

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor J Dugate

Councillors: Vice Chairman J Franklin. A Maidment. R Clark.

J Curtis. J Stupple. N Whatley. P Isaacs

D Cllr D Hurley. 1 Member of the Public. Clerk: M Whatley

AGENDA. 2018.

28. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Quance (working). Cllr Gliddon (working). C Cllr Parsons (holiday). PCSO Melissa Baker (off duty),

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

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

None.

(b) Registerable Interests.

None.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None received.

31. (a) Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday May 8th 2018, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour that the Minutes be recorded as a true record.

Cllr Maidment arrived and apologised to the Chairman for her lateness.

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

Planning

Responded to TDC. Application 1/0378/2018/FUL

Land at Balleroy Close, Shebbear Devon. We opposed the previous application because the footprint was too large for this site. There has been no material change since the last application and the Inspector upheld TDC's decision, and we can see no reason for change. Furthermore, again the footprint comes out over valuable turning space. Shebbear Parish Council strongly recommends TDC refuse this application.

You will note that this has now received planning approval.

Year Ends

Appointment with Mark Ohlsen (Internal Auditor) to finalise accounts for approval by the members this evening and Chairman's signature on the Annual Governance Statement 2017-2018

Balleroy Close.

Cllr Clark reminded members that when work commenced on the three houses in Balleroy Close,

from the very first day builders arrived very early and there were complaints about noise and disturbance. On this application there are no restrictions on working hours. Cllr Clark had contacted TDC with a request that work be restricted to normal working practices on this small project.

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

None.

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

(1) Dipper Mill Flood Warning System (Up-date Ron Lester).

(2) Review of current situation

(a) Flood Kit Faults.

One damaged sign, all signs rusty, trigger-level calibration issues and software issues.

(b) Annual cost for Contract to be renewed and who pays?

The annual cost for the renewal of the maintenance contract is approximately £600-£900.

This is based on two routine visits per year to clear vegetation, clean and calibrate the device, check telemetry instrumentation and change the battery. Normally carried out in October and March. The rain gauge and its associated telemetry ownership should be transferred to Shebbear Parish Council to include all rights and obligations concerning the equipment, materials and its operation. Ron pointed out that the equipment is now out of warranty and Shebbear Parish Council would be responsible for any replacement parts, which might be considerable.

Chairman thanked Ron Lester for his very comprehensive report and the time and effort he has put into the Dipper Mill flood warning system.

© Take a decision as to whether we continue, get tough with the supplier, or abandon the project.

Chairman asked members for their views on the system. Cllr Hurley suggested we go back to DCC who may be unaware of all the problems and feel it is a working system. Cllr Franklin expressed concern that should there be a malfunction at a time of flooding and an incident occurs affecting a member of the public, Shebbear Parish Council might find themselves liable. Chairman suggested the system is of little value to the people of the parish and there was severe unhappiness to support the system until it is up and running. Cllr Clark suggested the Parish Council might consider abandoning the signs but retaining the detection system to gain time to see whether the equipment was working, reliable and of value to the local community before committing to anything. After discussions Councillors agreed Clerk should write to DCC with our views and that a decision would be taken at the next Parish Council Meeting on 12th June.

(3) Report and Costs of Laser Printer (Cllr Isaacs)

Cllr Isaacs handed members a sheet detailing printers, cartridge type, cartridge cost and cost per 1000 pages, printer cost, warranty. Cllr Isaacs proposed the Brother HLL2350DW Monochrome Laser Printer with two toners at a total cost of £216.97, Seconded Cllr Clark, all in favour. Chairman praised Cllr Isaacs for his good research and asked that he proceed with the purchase at the best price he could achieve.

35. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

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

None.

36. District Councillor's Report.

TDC AGM May 14th.

Simon Inch elected as Chairman. Jane Whittaker re-elected as Leader for the 4th year. I was re-elected as Deputy Leader. Cllr Jane Leaper, elected less than a year ago to represent Hartland & Bradworthy has resigned due to health reasons so By-election will be held after two local Gov't electors for the District request an Election to fill the vacancy.

Green Waste

New service commenced on 4th June. Some hiccups experienced mainly due to residents not correctly reading their new collection dates on the calendars sent to them and putting out black bags on the wrong week.

Blue Flag

Westward Ho! Has been awarded the Blue Flag for its beach for the 15th year in a row. Cllr Phillip Pennington drove to Cromer in Norfolk to collect the coveted Blue Flag and certificate
Community and Resources.

