

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 7.30 pm.
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors: Vice Chairman E Haste. J Dungate. J Stupple.

J Curtis. N Whatley. K Dymond.

5 Members of Public. Clerk M Whatley

AGENDA. 2016. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

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

85. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Maidment (away). Cllr Gliddon (Working). D Cllr Hurley (away). C Cllr Parsons (committed elsewhere)

86. Public Participation Period of 15 minutes. For speakers registered in advance, with the Clerk.

None.

87. 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.

88. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th June 2016, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

All in favour that the Minutes be signed as a correct record.

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

Banking.

Clerk reported that problems experienced with the Bank had now been sorted, and a complaint had been made to NatWest regarding the atrocious and non-existent service.

Members Registration of Interests.

Members Registration of Interests form for Cllr Quance has been forwarded to the Monitoring Officer at TDC. Copy retained by Clerk.

Footpaths.

Ros Davies, Public Rights of Way Officer, has confirmed that two new footpath signs for either end of FP5 Berry footpath have been ordered and she will let us know when they are going to be delivered and erected.

Village Hall

Checked Toilet Regulations for village halls. Along with our Chairman attended the last village hall meeting (See Mins 91 (1)).

Tap Funding.

Clarified with Peter Soper of Torridge that there were no monies left over from last year. Also that TAP Funding has to be paid to a Town or Parish Council, but the organisation to benefit can be a council (or usually more than one) or a community organisation. It does not have to be a registered charity.

Wayleaves

Making enquiries with the Wayleave Officer at Energy Networks Association into payment of Wayleaves for poles sited on Council land.

Adopt a Seat in Memoriam.

Submitted a small article to Reflecting Shebbear for August regarding a memorial plaque to David Brown. Clerk had received a call from a Mrs Valerie Pocock who lived in Shebbear from 1971 and

became friends with Nigel and Phyllis Mead, the then Vicar of Shebbear. Rev Mead had since died and Mrs Mead and family would like to reserve a seat in his name. Mrs Mead is in a hospice with but weeks to live, and it is her wish that her name also appears on the plaque.

Cllr Clark informed the meeting that Rev Nigel Mead together with his wife Phyllis and their two girls were very much part of village life for nearly a quarter of a century. Nigel served on the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council; he was a Special Constable and amateur photographer and a regular visitor to the local schools. Cllr Haste added that Rev Mead was also involved with the twining trip to Balleroy. Approved by all that a seat be reserved for Rev and Mrs Mead.

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

None.

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

(1) Village Hall.

Chairman reported on the village hall meeting which he and Clerk had attended. The village hall is licenced for 120 persons seated and 300 standing so the current level of toilets is sufficient, however, they require serious up-dating at an early date to comply with Health Regulations. Chairman had arranged for a builder to prepare a draft specification for a) works to bring the toilets up to scratch and comply with building and water regs b) an add-on to make improvements over and above A.

Cllr Dungate proposed that we provide a slot on our monthly agenda and invite two representatives from the village hall committee to attend the meeting and update us on where they are with the refurbishment programme, and perhaps two Councillors should attend the village hall meetings.

Clerk to make this offer to the village hall committee.

(2) Dispensations Procedure Guide.

Chairman asked that all members had received the Guide and understood that a dispensation would only be required if so many members of the decision-making body have disclosable pecuniary interest that it would impede the transaction of the business (i.e. the meeting would be inquorate).

(3) Susan Geary, due to illness was unable to continue tending the flower beds by the War Memorial and Shebbear Sign. An offer had been received from the WI to tidy up and put some plants in for the benefit of the community. All in favour. Clerk to thank the WI for their kind offer.

Cllr Dungate raised the question of an allowance for plants. To be discussed at the next meeting.

(4) Improving Safety on School Corner.

Chairman along with C Cllr Barry Parsons had visited Mrs Hutton at the School with a view to discussing what could be done to improve safety on the school corner area. An idea to open up the wooden gate next to the path to Barn Close and put a footpath inside the grounds that would run through to the school, was suggested. What is now the footpath could then be used as a layby for parking.

92. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

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

None.

93. District Councillors Report.

In the absence of District Councillor Hurley, Chairman asked Clerk to read his Report.

