

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th February 2017
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

A Maidment. K. Dymond. J Curtis. J Stupple.

R. Gliddon. N Whatley. District Councillor D Hurley.

Richard Haste and three members of the public. Clerk M Whatley.

AGENDA. 2015. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

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

178. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Haste (holiday). Cllr Dungate (holiday). C Cllr Parsons (delayed at previous meeting – late apologies)
Cllr Quance (no apologies received).

179. Public Participation Period.

Chairman welcomed Richard Haste, Chairman of Waste and Recycling, TDC.

Richard Haste reported that in 2014, South Molton Recycling went into liquidation and Torridge TDC brought back an interim in-house service for an 18 month period whilst they looked into the best options for Torridge waste and recycling services. North Devon are trialling three weekly collections. Richard Haste explained that on average the dustcart travels 4 ½ miles to the gallon. Torridge needs to modernise its fleet of vehicles to improve the recycling rates and reduce what goes to landfill. In order that TDC meets its target of 50% recycling by 2020, new arrangements are being put in place to be implemented in 2018. Each household will be issued with a small bucket with a lid known as a ‘caddy’. All food waste will be put in these and collected weekly with the green box. Green box – glass, bottle and jars, plastic bottle flattened, food tins/drink cans flattened. Brown paper bags – cardboard, egg boxes, small packing delivery boxes. Green bag – newspaper, magazines, catalogues, general paper, envelopes, drink cartons. Green wheelie bins for hedge cuttings, lawn mowing’s, etc. will be supplied to all households who request them, at a cost of £35.00 per annum, to be collected fortnightly. Non-recycle waste, i.e. plastic containers, and yoghurt, butter and ice cream tubs will be collected fortnightly in black plastic bags.

Cllr Dymond asked how TDC calculated the percentage of recyclable and what goes to landfill? Richard Haste replied that the percentage is calculated by taking the weight of recycled material and dividing by the weight of all collected material.

Cllr Maidment asked if a householder paid the £35 annual fee for a wheelie bin and then moved to another house in the same district, does the licence travel with him or is it tied to the dwelling? Similarly, if the ‘licence’ is dwelling-based, is it transferable to someone moving into the district from outside? Richard Haste replied that there are still a few issues to be resolved.

Chairman thanked Richard Haste for his comprehensive presentation.

180. 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.

181. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday January 10th 2017, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Curtis, all in favour that the Minutes be recorded as a true record.

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

1. Sent letter to Toby Russell, (Devon Air Ambulance) confirming that Shebbear Parish Council had agreed to fund the project entirely to the extent of £6,000, which may be partly reduced by external grants, to ensure there is no delay through lack of funding.
2. Contacted Toby Russell again last week to find out how far they had progressed prior to the meeting tonight, and was sent map of proposed alternative sites for 10m lighting column in the field behind the village hall, for consideration by the councillors this evening.
3. Confirmed maintenance work to the oak tree in the square has been completed
4. Sent responses to TDC regarding planning applications at Dipper Mill Farm, for the conversion of two barns to dwellings.
5. Sent editorial to Reflecting Shebbear regarding recipients of local Grants, confirmation that Shebbear Parish Council had agreed to guarantee the funds for the Helipad and information about 'The Dragon', new pothole filling machine.

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

Chairman wished to raise a legal point regarding Part 2 Sessions.

Chairman referred to a recent Standards Committee Meeting he had attended and reported that a recent provision in the legislation says that councils should debate the balance between the need for confidentiality and the obligation to be open and transparent BEFORE taking a decision to enter into a Part 2 session. Not making this decision before a proposal to enter Part 2 does apparently leave the authority open to legal challenge that proper procedure was not followed and therefore any matter discussed in what was believed to be Part 2 was no longer confidential or exempt as the insulation offered by Part 2 had not been properly adopted.

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

- (1) Set date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be attached to the monthly Parish Council Meeting on April 11th 2017, to commence at 7.00pm.

- (2) Agree location of 10m Lighting Column for Helipad night landing site.

After consideration, the Councillors agreed the lighting column should be sited at Location A, which would be nearer the Village Hall for supply of electricity, and less of a temptation to children hopping over the fence from the school by the goal posts.

- (3) Report on Flood Warning System (Cllr Maidment).

Cllr Maidment reported there were still issues with the flood warning system. She had received a communication from Ron Lester of Dipper Mill, who had gone through the posts on the Dipper Mill flood board and passed the readings direct and unofficially to Julian at Hydrologic to assist with calibrations. Ron had received a response from Julian 'This data will be very useful. Many thanks in taking time to make the observations. I will cross check the river level data with your obs and see where the alarm triggers need to be'.

185. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

- (1) Any matter raised during the Public Participation period.
None.

186. District Councillor's Report.

Chairman welcomed Cllr Hurley to the meeting.

Cllr Hurley thanked Richard Haste for his Changes to Waste Collection presentation this evening.

Boundary Commission.

