

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.30 pm.
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

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

R Gliddon. N Whatley. J Franklin. P Isaacs

C Cllr B Parsons. D Cllr D Hurley. 2 Members of the Public. Clerk M Whatley

AGENDA. 2018.

125. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Quance (elsewhere committed). Cllr Stupple (dental problems).

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

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

Chairman declared an interest in Item 134 (a) 1 and would leave the room when this was discussed.

Vice Chairman declared an interest as she had a child at the school but would not be leaving the room.

(b) Registerable Interests.

None.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None received.

128. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday January 9th 2018, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Dungate, Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour that Minutes be recorded as a true record.

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

Planning

1/1179/2017/FUL. Astrabenz, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Retrospective application for retention of an extension, hard-standing and change of use of agricultural land and buildings for the repair, maintenance and sale of agricultural machinery including the development of new vehicular access.

Responded to TDC "Having discussed this application at the Parish Council Meeting this evening, Shebbear Parish Council are informed that there will be a re-submission and therefore make no comment at this time.

1/1120/2017/FUL. Land to the Rear of Tor View, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Closure of access and creation of new access, demolition of existing building and shed and new holiday unit and shed.

Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application, but would raise concerns with access from the road and parking, which we feel should be looked at.

Village Development Plan.

Attended a meeting at Riverside House with Ian Rowlands, Dawn Burgess, Chairman Clark and Cllr Maidment to discuss making a Village Development Plan. A number of parishes have already started including Buckland Brewer, Black Torrington and Winkleigh. Dawn Burgess has today sent me links to materials that might be useful in relation to neighbourhood planning.

Transparency Code Funding.

With approval of the Councillors, applied for Transparency Funding for a new Council dedicated laptop as until now I had been using my own.

Bank Signatory.

Produced application form for Cllr Dungate to apply to become a signatory, which he has completed. Subsequently, have received further forms for signature from Chatham Branch of NatWest.

Tap Funding.

This year, we are working in conjunction with Buckland Filleigh. I have completed an application for Funding in favour of HRCT (Holsworthy Rural Community Transport) chosen by Shebbear PC earlier this year, for approval by members later on in the meeting. Shebbear's share is £842, Buckland Filleigh £139, Shebbear is taking the lead, which means the money will be paid into our account (if our application is successful) for us to send a cheque to Buckland Filleigh and make our own donation to HRCT.

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

None.

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

(1) Village Development Plan.

Chairman reported that TDC is currently finalising a Local Plan in conjunction with North Devon. If Shebbear were to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, it would have to be carried out in the same format, which is quite a long drawn out process, say 18 months – 2 years. Cllr Franklin suggested the policies needed to be quite fluid, and perhaps this could be included on the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting, with an Agenda for schools. This would give residents the opportunity to state their views on the development of the village for the future. Chairman suggested that Shebbear hold a special Open Meeting in June to discuss the Village Development Plan and the way forward, which would give us time to advertise in Reflecting Sherbbear.

(2) To Set the date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Tuesday 17th April 2018 in the Church Room, Shebbear, at 7.30pm.

132. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period

None.

133. District Councillor's Report.

Chairman welcomed Cllr Hurley to the Meeting.

Community Governance Review.

At the last meeting Cllr Hurley talked about the Community Governance Review of the Town and Parish Councils in the area. A final group has now been formed to go through everything, the consultation ends on 23rd February. The Council will use the submissions to produce draft proposals in the spring, which will be the subject of a second public consultation.

Northam Burrows

There is considerable concern about the storm damage to the natural pebble ridge. A task group has been set up to consider what action to take and a sea wall will have to be constructed around the landfill site. Some pebbles had been painted white in an effort to see how far they travelled, and none were seen again.

Skate Park in Bideford.

The old skate park has become unsafe to use and a new site has been found near the football ground in Bideford.

Chairman thanked Cllr Hurley for his report.

133 (a) County Councillor's Report.

Chairman welcomed C Cllr Parsons to the Meeting.

Budget

Busy with budget meetings at the moment to set the Budget and Council Tax base.

Energy Programme.

