

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday October 11th 2011
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Clark.

Cllrs: H Davis. P Lomax. M Wells. J Stupple. T Carr. E Haste. J Dungate.

No members of the public. Clerk. David Walker.

Agenda. 2011. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

96. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Gliddon. (Holiday). Cllr J Curtis. (Unwell).

D/Cllr J Lewis. (Meeting elsewhere). PCSO Melissa Baker. (Off Duty).

97. Public Participation Period.

No requests received.

98. Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda/ Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

Cllr Davis declared a personal interest in Item 101(1), Wind Turbines, a family member is an active campaigner.

99. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday September 13th 2011.

All in agreement that the Draft Minutes, which had been previously circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

Tithe Map There was no further news at present regarding the condition and repair assessment being carried out by DCRO.

Grit Bins Despite the DCC official grit bin list indicating that a bin was in situ at Ackland Close when no bin is in place, Clerk has been informed that DCC have no record of a bin being requested. In any case, the cost of maintaining and topping up the 3000 bins in Devon is becoming difficult to justify and emphasis is shifting to the Snow Warden scheme and the supply of salt in bulk to parishes.

Clerk informed Cllrs that Robert McCurrach had also volunteered to be a Snow Warden. Training events are being arranged on October 18th and 20th, Clerk will ask Graeme Quance and Mr McCurrach if they can attend, Cllr Haste is not available on those dates.

Defective Road Signs. DCC have told Clerk that there is little prospect of the signposts at Hayes Cross and Rowden Chapel being repaired on grounds of cost. Only signs relating to road safety are being given attention.

TDC Planning Services feedback. Clerk has contact details should anyone feel the need to comment on the service provided.

101. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Public Meeting re Proposed wind turbines. The agreed meeting has been arranged for Tuesday October 18th at 7-30 in Shebbear Village Hall. It will be a parish council run meeting with normal Code of Conduct rules in place. Cllrs will be summoned in the usual way and the proceedings will be minuted. The provisional speaker list, with each speaker allotted 10 minutes, will be:

A TDC officer specialising in planning issues relating to turbines.

A TDC officer with specialist acoustics knowledge was invited but declined due to instances of heckling and intimidation. Instead Mike Wright from Shebbear, who can provide professional acoustics information has agreed to attend.

A representative from Infinergy, with experience of community turbine provision.

The Bursar from Shebbear College. Why a turbine would be a positive step for the College.

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101. (1) cont..

An existing turbine owner

A representative from CPRE.

A representative from the Shebbear Parishes Protection Group.

A break for refreshments will be made around 8-30pm and information panels can be inspected before the agenda resumes with a Q & A session. Feedback will then be taken from Shebbear parishioners in attendance and the meeting will end at approximately 10 pm.

All in agreement that these details form the basis of an agenda for circulation in the usual way.

(2) Parish Website. Shebbear Parish Council has been hosted, in very satisfactory fashion for some time, on the Shebbear and Buckland Filleigh Villages website. Recently Paul Watts, for personal reasons, has indicated that he was considering handing over the site to another person provided that the current identity of the site is preserved. As the website is a valuable local asset Cllrs considered options and agreed that if a person could be found who could work with Paul to administer the site, that might be agreeable to Paul. Chairman will speak with Paul about the suggestion.

Active Villages Initiative. Following on from the visit by James Jarroudi from TDC to the September meeting James is following up on a number of expressions of interest in different activities to be supported in the parish. Cllr Dungate reported that he had spoken to James about the possibility of dancing being considered.

102. District Councillors Report.

No report this month.

103. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

1/0899/2011/FUL. Demolition of agricultural building and extension to farmhouse. Southcombe Farm. Shebbear. For Mr B Ward. No Objections received.

(b) Applications Granted.

1/0714/2011/FUL. Change of use of stables to workshop for the repair of sporting guns. Highworthy. Shebbear.

(c) Applications Withdrawn.

None

(d) Relevant adjacent applications.

None.

104. Finance.

(a) To approve items for payment.

Proposed Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Lomax, with all in favour, that item numbers (1) to (5) inclusive be paid.

Bank Balances to Sep 30th, Current a/c - £8,685.12 Reserve a/c £12,523.47

(Reserve includes P3 balance of £1610.36).

Balances and 2nd quarter 2012 summary received by Cllrs.

In addition Cllrs agreed that the costs incurred by the planned meeting in the village hall on Oct 18th be taken from the village projects budget.

105. Correspondence.

(1) Holsworthy Area advisory group. October meeting minutes to circulation folder.

Items (2) to (6) inclusive received by Cllrs.

Cllrs Circulation. Received by members, plus recently arrived information relating to Jubilee Beacons 2012.

106. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda to be held on Tuesday November 8th 2011, and any other matters at the Chairmans discretion.

Local Grant Applications will be considered in December and reminders will be issued to current and potential recipients to submit their requests, together with a copy of their latest accounts, as soon as possible. An article has already been featured in Reflecting Shebbear on this subject.

Parish Plan review. The funding for the suggested review will also be considered in the December budgeting process for the 2013 financial year.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-06 pm.