

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday January 19th 2010
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Johns. Cllrs: H Davis. J Curtis. P Lomax. E Haste. R Gliddon. L Quance. G Slade.
D /Cllr A Saywell. (Arrived 7-35pm). No members of the public. Clerk: David Walker.

Agenda. 20010. Commenced at 7-30 pm after being postponed on January 12th as a result of icy weather.
Includes additional agenda circulated on January 13th.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Due to Meeting postponement. Cllr J Dugate. (Prev Comm) and Cllr R Clark. (Prev Comm).

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

Cllr Gliddon declared a prejudicial interest in planning item 7(a) as it involves his dwelling house.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on December 8th 2009.

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

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

(1) Flooding of road at Lake. Clerk had contacted the College Bursar Mr Horn about the raised soil level in the roadside field, Mr Horn is investigating. Cllrs said that another factor causing problems at the location were the drains being obstructed by debris adjacent to the trading estate hedge which still hasn't been tidied up. Clerk has already been in touch with SWRDA who are being slow to arrange remedial work. Clerk will chase them up again, and will also contact TDC to enquire when the dogbin at the rear of the trading estate will be moved to the verge at the entrance.

5. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(a) All were in Agreement that the Annual Parish Meeting 2010 will be held on Tuesday April 13th, and the Annual Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 11th.

(b) Cllrs comments and suggestions for the Playing Fields and Sports Facilities questionnaire will be collated by Clerk and returned to sender.

(c) This item was passed over to await the arrival of Maria Bailey from TDC who had been delayed at an earlier meeting.

6. District Councillors Report.

Mr Saywell did not have much to report this month as the weather had held up a lot of council business. The ongoing saga of the Boundary Commission had resulted in TDCouncil Leader James Morrish and a deputation going to see the Minister of State who, it was reported, seemed very well briefed on the subject. The TDC party formed the impression that it was a done deal for Exeter to become a Unitary Authority with the rest of the County, minus Plymouth and Torbay, left to survive as best as it could. But all the options are still open at present as an election could collapse the whole scheme.

7-55pm. Maria Bailey arrived. Chairman suspended official business and invited Maria to speak to the meeting on the subject of the N Devon and Torridge Core Strategy Consultation which will run for 6 weeks from January 21st to March 4th. The Core Strategy is the bringing together of the results of a number of studies and consultations over the last 2 years as a result of the Government directive that 21,600 new homes be built and the necessary infrastructure needed to support the increase, within the Northern Devon area up until the year 2026. Councillors felt that Shebbear had already had more houses inflicted on the parish recently which were stretching our existing facilities to the limit, and, although it was understood that we have to move with the times, more houses without an enhanced infrastructure would be resisted. Maria advised that it was important that comments from the community be fed into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Open Session Continued:

As the consultation ends on March 4th Cllrs agreed that either a general meeting, or a public session before the next Council meeting on Feb 9th, would give parishioners the opportunity to make their views on the future of the community known, for forwarding to the District Council. There will also be an article in Reflecting Shebbear, a feature on the village website, and posters on the notice boards containing details of the 14 public information meetings being held throughout the area in the coming weeks. The information flyer issued by Marias' department has also been delivered to all addresses with the Admart magazine. The importance of making our views known to the Planning authority cannot be overstated.

8-50pm. Chairman thanked Maria for her attendance and official business resumed.

7. Planning. Cllr Gliddon left the room.

(a) New Applications.

1136/2009/FUL. 1st floor bedroom extension. 11 St Michaels View. No Objections raised.

(b) Applications Granted. **Cllr Gliddon returned to the meeting.**

0991/2009/FUL and 1044/2009/FUL received by Cllrs.

(c) Application Refused.

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

8. Finance.

(1) Accounts for payment.

(a) Cllrs pointed out that the agreement to purchase a new dogbin for Haycross Hill also included the moving of the dogbin at the rear of Lake Industrial Estate to an agreed position at the entrance of the estate and that the invoice should not be paid until this is done.

Proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Gliddon, with all in agreement, that agenda items (b) (c) (d) and (e) be paid.

(2) All were in agreement that Mr Dungate carry out the repairs to the bus shelter at the stated quotation.

(3) Arlington House hedge. Clerk had received an estimate of no more than £200 to reduce the hedge height to around 6ft, he had been unable to establish any details of the owner of the property with whom to agree the work and to recover the cost. Cllr Curtis offered to try and obtain some details as she had some earlier knowledge of the situation regarding the current tenancy. Cllr Slade felt that the parish shouldn't be paying for the work to be done to a private property.

Bank Balances

Previously circulated and received by Cllrs.

9. Correspondence.

Councillors Information Folder plus the Northern Devon Core Strategy document, received by Cllrs.

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

Clerk had received notification from eDF that their pricing structure was changing in relation to the adopted phonebox at Caute. This would mean that the annual cost of providing electricity for the light would rise from £23 to £258.38p per year. Clerk had responded that this was not acceptable. eDF have replied that they were awaiting a response from BT who were seeking to readopt the kiosks and absorb the charges.

Cllrs were advised that the DAPC 2010 Training Programme is available should anyone wish to book a place.

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