This Committee is the main decision making committee at Torridge. Last Monday the Committee discussed the limited options for what is known as a tolerated temporary site for Gypsies and Travellers. Despite appointing DLP Planning Ltd (jointly with N Devon Council) and tasking them to provide advice on potential sites that could provide accommodation for travellers across our area, no sites were found that were suitable. A Call for Sites was issued along with notification to all parties on the Councils' planning consultation database inviting them to help TDC in locating a suitable site. This amounts to over 2,500 individuals and organisations. Members of the public that were present at the meeting and who called for the removal of the temporary aspect of the proposed cattle market and bank end sites were also reminded that removing the temporary aspect from these sites would not prevent the travellers from returning, but would make it far more difficult to get them to leave. Councillors voted to adhere to the public's wishes and continue the search for suitable sites. Unfortunately a group of travellers returned to the cattle market last Monday night. They were served notice to leave last week and have done so.

Opening Evening 21st June – Shebbear.

Asked to request the attendance of a planning officer at the Open Evening when the future plans for the village would be discussed and the public would be able to ask questions. I asked Ian Rowland, Senior Planning Policy Officer at TDC if he could attend, and after a formal invitation was issued from the Parish Council, Ian has agreed to attend, I will also attend.

New Economic Development Officer at TDC – Chris Fuller.

Chris's background is in education, in a combination of Spanish teaching and international consultancy. As part of this he worked on a huge range of projects, from BBC Digital projects through to working with the regional government in Madrid to develop sustainable policy for the national bilingual plan. The core element of his consultancy work was on working with partners to find creative and / or innovative solutions to problems – a background which he'll be applying directly to his new role at Torridge.

37. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

1/0533/2018/FUL. 1 Green Lane Bungalows, Shebbear, Devon.

Part retrospective application for a single storey garage (Affecting a Public Right of Way).

Cllr Stupple proposed no objections to this application providing the Right of Way is not affected, Seconded Cllr Franklin. All in favour. Clerk to respond to TDC.

(b) Applications Granted.

(1) 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.
Received by Councillors.

Received after the Agenda was circulated –

(2) 1/0378/2018/FUL. Land at Balleroy Close, Shebbear.

Proposed Dwelling.

Received by Councillors.

(3) 1/1283/2017/OUT. Land to the East of the Manse, Shebbear.

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

© Applications Refused

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

38. Finance.

- (1) To Receive Internal Auditor's Report and Approve Annual Governance Statement 2017-2018
Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded by Cllr Stupple, that the Auditors Report be approved and Annual Governance Statement signed, all in favour.
- (2) Approval of Items for payment.
 - (a) Winkleigh Parish Council Training Course (Cllr Maidment) £23.33
 - (b) Mileage re training at Winkleigh 30 miles @ 45p pm £13.50
 - (c) Mark Ohlsen – Annual Internal Audit £45.00
 - (d) Shebbear & Buckland Filleigh Flower Show - (Advert in Schedule) £15.00
 - (e) Cllr Curtis – Flowers for Stands - £15.92Proposed by Cllr Clark, Seconded Cllr Whatley, that items (a) – (e) inclusive be paid, all in favour.

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £19,214.52

Reserve Account: £9,738.05

39. Correspondence.

- (a) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.
Logs and crimes for the past month:
Logs – 2 information/intelligence calls, 1 sudden death, 2 concern for welfare, 1 firearms incident, 1 domestic related and 1 suspicious circumstances.
Crimes – 1 Assault (actual bodily harm) and 1 common assault.
- (b) Letter David Walker – Roads.
Chairman read a letter received from David Walker who raised the point that a significant factor responsible for some of the damage to the road surfaces is water penetration. In times past farmers and land owners used to pare the hedges by hand with hook and stick and clear away and burn the parings. With the arrival of flail cutters the mulched vegetation goes into the ditches and blocks them. David suggests this work could be carried out at local level.
Cllr Clark suggested we take a map and identify the roads, then ask a contractor with a small swing shovel to give us a price. Chairman suggested 'ditching' be raised at the Open Meeting in an effort to identify the problem areas. Cllr Clark proposed £10,000 be transferred from the current account to Reserve to be ring-fenced for projects, Seconded Chairman, all in favour. Clerk to respond to Mr Walker.
- (c) Grant Thank You letter TNMD citizens Advice.
Clerk read the letter thanking Shebbear Parish Council for the support and very kind award to the Charity, which will help them to continue to provide a free service to Shebbear parishioners in need.
Received after the Agenda was circulated.
Surgery. Cllr Clark had spoken to Jane Wells regarding the transfer of patients to the Holsworthy doctors, and she offered to come and talk to the Parish Council once everything was in order.
Petrol Theft. Cllr Clark reported a petrol scam being operated in the village. A man supposedly runs out of petrol. Cllr Clark handed him a can of petrol and asked for it to be returned full in due course. He has since learned of others in the village who have been caught out in this way.

Circulation File.

Council Planing Lists. Police Report. TNMC Citizens Advice. NatWest New Privacy Rules. HAGS. Lee Duckworth Refund re Helipad. Clerks & Councils Direct.

40. Agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday July10th 2018 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

- (1) Allotments.

There being no other business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.34pm.

Signed

Dated