

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2016
in the Village Hall. Shebbear, at 7.30pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Vice Chairman: E Haste. G Quance. J Stupple. A Maidment. J Curtis.
A Maidment. K. Dymond. N Whatley.

District Councillor D Hurley.

2 members of the public. Clerk M Whatley.

AGENDA. 2016. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

Chairman R Clark opened the Meeting, and welcomed all present.

19. Apologies for Absence.

J Dungate (Away). R Gliddon. County Councillor B Parsons (Committed elsewhere)

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

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).
None received.

(b) Registerable interests.
None received.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests. None received.

22. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday January 5th 2016 and Unscheduled Meeting on Wednesday 27th, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Haste, seconded by Cllr Maidment with all in favour, that the draft Minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

Clerk reported that the 3 new dog waste bins that Councillors had agreed to purchase from TDC had now been ordered at a cost of £346-80 +VAT, including installation and inclusion on the emptying list. She had met with Mike Crocker, (dog bin man at Torridge) and agreed the bin outside the Village Hall be replaced; a new post be erected outside the football pitch with the original bin and a new bin on it; the third bin to be placed at 'Sheila's Folly'. At the present time, there was some conjecture as to where the bin would be placed as the owners had stated that a bin placed on the edge of the car park as originally intended, could 'jeopardise the permissive trail'. Clerk to continue discussions. Once payment is received the bins should be installed within three to four weeks.

TAP funding for the Long House Hospice. Clerk reported that the Tap funding was going ahead. Shebbear had teamed up with Thornbury, who were taking the lead. (Buckland Filleigh were

donating to HRCT).

Free IT Digital Course. Clerk reported that there was a free course taking place at Ashwater Village Hall on Friday 12th, which she would be attending.

Application No. 1/1226/2015/OUTM. Land East of Meadow Park, Shebbear. Clerk has written a letter of Objection to TDC.

Precept Form. Clerk had submitted the Precept Form for 2016/17 in the sum of £12,960.00 (the same as 2015/16

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

None.

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

The Chairman introduced two additional items, which had been brought to his attention since the Agenda was circulated.

- (1) Village Hall. The Chairman reported that it had come to his attention that the present Village Hall committee is running under strength since the Constitution states that it must have 10 members. Rebecca Weale is acting as Chair, Janet Skuse as Secretary. The AGM is on 14th April. The Chairman said that as the Parish Council had invested so much taxpayers' money in the village Hall in recent years, we had an obligation as elected councillors to see that the money was not lost. Cllr Curtis suggested that one person from each organisation that uses the hall should have a representative on the Village Hall committee. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- (2) Date for the Annual Parish Meeting. This was set for Tuesday 19th April 2016 in the Church Room, Shebbear at 7.30pm.
- (3) Dipper Mill Flood Warning Signs. Concern that the 'flood warning pole' at Highworthy is too far up the hill and too close to the road. It appears to be leaning into the road and needs adjusting to avoid being hit by high vehicles. After the floods last week, concern also as to when the solar panels are to become live and the system working 100%. Clerk to contact Solar Panel people. Cllr Hurley to arrange a meeting in the village to explain to parishioners how to access the information on the internet and receive email or text alerts. Members welcomed the helpful contribution from Mr Andrew Quance in the public gallery.
- (4) Road Warden Scheme. Cllr Maidment introduced the new road warden scheme, a new Community Self Help scheme introduced by the Council, which allows parish councils to take control of small local maintenance tasks using local trained volunteers. Special courses have been set up by TDC - a) Highway Safety Awareness Training providing information to undertake minor maintenance works within their community and b) SWQR Unit 2 – for those who volunteer to undertake minor maintenance works within the vicinity of the public highway. The members felt this was not entirely practical in our case. Cllr Quance suggested that we could perhaps get quotes from local contractors to carry out minor works, and pay for them out of our own funds. Clerk to make enquiries with David Whitton of Highways and C.Cllr Parsons as to whether this would be permissible.
- (5) Road Safety. The Chairman raised the question of road safety within the village. Early mornings and evenings on School Corner, which is particularly hazardous due to road width, lack of a footpath and congestion caused by parked vehicles with white vans hurtling along at excessive speeds. Whilst we were still awaiting speed test results in the village from PCSO Melissa Baker, the Chairman felt it might be prudent if a letter was sent to all organisations. Cllr Whatley raised the question of the School sign, which was camouflaged by trees and he felt needed re-siting.

26. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

None received.

27. District Councillors Report.

A361 Link Road. District Cllr David Hurley reported that consultation had commenced with regard

to submitting a bid for the upgrade of the Link Road, at a cost in excess of £600,000. A submission to the Department for Transport will be made in April.

Boundary Commission. A presentation was made last month by the Boundary Commission to Members. They stated that Ward Boundaries may change, and also the number of Members may alter. The reason for the Review is that since the last review elector numbers have grown and the percentages in each ward had become unequal. Each elector should have a vote of equal weight and the ratio of residents to Ward Members has altered, some more than others. The idea of the review is to "balance" the number of residents per Ward Councillor. The number of Councillors will have to be agreed at the Full Council Meeting in March and Ward Boundaries by June. These decisions will then be submitted to the Boundary Commission for approval or alteration. The whole process will take a year.

Devolution Document. The Devolution Document is now complete and ready for submission to Government. It is 25 pages in length but is only the start of the process. I believe several other Devolution bids from different areas have been returned for alteration and resubmission.

Nothing to report on the Transformation Programme at present.

Reminder that TDC goes cashless at the end of next month and also that Pay Point should be accessible for residents who still wish to pay bills using cash.

Chairman thanked David for attending and bringing us up to date.

28. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

- (1) **1/0064/2016/FUL. Mill Cottage, Shebbear.** Single storey extension
All in favour that No Objections be the response. Clerk to write to TDC.

(b) Applications Granted

- 1/0619/2015/FUL. North Furze Farm, Shebbear.**
Received by the Councillors.

(c) Applications Refused.

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

29. Finance.

(1) Third Quarter Account Summary.

Clerk produced the Income & Expenditure Account made up to 31/01/16.
Received by the Councillors.

(2) Approval of Items for payment

(1) Re-issue Grascott cheque £65.00 (to be paid in favour of S Whatmore).

(2) M.A.G. Double Glazing Repairs £40.00 (Council Noticeboard Lock).

(3) TDC £346.50+ VAT (£415.80) 3 x dog bins.

Proposed by Cllr Curtis and seconded by Cllr Dymond that items (a) (b) and (c) be paid, all in favour.

(4) Proposal by Cllr Dungate for donation to HRCT. In the absence of Cllr Dungate, Cllr Quance proposed that a donation in the sum of £800.00 be made to HRCT, seconded by Cllr Haste and approved by all members.

Bank balances

Current Account £7,996.05. Reserve Account £14,053.07.

Received by Councillors.

30. Correspondence.

- (1) Letter from Dawn Walsh concerning state of the roads in the village.
Clerk to write to M/s Walsh.
- (2) Queens 90th Birthday Beacons, Thursday 21st April 2016.
Cllr Maidment to report on Facebook and see what response there is.
- (3) Holsworthy Area Advisory Group Agenda (circ).

31. Any Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday March 8th 2016 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 8-55 pm.

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