2018. More later.

Chairman thanked David Hurley for his comprehensive report.

108. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

Received after the Agenda had been circulated.

(1) **1/1214/2017/FUL. Ivy Cottage, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.**

First Floor Extension and Alteration to rear of Dwelling.

Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council had no adverse comments on this application.

(b) Applications Granted

(1) **1/1096/2017/FUL. 23 Ackland Close, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.**

Received by Councillors.

© Applications Refused.

(1) **1/0995/2017/OUT. Pitt Cottage, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.**

Outline application for one detached dwelling with all matters reserved.

Clerk apologised to the Members as she had failed to include this application on the Agenda, and it had not been discussed at a PC meeting. Refused on a report from Highways.

Received by Councillors.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None

109. Finance.

(1) To Consider Applications for Local Grants.

Councillors who had declared an interest left the meeting individually for the duration of their interest.

Grants, for payment in early May 2018, were agreed to 8 local organisations:-

Little Bears £550. Would give consideration to a further donation towards providing a cover for part of the play area. **Chairman left the room whilst Shebbear Shooters grant was discussed.**

Shebbear Shooters £200. Shebbear Football Club £400. Would give consideration to a further donation towards additional poles and ball stop nets to boundary fence. **Cllr Maidment left the room whilst Shebbear Youth Club grant was discussed.**

Shebbear Youth Club £650. History Group £100. TNMWD Citizens Advice £500. Lake Chapel Methodists £150. **Cllr Franklin left the room whilst Shebbear School Support Group was discussed.**

SSSG £800.

(2) To Agree the Budget for the financial year 2018-2019.

Councillors agreed a Budget based on last year's Budget of £13,220 plus 2% for the coming year, and that costs of any further Parish projects be met from the Reserve Account.

(3) To Agree the provisional Precept ahead of the final details ref funding to be received from TDC.

Councillors agreed a provisional Precept of £13,480.

(4) Approval of Items for payment.

(a) Stacey's Christmas Trees – Christmas Tree delivered £102.00

(b) Re-Imburse Clerk for expenses for Helipad Opening Ceremony refreshments £42.80

© RBL – Remembrance Sunday Wreath £17.00

(The RBL Poppy Appeal asked for donations).

Cllr Stuppel proposed that £25.00 be paid to RBL and items (a, b and c) be approved, Seconded Cllr

Curtis. All in favour.

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £13,242.23

Reserve Account: £9,735.62

110. Correspondence.

(1) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.

Crimes for the past month:

1 x criminal damage, 1 x theft.

Logs for the past month:

1 x road related offence (drink drive). 1 x concern for welfare. 1 x missing person. 1 x suspicious activity.

Marilyn Pearce – Speed Watch.

(2) Marilyn Pearce reported that a session was conducted outside Shebbear College on 23rd November 2017 from 2.15 to 3.22 at which they registered 19 speeding vehicles.

(3) Letter from Mrs Susan Tiner.

Thank You letter declining invitation to unveil a memorial plaque in memory of her late husband at the Helipad Opening Ceremony.

(4) Email from Peter Tiner.

Thank You letter declining invitation to attend the Helipad Opening Ceremony due to health reasons.

Circulation File.

Parish Council Weekly Lists. PCSO Melissa Baker Police Report. Applications for Local Grants (Little Bears, SSSG, Youth Club, Lake Chapel, Shooters Club, SFC, Citizens Advice), History Group, Local Plan. Hearings Sessions. Holsworthy Area Advisory Group Minutes. Peter Tiner. Sue Tiner. Holsworthy Area Advisory Group Mins. Devon Community Resilience Forum. Update Holsworthy Rural – C Cllr Parsons.

111. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday January 9th 2018 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

(1) Neighbourhood Plan.

(2) Cllr Franklin asked if the Parish Council would mind if he made enquiries from Buckland Brewer as to success of the 20mph speed limit through the village.

There being no further Business, Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40pm.

Signed

Dated