

## **SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL**

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

#### **Present:**

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors: Vice Chairman E Haste. J Stupple. A Maidment. J Curtis. J Dungate.

District Councillor D Hurley.

9 members of the public. Clerk M Whatley. Clerk. D Walker.

#### **AGENDA. 2015. Commenced at 7-35 pm.**

**Chairman R Clark** opened the Meeting, and welcomed all present.

#### **134. Apologies for Absence.**

Councillor G Quance (Working). Councillor R Gliddon (Working). County Councillor B Parsons (Unwell). PCSO M Baker (Committed elsewhere).

#### **135. Public Participation Period.**

No requests to speak received.

#### **136. Declarations of any Councillors Interests in Items on the Agenda.**

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

Chairman R Clark declared a Prejudicial Interest in Item 143 (a) Planning (New Applications), number 1/1101/2015/FUL. Proposed dwelling adjacent to Halwill Cottages, as the site is close to his dwelling.

(b) Registerable interests. None received.

**Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.** None received.

#### **137. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday October 13th 2015, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.**

Proposed Councillor Haste, seconded by Councillor Stupple, with all in favour, that the draft Minutes of the October 13th Meeting be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **138. Any matters arising from the Minutes. Clerks Report.**

Clerk reported that the 3 new dog waste bins that Councillors had agreed to purchase from TDC would cost all together £415-80, including VAT, installation and inclusion on the emptying list. Once payment is received the chargehand responsible will visit and assess the sites for installation.

In relation to the request for TAP funding from Holsworthy Rural Community Transport, Martin Prentice has replied that 12 persons in Shebbear are registered to use the service together with their invited companions. Clerk had asked for an article to be included in the December Reflecting Shebbear about identifying public seats with plaques, details of the new Parish Clerk and a reminder that there is still a vacancy for a co-opted Parish Councillor at Shebbear.

The request from TDC regarding the emergency use of public buildings for the evacuation of casualties has been forwarded to the Shebbear Village Hall Committee.

The situation at Pitt, where the roadside verge is subsiding, has evolved from a DCC inspection where no problem was identified, to proposals to rebuild the retaining verge next to the stream, with kerbstones, and resurface the whole area, after a number of requests from the Parish Council and District Councillor Hurley that the problem be addressed before an accident occurs.

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

None.

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

None.

**141. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.**

*(1) Local Plan Consultation.*

Councillors received a Powerpoint Presentation based on the consultation received from TDC.

Notifications relating to amendments to the Local Plan in connection with Affordable and Starter Homes were received, as was the section relating to Wind Turbines where 4 optional amendments were included.

Councillors agreed that Option 3 was the preferred amendment which stated that -

*In addition to the already prohibited areas for wind turbine sites such as AONB's, SSSI's, bird sanctuaries etc, undeveloped coastal and estuary zones, within 400 metres of any residential property, ancient woodland or heritage assets, or adjacent to any roads waterways or public rights of way, should be added to the list.*

*(2) Section 106 requests.*

Clerk had contacted TDC Planners seeking advice on how Parish Council suggestions could be included in the process of agreeing Section 106 contributions when applications for developments are processed.

The enquiry has been passed to a Planning Officer who is yet to make contact.

*(3) Review Standing Orders.*

Deferred to a forthcoming Meeting after more research.

**142. District Councillors Report.**

District Councillor David Hurley reported that there was money available for local projects in the Councillor Community Grant scheme which will run until April 30th 2016.

TDC have installed a 50 solar panel system, expected to produce 14 kilowatts of electricity, at River Bank House. The prediction is that it will save the Council £1,700 a year on electricity bills and considerably reduce the TDC carbon footprint. TDC will also get paid for every unit of electricity it generates via the Feed In Tariff System. The system will pay for itself within 5 years and thereafter the power generated will be free. Over the 20 year life of the Feed In Tariff Scheme there will be an additional financial benefit to the Council of over £71,000.

The Torridge Transformation is proceeding apace with the car park at Riverbank House resurfaced and open to the public. Relocations from the Town Hall are underway and public bookings of rooms at the Town Hall are being discontinued.

David has been keeping an eye on the highway problem at Pitt and has asked the Highways Engineer to keep him informed of progress.

There is currently a vacancy for a Lead Member for Internal Resources at TDC.

Positive feed back has been received from the Lord Lieutenant of Devon following the visit of the Princess Royal to Holsworthy Agri-Business Centre recently.

Work is progressing with regard to the devolution of powers and associated funding to give Devon and Somerset greater influence over how Government money in this region. A lot of work is needed as there are 2 County Councils, 13 District Councils and 5 other bodies involved.

Priorities and non-priorities in the face of diminishing resources relating to the TDC Strategic Plan were discussed recently and decisions made will be fed into the Corporate Business Planning Cycle.

**Chairman** thanked David for attending and bringing us up to date.

**143. Planning.**

**(a) New Applications.**

(1) **1/0927/2015/OUT.** Residential development (Up to 2 dwellings). Highfield. Hay Hill. Shebbear.

All in Favour that No Objections be the response to TDC Planners.

(2) **1/1101/2015/FUL.** Proposed dwelling adjacent to 2 Halwill Cottages. Shebbear.

(This Item received since issue of the agenda and included to meet the response deadline of November 30th).

**Chairman R Clark** left the Meeting room and Vice Chairman E Haste took the Chair,

After discussion by Councillors and comments from members of the public present all were in agreement that the proposal could not be supported due to the small size of the plot and the likely impact on road safety from vehicles maneuvering in and out of the site. Objection.

**Chairman** returned to the room and reoccupied the Chair.

(b) Applications Granted

None received.

(c) Applications Refused.

- (1) **1/1011/2015/FUL.** *Extensions to existing dwelling. Coham Bridge House. Shebbear.*  
Received by Councillors.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

**144. Finance.**

Approval of Items for payment.

(1) *RBL Poppy appeal. Remembrance Day wreath.* £25-00

(2) *Reimburse Clerk for computer work.(£60-00). Postage stamps (£12-96)* £72-96

Recently received

(3) *Mr A Caudwell (Grasscutting).* £210-00

(4) *Devon Communities Together. Contribution towards cost of Housing Needs Survey.* £300-00

Proposed Councillor Haste, seconded Councillor Stupple, with all in favour, that Items 144 (1)(2)(3) (4) be paid.

Bank balances.

Current Account £9,733.97 Reserve Account £14,051.31. Received by Councillors.

**145. Correspondence.**

(1) *Tesco Stores Local Community Grant scheme.* Good Causes to benefit from charges for carrier bags.

(2) *DALC November newsletter.*(Circulation).

(3) *PCSO Baker. Police logs for October.* - 1 anti-social behaviour. 1 highway disruption. 1 assault.  
1 suspicious behaviour. 1 criminal damage. Crimes recorded - 1 assault. 2 criminal damage.  
1 burglary.

**146. Any Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday December 8th 2015 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.**

Clerk to establish with NALC/DALC whether any recent amendments to Standing Orders have been made.

Concerns raised over mud obstructing Footpath 9 as a result of the ongoing construction work at The College. Councillor Dungate will have a diplomatic word with the site foreman.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 8-53 pm.

Signed and Dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015