NHS Success Regime.

Devon County Council Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee agreed that the situation with Torrington Community Hospital and future services had to be referred to the Secretary of State, Jeremy Hunt.

STITCH has requested that the MP for Torridge and West Devon Geoffrey Cox, arranges a meeting with the Health Minister Jeremy Hunt in London and that he supports the campaign fully in this request.

Bideford Chamber of Commerce – North Devon Hospital Services, Petition

Bideford Chamber of Commerce have also set up a link:- <http://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/128996>

Council Tax Support Scheme.

Each year Councils across Devon are required to review how much reduction in Council Tax is given to people of working age on low income, and publish this in a Council Tax Reduction Scheme (also known as Council Tax Support). Torridge are working with other Devon Councils to consider changes to their schemes

from 1st April 2017. This year TDC are proposing to make 8 changes to bring the Scheme into line with the changes being made by Central Government in Housing Benefit and Universal Credit. They are running a consultation from 27th June 2016 to 4th September 2016 and people are asked for their views online at www.torridgegov.uk/Consultaations

Link Rod Consultation

Road will not be duled as too expensive (£500m). Instead scheme known as "2+1" will be implemented in certain sections. (£150m) Barnstaple to South Molton is the main focus of improvements. Meanwhile, look at the consultation and give your views. <https://new.devon.gov.uk/ndlr/consultation>

New Homes Bonus

The first successful Applications were dealt with at Community and Resoures Committee and the top three scoring projects were awarded in excess of £75,000.

94. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) **1/0565/2016/FUL Hay Cross, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.**
Proposed dwelling and garage.

Considered in keeping with the rest of the village, applicant had consulted with neighbours. Chairman applauded the design. All in favour.

(2) **1/0596/2016/FUL. Land at Grid Reference 244120, Balleroy Close, Shebbear, Devon.**
1 New Dwelling.

Very strong feelings against this proposal on following grounds:-

Have objected to two proposals on this site.

Footprint is too big for the plot and bears no thought to the privacy and light of the adjoining property.

Must have easy access to the transformer.

Parking spaces allocated create a 'parking hazard'.

Relocation of the Communal Refuse Facility to the nose of the plot in the wrong position.

Insufficient parking spaces.

Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council strongly recommends that TDC refuse this Application.

(b) Applications Granted

1/0502/2016/FUL. Proposed extensions to dwelling (resubmission of 1/1011/2015/FUL.
Coham Bridge House, Black Torrington, Beaworthy.

Originally two storey extension. Refused planning. This proposal considered in keeping. Replacement of existing single storey rear addition with smaller single storey rear extension, works to front porch.

Placement of bat boxes (bats not disturbed by works).

Received by Councillors.

(c) Applications Refused.

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

95. Finance.

1. First Quarter to June 30th 2016 Income & Expenditure Account.

Approved by the Councillors.

Approval of Items for payment.

1. Reimburse Clerk for purchase of Epson XP235 Printer & Inkjets £48.86

2. Brunel Engraving Plaque £32.88 inc del and VAT.

Proposed Cllr Haste, seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour that items 1 and 2 be paid.

Banking

Current Account £7,783.18

Reserve Account 14,056.03

96. Correspondence.

1. Tap Fund 2016/17 - Joint Lengthsman Proposal.

Letter received from Buckland Brewer Parish Council following the proposed change in DCCs Road Warden Scheme and the suggestion by Torridge that the TAP Fund could be used to fund these Works. Buckland Brewer enquired whether Shebbear Parish Council would consider the idea of joining together with neighbouring parishes to organise a joint lengthsman service. Clerk to respond in the negative.

2. PCSO Melissa Baker Police Report.

No Report received.

3. North Devon & Torridge Local Plan Submission (Circulated).

4. Dispensations Procedure Guide for Parish Councils (Circulated to all Councillors).

5. TDC Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (Circulated).

6. Application to designate a Neighbourhood Plan for Highampton (Circulated).

Circulation.

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service. Fire Kills Campaign. Company (Playground equipment). PRS for Music. Tree Consultancy. DCC Self Help and Community Support. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine.

97. Any Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday September 13th 2016 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no further Business, Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05 pm.

Signed

Dated