

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Vice Chairman: E Haste. G. Quance. A Maidment. J Dungate.

J Stupple. J Curtis. N Whatley

3 members of the public: L Duckworth. J Quance. K Horwell.

Clerk M Whatley.

AGENDA. 2017. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

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

165. Apologies for Absence.

C Cllr B Parsons. D Cllr D Hurley. Cllr K Dymond (working). Cllr R Gliddon (flu).
PCSO Melissa Baker (working).

166. Public Participation Period.

(1) Lee Duckworth (Chairman Community Aid – Shebbear)

Proposed Helipad, Shebbear.

Lee Duckworth had contacted Toby Russell of Devon Air Ambulance Trust about finding a safe landing zone in the village. Three sites were considered with the Village Hall green being the preferred site, this offered minimum travelling distance for the paramedics. Toby carried out a survey of the green with the pilot and confirmed the site was the required 50m x50m with a small amount of pruning of trees around the perimeter. In order for the helicopter to land at night, it would require a single landing column with LED lighting to illuminate the centre of the green, operated remotely by the helicopter pilot. Power consumption very minimal, he understood the Village Hall Committee had agreed to pay the cost of the electricity. Toby said that the installation cost would be around £5/5,800, and Lee Duckworth confirmed the Government had offered up to half the installation costs of the light column, paying £2/2,900. The next stage would require a survey of the electricity supply at the Village Hall, then DAA to provide a quote from their preferred contractors to carry out the work. Once the quote has been produced, Lee will contact the Parish Council for help with the Planning Application for the lighting column. Open evening to be arranged in the Village Hall for locals to air their concerns. As soon as Planning has been approved, things can move very quickly. Community Aid are happy to precipitate the work and make all the arrangements. Cllr Haste asked who owned the land. Clerk to check ownership.

Chairman thanked Lee Duckworth for his very detailed presentation.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial)

Cllr Quance declared an interest in Mins 174 (a) Planning Application for agricultural building at Wootton Farm, Shebbear, and would leave the room whilst this was discussed.

(b) Registerable interests.

None received.

© Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None received.

168. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday December 13th 2016, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Haste, Seconded Cllr Dungate, all in favour that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

Made entry in Book of Registration of Interests that Cllr Haste's interest in land behind the school had ended as the grazing tenancy had terminated.

Sent letter of thanks to Mr and Mrs Barber for supplying such a splendid Christmas tree.

Thanked Cllrs Haste, Quance and Whatley for undressing the Christmas tree and removing it.

The brass memorial plaque for Rev Nigel and Mrs Phyllis Mead had been put on the seat.

Instructed Bruce Macfarlane (tree man) to arrange for the works to the oak tree in the square to be carried out as agreed in the sum of £150.00

Planning for retention of temporary mobile single classroom unit for a further 10 years at Shebbear Community School, Road from Square to Battledown Cross. Responded to TDC that the Parish Council support this application.

Local Grants. Dropped email to all successful applicants informing them of their success.

Helipad. Sent letter to Community Aid Shebbear informing them we Shebbear PC had agreed to make a donation to the Helipad fund of £1,200 (to be paid immediately) and furthermore, that members had agreed to underwrite the full cost of the lights up to £5,000 to ensure there is no delay due to lack of funding.

Prepared Budget Precept for approval by the members prior to submitting to TDC.

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

None.

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

(1) Stagecoach Bus to Petroc.

Cllr Maidment raised the issue of the Stagecoach Bus to Petroc with regards the service provision and the enormous increase in the bus fares, initially £29.00, increased to £45.00 over the 4-year period, and in December 2016 another hike to £57.99 per person. She understands there are currently 11 students resident in Shebbear who use this service. Cllr Curtis felt students should be able to apply for a grant from the college. Cllr Haste suggested possibly looking into getting a quote for a mini bus to carry 11 persons over the next 4-year period. Cllr Whatley suggested Petroc might run their own bus. Mrs Quance from the members' gallery stated that tickets could be purchased from Stagecoach and DCC at different prices. One allows flexibility of return journey and the other does not. Letter to be sent to Devon CC with copy to C Cllr Parsons.

(2) Doctor's Surgery, Shebbear.