The Boundary Commission have decided that Wards are to be reduced in number (23 to 15) but obviously increased in size. There will still be 36 Councillors but will be split into five three-councillor Wards, ten two-councillor Wards and one one-councillor Ward (Winkleigh). Our Ward will be known as Shebbear and

Langtee and will incorporate the Clinton Ward. Some of the disappearing Coham Bridge Ward will also be incorporated. The Ward will therefore stretch from Newton St Petrock in the West to Petrockstowe and Huish in the East and of course North to Stibb Cross and Taddiport. This will be a two councilor Ward. Full details are on the Boundary Commission website <http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/7965>

Route 39 Academy

Planning permission was turned down by TDC. One factor, amongst several others, was that it was felt that there are not enough pupils in this area to sustain three large secondary schools i.e. Holsworthy, Great Torrington and Bideford. An appeal was launched, and that too was unsuccessful as the Inspector felt that refusal was the correct decision. However, this decision was overturned by the then Secretary for State, Michael Gove. New free schools are initially funded on anticipated numbers for the upcoming year. Numbers of pupils recruited for 16/17 are far down on the promised 500 and as a result of this a request to the Academy from the Education Funding Agency for a refund of £254,000 of the approx £332,000 they were awarded. (75%)

Torrington Post Office.

Proposed to move Post Office to McColls, New Road, Torrington (opposite the BP garage). Consultation period 8th February to 22nd March 2017. The webpage is- postofficeviews.co.uk. When entering the site you will be asked to enter the code for this branch which is 204519.

Police and Crime panel.

Proposed change to the structure of Devon and Cornwall policing. Chief Constable to be provided with Funds totalling £24 million over the next 3 years. This sum includes 1.99% increases in the Police Precept and will see an increased over the net 3 years of 94 more Police Officers and 40 criminal investigator roles. PCSO's will be reduced by up to 130. A long debate ensued over this as it was felt that PCSO's were in many cases the public face of the police. The latest adjustments will see police officer establishment reaching 3000.

Lloyds Bank Torrington

Cllr Jane Whittaker, Leader of the Council, has written to both Lloyds and Antonio Horta Osorio the chief executive officer of Lloyds Banking Group, to reconsider the closure of the last bank in Torrington. It was felt that a mobile service would probably not meet local needs.

Community Infrastructure Levy

CIL is a tariff-based charge that can be applied to new development and comprises of contributions made by developers. The introduction of CIL will, in part, replace the use of legal agreements (so called Section 106 agreements) as the way of securing infrastructure.

Traveller Site Assessment

North Devon and Torridge District Councils are currently preparing a Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document in order to meet the accommodation needs of Travellers in North Devon. Consultants DLP Planning have been appointed to complete a study that seeks to identify and assess land that has the potential to provide accommodation to meets the need of travelling communities. Both Consultations can be accessed and comments left at <http://consult.torridge.gov.uk/portal/>

Balleroy Close

Appeal Application lodged on 9th January 2017. No decision yet.

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

187. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

Received after the Agenda had been circulated.

1/1216/2016/FUL. West Croft, Shebbear.

Proposed Loft Conversion, Alteration and Extension to Dwelling.

The Councillors had reservations about what the need will be if this were a bonafide extension, and were of the opinion that this could easily become two separate dwellings. Clerk to respond to TDC recommending the application be refused.

(b) Applications Granted

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

(c) Applications Refused.

Received after the Agenda had been circulated.

(1) **1/1263/2016/AGMB**

Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling under Class Q (Barn 1) Dipper Mill Farm, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon EX21 5TA.

Received by Councillors.

(2) **Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling under Class Q (Barn 2) Dipper Mill Farm, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon EX21 5TA.**

Received by Councillors.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

188. Finance

(1) Tap Funding.

In the absence of a proposal from Martin Prentice of HRCT, Clerk had prepared an Application in conjunction with four neighbouring parishes, Buckland Brewer, Monkleigh, Frithelstock and Peters Marland, focusing on the health and well-being of the local residents, with particular emphasis on the shift towards care in the community. Shebbear's Tap Fund grant to go directly towards funds for a mobility vehicle specifically for The Longhouse Hospice at Holsworthy, so that they are able to transport patients to and from The Long House, that have disabilities, mobility problems, require portable oxygen or are elderly and frail. Proposed Cllr Maidment, Seconded Cllr Curtis, all in favour.

(2) Approval of Items for payment.

(a) Coastal Tree Consultancy (work to Oak tree) £150.00

(b) St Michael's Church, Shebbear – Hire of Meeting Room 2016 - £84.00

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(d) Devon County Council (Footpath maintenance) £1,000.

(e) CommuniCorp (Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine Annual Subscription) £12.00

(f) Cllr Dymond (flowers for Battledown containers) – £5.00

Proposed by Cllr Whatley, Seconded Cllr Gliddon, that items (a) – (f) be paid. All in favour.

Bank balances.

Current Account: £10,582.86

(P3 A/c includes £1,000 ring-fenced for work carried out)

Reserve Account: £14,058.75

(Includes £6,000 ring-fenced for Helipad
£1,200 paid)

189. Correspondence.

(1) CAB – Thank you for the Grant.

(2) Email from Toby Russell (Community Helipads Development Officer (Circulated).

Circulation File.

Council Grant Thank You letters – Lake Methodist Chapel, HRCT, Little Bears, History Society, Shebbear Youth Club, Shebbear FC, Shebbear Shooters, CAB, Shebbear Lunch Club, SSSG. Westminster Briefing 'Women in Local Government'. Waste & Recycling Service Proposals. PC Planning Lists. Local Government Boundary. Glasdon Brochure. Local Council Administration Service. Standards Committee & Code of Conduct. Clerks & Councils Direct. Healthwatch Voices.

190. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday March 14th 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 9-20 pm.

Signed

Dated

