

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday November 11th 2014
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor E Haste.

Councillors: Vice Chairman J Dungate. M Wells. R Clark. J Stupple. J Curtis. K Dymond. R Gliddon.
P Mingham.(From 7-50pm).

District Councillor D Hurley. Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2014. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

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

133. Apologies for Absence.

County Councillor Barry Parsons was attending the MCTI meeting in Holsworthy.

134. Public Participation Period.

No requests to speak received.

135. 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.

136. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday October 14th 2014, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

All in favour, that the October 14th Minutes be approved and signed as a correct record after an amendment was made to the report presented by District Councillor Hurley.

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

The Christmas Tree in The Square will, once again, be donated by The Friends of Shebbear College after College closes for the holiday. Clerk reported that the tree decorations and lights have been in use for a number of years and are in need of some upgrading. Councillors agreed that a sum of up to £100 be allocated to allow for replacements.

Progress is being made with arrangements for the Flood Warning system at Dipper Mill. Funding has been agreed and the positioning of sensors and warning signs decided. Councillors agreed that an article should be placed in the next issue of Reflecting Shebbear with full details, also to record appreciation to Sheepwash Parish Council and Councillor Clark of Shebbear for the work they have put towards the project. There was not such good news relating to the Allotment Association and the lease of land at New Inn as matters surrounding the granting of the lease were still dragging on and would not progress without the go ahead from Methodist HQ in Manchester.

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

None.

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

None.

140. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) *To consider applications for the vacancy for co-opted Councillor and approve a new Member.*

Applications had been received from 2 parishioners, Anita Maidment and Graeme Quance, which were received by the Meeting. After consideration of applicants submissions a vote by show of hands was agreed resulting in 4 votes for each candidate.

Councillor Dungate objected to Councillor Dymond voting as she had declared a prejudicial interest in an item on last month's agenda relating to wind turbines, and that it would be wise to discount her vote to avoid

any controversy. This was agreed by all. Chairman placed his own vote which again gave 4 votes for each candidate.

Chairman then used his casting vote which resulted in the vote being 5 to 4 in favour of Graeme Quance. All agreed that Graeme Quance be invited to the December Council Meeting as the new co-opted Member. Chairman and Councillors asked that their appreciation should be passed to Anita Maidment for her application.

141. District Councillors Report.

David Hurley reported that the Transformation of TDC was proceeding with the appointment of Verna Green as Strategic Manager for Services. This now completes the Operational Management Structure.

The possibility of retraining some existing employees as "Locality Officers", who would deal with problems at a local level before passing matters on to relevant departments, was being considered. Parish Councils' are invited to make their views known about the idea.

A warning is issued about a male caller offering to assist residents, who he will say have been paying too much Council Tax. He will charge a fee of possibly £45. This is believed by TDC officers to be a scam.

The Leader of DCC will be speaking at the Memorial Hall, Holsworthy between 6pm and 8pm on Thursday December 4th on the subject of the Tough Choices that will have to be made over the next 2 financial years due to the drastic reduction in funding DCC will receive.

142. Planning.

(a) Application Refused.

1/0937/2014/AGMB. Change of use of building to dwelling. Brentleigh. Shebbear.

(b) Applications Granted.

1/0938/2014/FUL. 2 Storey extension and double garage. Rigby's Hay. Shebbear.

1/0906/2014/FUL. Proposed music department building and sixth form centre building. Shebbear College.

Notifications received by the Councillors.

143. Finance.

(1) Approval of items for payment.

All in favour, that agenda items 143(1) (a) to (e) inclusive be paid.

(2) Consider quotations for the purchase of a replacement noticeboard for New Inn.

Agreed, that a 6 x A4 size, anodised aluminium noticeboard, would be appropriate, and approved by Mr and Mrs Geary, who kindly allow the noticeboard to be mounted on their wall. Clerk to obtain the item which will cost around £180 plus VAT.

Bank Balances to October 30th 2014.

Current a/c £7,826-77 Reserve a/c £14,043-68 Received by the Councillors.

144. Correspondence.

(1) See Hear Centre. Proposed mobile service. Councillors agreed that this new venture which will soon be visiting The Square on a fortnightly basis will be of benefit to those with sight and hearing problems.

(2) DALC. Electoral review of Devon. Details on the parish noticeboard.

(3) Lake Methodist Chapel. Local Grant. Thanks to the Parish Council for the support given last year to the upkeep of the graveyard and a request that the grant may be continued next year.

(4) Police report for November. Dog control. In addition to the monthly crime statistics, PCSO Baker asked that the recent worrying of livestock at Berry by a loose dog or dogs be publicised. Dog owners asked to ensure their dogs are kept under control. Details on the noticeboard.

(5) TAP Fund. Update. The fund is now supported by 15 parishes with a total sum of £7,789-00 pledged.

145. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday December 9th 2014 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

District Councillor Hurley reported that there was a consultation in force regarding the possible closure of the TDC Office in the 1646 Centre in Torrington.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 9-10pm.