

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 12th 2011 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Clark.

Cllrs: H Davis. J Dungate. P Lomax. E Haste. M Wells. J Stupple. J Curtis.

D/Cllr J Lewis. 1 member of the public. Clerk. David Walker.

Agenda. 2011. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

63. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr T Carr (Family funeral.) Cllr R Gliddon (Family commitments). PCSO Baker. (Off duty).
Co-opted Cllrs J Curtis and J Stupple welcomed to the Council and Declarations of Acceptance of Office received by Clerk.

64. Public Participation Period.

No requests received.

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

Chairman R Clark asked that a variation to his register of interests be noted as, in addition to being a member of the DALC County Committee, he has recently joined the DALC General Purposes Committee.

66. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 14th 2011.

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

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

SW Water. Clerk had written to ask that SWW look again at what might be done to prevent possible damage to the main water supply connections at Berry Park corner. No reply had been received from them. Just before this meeting Clerk had received a letter from Mr & Mrs Pearce of The Linhay, Ruxhill, concerning this topic. Cllrs heard that Mr & Mrs Pearce had received an unsatisfactory response from SWW, and now felt that they had done all they could to get preventative measures put in place and would now have to rely on hoping that damage would not occur, and that the reassurances they had received from SWW would be implemented if an incident were to happen.

Devon HomeChoice. Clerk is still working on arrangements to ensure that local persons wanting to bid for properties that become available have earlier advance warning.

Queens Jubilee Beacons. Cllrs received advance notice of the intended event to be held in June 2012.

68. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Towable gritter for parish use. After discussing C/Cllr Parsons initiative to provide a towed gritter for parish use, Cllrs agreed that a positive response be made to the offer, as there was a likely benefit to be gained in having our own equipment, rather than having to rely on the visit of a gritter from elsewhere. Further information will need to be found relating to insurance cover for an operator, Cllr Haste will make enquiries, as a haulier or business would be the most likely to have a suitable policy in force, and would also have the necessary premises for storage. To be discussed further.

(2) Parish Snow Warden. As this voluntary position will be associated with the operation of the gritter, Cllr Haste offered himself for the position. Cllrs agreed to accept this offer and also to recruit more than one Warden, preferably members of the public, in different parts of the parish.

(3) Disposal of photocopier. All in agreement that the photocopier be removed from the List of Assets and disposed of by recycling.

69. District Councillors Report.

District Cllr John Lewis reported that the District Council was settling in under the new Leader, Barry Parsons, who was introducing a leadership scheme. John himself, has undertaken the Youth and Young Persons liaison role, covering all ages and employment, which is a subject that particularly interests him. He will be happy to assist whenever possible. Another of Johns' interests is the local Ambulance Service and he intends to explore the possibility of equipping each parish with a defibrillator for emergency use.

70. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

None received.

(b) Applications Granted.

(1) 1/0237/2011/FUL. Erection of barn/stable at Pitt Bridge Cottage. Shebbear.

(2) 1/0492/2011/AGR. Storage building for fodder at North Hay Farm. Shebbear.

(c) Applications Withdrawn.

1/0040/2011/OUT. Agricultural workers dwelling at Backway Farm. Shebbear.

(d) Relevant adjacent applications. None

71. Finance.

(a) Start up costs for parish allotments. The newly formed Allotment Association is at the stage where items of expenditure are becoming known, and the search for financial support is commencing. As details of the start up are not yet available Cllrs agreed that allotment committee members be invited to the September council meeting, when figures are available, to discuss requests for grant funding.

(b) Bank signatures mandate. Proposed Cllr Curtis, seconded Cllr Stupple, with all in favour, that the variation mandate, authorising the signatures of Cllrs Lomax, Gliddon, Davis and Wells, be signed by Chairman and Clerk, and delivered to the bank.

(c) Prop Cllr Lomax, seconded by Cllr Davis, with all in favour, that cheques be drawn for payment of agenda items 71(c) (1) to (4) inclusive, plus recently received invoice from A Caudwell for grasscutting, £138.00

Bank Balances to June 30th, received by Cllrs. Current a/c - £3,971.89 Reserve a/c £12,521.89 (Includes P3 reserve balance of £1610.36).

72. Correspondence.

(1) Mr Mark Ohlsen. Cllrs heard that the fee for the internal audit, (Item 71(c)(4), above), would be donated to Cancer Research by Mr Ohlsen, who will be willing to carry out next years internal audit if requested.

(2) TDC. Polling Districts review/consultation. Circulated for Cllrs information, and placed on notice board.

(3) Mr T Carr. Acceptance of co-opted vacancy. Received by Cllrs.

Cllrs Circulation. Torridge Connect. - DALC newsletter (July/Aug) - Item 2 (above) - Village Green Magazine - Senior Council for Devon Magazine.

73. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda to be held on Tuesday August 9th 2011, and any other matters at the Chairmans discretion.

County Highways to be informed that the signpost at Hayes Cross has signs missing and the signpost at Rowden Chapel has been damaged.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-01 pm.