

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday February 9th 2010 **in the Church Room. Shebbear.**

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Johns. Cllrs: J Curtis. P Lomax. E Haste. G Slade. R Clark. J Dungate.
D /Cllr A Saywell. 33 members of the public. Clerk: David Walker.

Before official agenda business was commenced members of the public were invited to put forward their opinions and comments on the Draft Core Strategy document currently out for consultation in the Torridge and North Devon areas. The resulting response from Shebbear parish will be delivered to TDC before the deadline on March 4th 2010, and made available for public access.

Agenda. 20010. Commenced at 8-25 pm after the public session had ended. 2 members of the public remained.

11. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr L Quance (Prev Comm). Cllr R Gliddon (Work). Cllr H Davis (Hospital). PCSO Baker, who asked that Cllrs receive local crime bulletins in her absence. These were reported by Clerk.

12. Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda/ Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None received.

13. Minutes of the Meeting held on January 19th 2010.

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

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

(1) It was not yet known whether the Trading Estate roadway has been adopted.

The roadside hedge and the unused ground in the T/Estate has finally been cut and tidied, and Highways have been requested to clean the main road edge and the drains.

15. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(a) Highways Maintenance Surgery. No Cllrs were able to attend the surgery at Merton. Clerk will compile a list of road defects within the parish for forwarding to Highways.

(b) Provision of allotments. Some interest has been expressed in allotment gardens. Clerk advised Cllrs that if written requests were received from 6 or more electors interested in cultivating a plot for domestic use the parish council was bound to consider the possibility of providing facilities. To be an agenda item for the March meeting to consider any formal written requests received in the meantime.

(c) Core Strategy. Cllrs commented how relevant the LDF response of 2008 still is. D/Cllr Saywell said that before any more development was allowed there should be a payback and improvements made to the infrastructure and it was important that Shebbear tells the planners what the current situation is, and what is needed. Clerk is asked to draw up a draft Core response and also enclose a copy of the Parish Plan which contains a lot of useful background material.

16. District Councillors Report.

D/Cllr Saywell said that there was little more that he could add to what he said earlier, that, although he is relatively young he could remember when Shebbear had more facilities than it does now. He does not believe that Shebbear will be swamped with houses, there has been too much development already and other communities have had no development thanks to the current policy. Maria Bailey has hinted that if there were many protests it was likely that all the houses would go into the market towns.

Concerns had been raised over a new footpath which has been created between Ackland Close and Balleroy Close and the resulting removal of a mature tree. Andrew is going to look into this further and will report back. Chairman thanked Andrew for his attendance and input.

17. Planning.

- (a) New Applications.
None received.
- (b) Applications Granted.
None.
- (c) Application Refused.
1136/2009/FUL. Bedroom extension at 11 St Michaels View. Shebbear.
- (d) Any relevant adjacent applications.
None.

18. Finance.

- (1) Accounts for payment.
 - (a) TDC. New dog waste bin at Haycross Hill. £98.90. Prop by Cllr Curtis. Sec by Cllr Haste, with all in agreement that this be paid.
- (2) Caute telephone kiosk.
Clerk reported that eDF were still negotiating with BT over electricity supplies, which included adopted kiosks, and no further information was yet available.

Bank Balances

Previously circulated and received by Cllrs.

19. Correspondence.

Heard by Cllrs:

- (1) Shebbear Shooters. Letter of thanks in anticipation of the 2010 local grant.
 - (2) Torridge CAB. Letter of thanks in anticipation of 2010 local grant .
 - (3) DCC. Mobile library survey. Publicised in the parish for reply by March 19th.
- Late arrivals allowed by Chairman:-
- (4) Shebbear Village Hall. Letter of thanks in anticipation of 2010 local grant.
 - (5) TDC. Assessment of open spaces, sport and recreation facilities.
 - (6) TDC. Standards Board. Vacancy for Parish Representative.
 - (7) DCC. Emergency Planning Support sessions.
 - (8) NSPCC Information leaflet. (Cllrs Circulation folder.)
 - (9) DCC. Strategic Plan 2009-2013. (Cllrs Circulation folder.)

Circulation Folder

TDC. Draft Winkleigh Airfield proposals. For information only.

20. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda on Tuesday March 9th 2010, and any other business at the Chairmans discretion.

All in agreement that the names of Chairman and Mrs Johns be put forward for the countywide draw for invitations for the Buckingham Palace garden party.

P3. Cllr Lomax reported that he had met Ros and Tim from P3 and inspected the boardwalk on path 9b, which is now complete. Lovacott bridge has been inspected and declared safe for the time being. P3 will give a grant to clear the channel. The gate at the main road end of path 11 will be replaced as soon as the landowner has given permission.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-45 pm.