Under the ECO Government Scheme, there is new free funding to help improve the energy efficiency of

your home, available for boiler replacement, solar installation, draught proofing, double glazing, loft and external wall insulation, etc. There are a significant proportion of people who do not know about these grants, and I am keen to support this scheme and help these parishioners.

Roads

We have 8,000 miles of roads in Devon County Council, the largest network of roads County Council wise in the country. With proposed plans for £55.7 billion to spend on HS2, I am more than concerned that the Government is not looking after its rural communities, i.e. road and rail transport, hospitals and care services, rather than earmarking this grotesque sum to save just 20 minutes travelling time for a small number of people. I am keen to support our local people as locally as possible.

134. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

Chairman declared an interest and left the room whilst this was discussed. Vice Chairman Maidment took the Chair.

(1) **1/1283/2017/OUT**

Land to the East of The Manse, Shebbear, Devon.

Outline application with all matters reserved except access for 5 houses and associated works.

Cllr Franklin proposed members oppose this application, Seconded Cllr Dungate, all in favour. Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish

Council oppose this application as it does not provide any economic or social advantage to the village.

Chairman returned to the Meeting.

(2) **1/0049/2018/AGMB. Barn Opposite The Shippen, Caute, Shebbear, Devon.**

Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to No 1 dwelling under Class Q.

Clerk to respond to TDC. Shebbear Parish unanimously opposes the conversion of this steel framed agricultural building under Class Q. It will look totally out of place with large aluminum windows and wooden cladding in what is still an unspoilt hamlet. No provision for garden, shed or garage.

(b) Applications Granted

(1) **1/1226/2015/OUTM**

Land East of Meadow Park, Shebbear, Devon.

Proposed housing development for 20 dwellings

(Amended Drainage Details).

Received by Councillors.

(2) **Received after the Agenda was circulated.**

1/1214/2017/FUL.

Ivy Cottage, Shebbear, Devon.

First Floor Extension and alterations to rear of dwelling.

Received by Councillors.

(c) Applications Refused

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

1179/2017/FUL. Astrabenz, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Retrospective application for retention of an extension, hard-standing and change of use of agricultural land and buildings for the repair maintenance and sale of agricultural machinery, including the development of new vehicular access.

Withdrawn.

135 Finance.

(1) To Approve Service Contract for Mat Electrics - DAA Night Landing Site Lighting Maintenance.

£89.95 + VAT (fixed for 2 years).

Proposed Cllr Whatley, Seconded Cllr Dungate, all in favour that the Service Contract to be paid out of The Tiner Legacy.

(2) To Approve Tap Funding Application.

Received by Councillors

(3) Bank Signatories.

With Cllr Dungate as a signatory, there are now five signatories, namely, Chairman Cllr Clark, Vice Chairman Cllr Maidment, Cllrs Gliddon and Whatley.

(4) Approval of Items for payment.

(a) Grant Thornton – External Audit £120.00

(b) Re-imburse Clerk for new Council Laptop £275.00 (Transparency Funding applied for)

(c) Adrian Caudwell – Odd jobs inc Install new village dustbin, remove Christmas tree, signs, £80.00

Proposed Cllr Gliddon, Seconded Cllr Curtis, all in favour that items (a) (b) and (c) be paid.

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £12,661.59

Reserve Account: £9,736.45

136. Correspondence.

(1) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report

(2) Village Main Road Closure – April

(3) **Received after the Agenda was circulated**

Letter from Mr & Mrs Bradbeer expressing interest in allotments.

Circulation File.

Parish Council Weekly Lists. PCSO Melissa Baker Police Report. Letter from Geoffrey Cox, MP re Mobile Post Van Service. Ron Lester re Dipper Mill. Shebbear Youth Club. TNM/WD Citizens Advice. Shebbear Football Club. SSSG. Transparency Fund Application. Training Hub. Voice Mag

137. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday March 13th 2018 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

Cllr Gliddon raised the question of tarmacng outside the pub. Clerk to obtain quote from Skanska to carry out this work when they are here in May.

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

Signed

Dated