Chairman raised the issue of the future of the Doctor's Surgery in Shebbear as there were rumours circulating that this was to close. Chairman had spoken with Dr Fernandez, who had confirmed that there are no thoughts or outline plans to close our surgery. As an example of his commitment he pointed out that he is currently spending £2,000 on two employees by sending them on training courses to improve their own skills, and he would hardly be investing in his staff if he was planning to make them redundant.

172. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period.

Proposed Helipad.

At the Parish Meeting in December, Councillors had agreed to guarantee to Community Aid – Shebbear, the full cost of the lights up to the required £5,000. Having listened to Lee Duckworth's presentation on the proposed helicopter night landing site he had briefly outlined the requirements of the DAA, and indicated that the costs involved might be in the region of £5,800. Community Aid had been offered Government Grants to cover half of the installation costs of the lighting column. To ensure there is liquidity in the event of other contributions being delayed, Councillors felt the Shebbear Parish Council

guarantee should be increased to £6,000, which may be partly repaid by external grants. Proposed Cllr Dungate, Seconded Cllr Haste, all in favour.

173. District Councillors Report.

No Report received.

174. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

1/1170/2016/FULM. Wootton Farm, Shebbear.

Proposed agricultural building.

Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council fully supports this application.

Received after the Agenda had been circulated.

1/1263/2016/AGMB. (Barn 1) Dipper Mill Farm, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Clerk to respond to TDC. The last time this application came up a few months ago in for conversion of the three barns under one Q Application, we had no problem in this stone barn being converted and we have not changed our minds. We support this application.

1/1264/2016/AGMB. (Barn 2) Dipper Mill Farm, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Clerk to respond to TDC “this is the second time we have seen this application. We do not believe Class Q was intended to apply to modern agricultural buildings. As a Council we do not approve of modern farm buildings for conversion. This building is a steel frame portal agricultural building on pad foundations. The essence of a conversion is towards converting, not a complete rebuild. Shebbear Parish Council strongly recommends TDC refuse this application.

(b) Applications Granted

1/0953/2016/FUL. Old Worden Farm, Shebbear.

Change of use from residential dog exercising paddock to commercial dog exercising paddock.

Received by the Councillors.

© Applications Refused

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

175. Finance.

(1) To approve the provisional Precept amount for forwarding to TDC.

All in favour that the Precept Demand, for the year to 31st March 2018, of £13,220, be forwarded to TDC.

(2) Third Quarter Account Summary.

Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour that the Third Quarter Income & Expenditure Account be approved.

(3) Footpath Grant.

Clerk reported that works to the footpaths in the Parish had now been completed (Mins 132 (3)). She had completed the P3 Annual Finance Forms and discussed Grant Application with Ros Davies, Public Rights of Way Officer, who suggested we apply for a Grant of £100. Approved by the Councillors.

(4) Approval of Items for payment.

(a) Donation – CommunityAid – Shebbear (Helipad) - £1,200.

Proposed Cllr Dungate, Seconded Cllr Whatley that £1,200 (first phase) be paid out of the £6,000 in reserve for the Helipad fund. All in favour.

Bank balances.

Current Account: £11,799.86
(Includes P3 Funds - £1,254.36

Reserve Account: £14,058.63
(£6,000 ring-fenced for Helipad Fund - £1,200 paid)

176. Correspondence.

Local Grants – Thank You Letters

(1) Shebbear History Society

Shebbear Youth Club

Shebbear FC

Shebbear School Support Group

Shebbear Lunch Club

HRCT

Received after the Agenda had been circulated –

Shebbear Shooters

Members agreed copies of these letters be put in the Circulation File for February.

2) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report

Crimes – 1 – Theft of agricultural equipment

Logs: 11 total

4 x Concern for welfare

2 x domestic related

2 x road traffic collisions

2 x personal anti-social behavior

1 x nuisance communication

Melissa reported that there had been some criminal damage in the Barn Close area which has gone unreported, and asked the Council to encourage people to call in with any incidents or problems.

Received by Councillors.

Circulation File.

Parish Council Weekly List w/e 19/12/2016 and 22/12/2016. Links at HAAG and Internal O& S Meetings.
Merry Christmas from Came & Co. Update Holsworthy Rural.

177. Any Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda 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 9-45 pm.

Signed

Dated