

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday March 10th 2015 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor E Haste.

Councillors: J Dungate. M Wells. R Clark. J Stupple. J Curtis. G Quance. K Dymond.

District Councillor D Hurley. PCSO M Baker.

Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2015. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

Chairman E Haste opened the Meeting, and welcomed all present.

27. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor R Gliddon (Working). C/Councillor B Parsons (At MCTI meeting).

Councillor P Mingham was representing Shebbear Parish Council at the MCTI meeting in Holsworthy.

Chairman welcomed PCSO Baker and invited her to make her monthly report.

There had been 1 log created during the past month relating to a burglary. 3 crimes had been reported, a burglary, 1 assault and 1 break-in to a vehicle. The Police request that members of the public take note of and report any suspicious vehicles' registration numbers or activities in the parish.

Chairman thanked Melissa for attending the Meeting and welcomed **Mr Richard Tiner** who wished to speak in the Public Participation period.

Mr Tiner reported that, following the refusal of the planning application for a wind turbine at Badworthy Farm Shebbear, he would like to thank the Parish Council for the comprehensive report that had been submitted with the response to TDC Planners objecting to the proposal. 3 District Councillors on the Planning Committee had complimented Shebbear and said that the report was the best that they had seen. On behalf of SPPG Mr Tiner thanked Tony Carr and his late wife Lynn for the work they had put in to prepare the report, also to those who carried out the noise assessments in the vicinity of the proposed site. All the details were in the Planning Officers report even though the application had been recommended for approval, so it was satisfying that a lot of the detail was taken into consideration as on previous occasions it had been disregarded.

Chairman thanked Mr Tiner for his comments.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

None received.

(b) Registerable interests. None received.

(c) Any variations to Members Registration of Interests. None received.

29. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday February 10th 2015, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

All in favour, that the February 10th Minutes 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record after District Councillor Hurley's Apology for Absence was inserted and the word "Planning" in Item 26 was replaced by "Local Plans".

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

Councillor Quance said that there were indications that the new owner of Rowden Chapel was living in the premises when there was, as yet, no permission for living accommodation. Councillors felt that if Mr Sexty worked late in the premises on occasion and stayed overnight rather than travel to his home in South Devon it would be hard to justify calling that living in the property if it was ever necessary to take the matter further.

Clerk reported that the Pre-election Period started on March 9th, the election posters were on the notice boards and nomination papers were available from either himself or TDC. Nominations had to be hand delivered to TDC before April 9th by the candidate, or their proposer or seconder. Postal deliveries would be invalidated.

With the coming of better weather the installation of the new seats in The Square will hopefully be carried out. Councillors were in agreement that only the 3 new seats already purchased should be installed, as the previous intention to relocate one of the old seats should be abandoned as false economy due to it having to be broken out of the existing base and reset in a new concrete slab, the wooden slats were also showing signs of deterioration. It would also be difficult to find suitable sites for 4 seats in addition to the 2 already in situ.

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

None.

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

Councillor Clark requested that a letter that he had just received from West Country Concrete, in relation to the proposed Housing Needs Survey, be heard, as a reply was urgently required. Clerk to write to Mr Rumsam and explain that the Survey will be one of the first actions of the new Council after the May elections.

33. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) *Highway Repairs.* After considerable debate Councillors agreed that, in an attempt to get something done about the terrible state of many of the parish roads and the continual refusal of Devon Highways to do much about the situation, we should compile a list of the 10 worst locations in the parish and demand that remedial work is carried out. The possibility of liaising with other parishes is being considered. Councillors agreed that the current constraints on spending could be partly offset by more efficient working practices on the part of SW Highways.

District Councillor Hurley commented that local people know where the potholes are, and the SW Highways contract is coming up for renewal soon. Some sets of temporary traffic lights are in situ for months at a cost of £150 per day.

This item to be carried over to the April Meeting.

34. District Councillors Report.

David Hurley reported on the continuing progress of Transforming Torridge. Experience gained by other Councils is being considered.

Many changes to the accommodation within Riverbank House are afoot to make the best use of the space available and the car park is to be enlarged and resurfaced.

The TDC website is being refreshed for easier access via tablets and smartphones. Payments will be possible online. It is intended that TDC communications will be paperless and District Councillors will possibly be issued with tablets. It is believed that this will set an example and model the behaviour that TDC customers are expected to follow.

The Joint Local Plan has been agreed by full Council meetings at TDC and NDDC.

Torridge Community Transport Association has gone into liquidation with the major contracts being passed to Beacon Bus. The Voluntary Car Service (Torridge) is reorganizing and will continue as a separate entity. Torridge Council Tax will not be increased this year.

Councillor Clark added that congratulations are due to TDC who have received a national award for the efficient way they deal with Local Searches.

35. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) **1/0093/2015/FULM.** Amendment of Conditions 2 and 12 of 1/0724/2012/FULM (retrospective), various alterations to layout of the site. Land at Southcombe Farm. Shebbear.

As the proposed changes appeared to slightly lessen any impact on the surroundings of the solar installation, Councillors agreed that Shebbear Parish Council would have No Objections to the application.

(b) Application Refused.

1/1138/2013/FUL. Installation of 77m single wind turbine at Badworthy Farm. Shebbear.

(c) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None received.

36. Finance.

(1) *Approval of Items for payment.*

(a) *Clerks wage. £244.76*

(b) *PAYE. £61.00*

(c) *Office equipment £12.00*

(d) *Phone / Broadband £248.13 (Year)*

(e) *Clerks mileage. £86.40 (Year)*

(f) *DSIAG hire of village hall for meeting. £14.*

All in favour that Items (a) to (f) inclusive be paid.

(2) *Alteration to PAYE procedure.*

Councillors all in agreement that the PAYE RTI system currently managed by the Clerk should be administered by TDC Finance Department from April 2015. Clerk to arrange the changeover.

Bank Balances to February 27th 2015.

Received by the Councillors.

37. Correspondence.

(1) *The Longhouse Appeal* . Letter of thanks from North Devon Hospice in relation to the contribution made via the TAP fund allocation. Suggested by Councillors that the offer by an NDH official to attend a future meeting to give a talk would be appreciated.

(2) *PCSO Baker. Emergency Plan.* Torrington Police wishing to establish what provisions are available in the event of a major incident, for example flooding.

Items (1) and (2) received by Councillors.

38. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday April 14th 2015 at 7-30 pm, after the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

Previously proposed shelter at the Village Hall.

Arrange grasscutting at Junction of Barn Close and The Street.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 9-22pm.