

## **SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30 pm  
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

### **Present:**

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

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

J Stupple J Curtis. R Gliddon.

N Whatley. G Quance.

D Cllr Hurley. Clerk: M Whatley

14 Members of Public and 1 minor.

### **AGENDA. 2015. Commenced at 7-30 pm.**

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

#### **126. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Dymond (Working). PCSO Melissa Baker (Bereavement).

#### **127. Public Participation Period of 15 minutes.** For speakers registered in advance with the Clerk.

1. Statement of Intent. S Bentley-Jones. Outline Planning Application for up to 30 dwellings.  
Land off Pitt Lane, Shebbear.

2. Amanda Bonnefin (Architect for the above.

Simon Bentley-Jones confirmed he had submitted an outline application for 30 new dwellings, a mixed range from one bedroom to 5 bedrooms, 40% to be affordable (75% as social housing and the 25% as shared equity. Allowance for 70 car parking spaces across the site including garaging. Allowed for some unallocated spaces at top of site for visitors. Site is 1.75ha, area of development 1.5ha.

Several issues raised – sewage evaluation to be carried out. Concerns over increase in traffic. Cllr Haste raised the question of the DAA helicopter landing in this field. Simon Bentley-James confirmed a space for this could be incorporated into the scheme. Members also drew attention to the question of surface water drainage because of the flooding at the bottom of Pitt Hill.

Formal notification of the Planning Application has not yet been received from TDC.

**Chairman thanked Simon Bentley-Jones and Amanda Bonnefin for their presentation.**

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial)

Cllr Haste withdrew his Pecuniary Interest in Durpley Farm.

(b) Registerable interests. None.

© Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None.

#### **129. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed**

Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour that the Minutes be signed as correct record.

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

a) Planning.

Eastfield, Shebbear.

Conversion of Stable to Annexe.

- Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council support this application.
- b) Brambley Barton, Shebbear.  
Removal of Condition 1 Agricultural Tie.  
Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council strongly oppose this application.
- c) Dipper Mill Farm, Shebbear.  
Conversion of three agricultural buildings to dwellings under Class Q.  
Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council support conversion of the stone barn. However. Shebbear Parish Council does not approve of farm sheds for conversion and the other two buildings are Steel frame portal agricultural buildings with asbestos roofs on pad foundations, and Shebbear Parish Council recommends that TDC refuse planning on these.
- d) Durpley Farm, Stibb Cross.  
Construction of slurry store and reception pit.  
Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council supports this application with concerns that the Environment Agency appear not to have been consulted.  
Wayleaves.  
Received a letter from Western Power confirming that future wayleave payments on the two poles in the Square and Back Lane will be made to Shebbear Parish Council. Current rates will be £22.79 per annum. Cheque received for £149.20 which covers this year's rental and the statutory 6 years arrears.  
Church Clock.  
Cumbria Clock Co to service St Michael's Church clock, Shebbear on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

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

None.

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

(1) Local Plan Re-Consultation.

Chairman reported the Local Plan was now with the Inspector and that he, Cllr Hurley and Clerk had attended a meeting with Dawn Burges at TDC to discuss minor revisions. Chairman was satisfied and proposed Shebbear Parish Council respond, 'broadly in support of the revisions. Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour. Clerk to respond to TDC.

(2) Update on Balleroy Close.

Chairman reported that the piece of land with three 'Refusals' on it has been cleared and the huge conifer trees have been trimmed with owners' permission. There is a rumour that construction may begin here with retrospective planning being applied for. Cllr Hurley had inspected the site and the Enforcement Officer is already involved and would be listening to residents' complaints.

(3) P3 Footpaths.

Clerk reported that the footpath warden had no inspected all the footpaths in the Parish and reported that maintenance work (signs, bridges, cutting out, gates, etc) amounted to approximately £3,000. They had put in hand the first phase, which included new gates and gate posts to FP3, Church Field, and new 2 in 1 gate just north of Cautedown, which comes out at Paddon Cottage, FP12.

(4) DAA Floodlit Landing Site. To be discussed at a future date.

(5) Risk Assessment – Oak Tree in Square.

Clerk had received a quotation from Bruce Macfarlane, Arboricultural Consultant, to survey the oak tree in the square for Health and Safety and recommend any management works required, in the sum of £75.00. All in favour that Clerk put this survey in hand.

(6) Ackland Close – Property to Let.

Clerk had received detail of a property in Ackland Close to let from Devon Home Choice, who had asked if Shebbear Parish Council could help in any way to find a tenant.

(7) Cllr Quance reported the flood warning light was continually flashing at Libbear. Clerk to report to Cllr Hackett.

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

- (1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period. None.

### 134. 1. Chairman welcomed C Cllr Parsons to the Meeting and invited him to speak.

#### Longhouse Hospice, Holsworthy.

Cllr Parsons reported that a presentation had been made to the Longhouse Hospice by Steven Roberts, Chief Executive for North Devon Hospice, in recognition of their performance helping people right across Our society to access care and support. Mindful we may be losing the hospital in Holsworthy.

Highways. Challenging the way the highways work. The new contract has been awarded to Skanska, a Swedish company based in the U.K. who won this on cost and communication, effective from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

#### Library Service and Youth Service Contract.

Library Service is doing a lot more now, and the Youth Service Contract has also been operating well, which was set up to encourage young vulnerable people to explore their talents and discover new interests.

**Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for his attendance and input.**

### 2. District Councillor's Report.

#### **Chairman welcomed D Cllr Hurley to the Meeting.**

Brambley Barton. – Application to remove agri-tie has been refused. Cllr Hurley had been having conversations with the agent regarding a possible Appeal.

#### MCTI Holsworthy.

At a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October, Police and Crime Commissioner Aliso Hernandez outlined her views with regard to local policing. Hopes to have more officers to deploy in rural areas. Also would like to give more teeth to local Speed watch teams.

101 call times reduced from 45 minutes waiting one year ago to 4 minutes now. Website where 101 reports can be logged – [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk)

Community messaging ..... text sent to registered residents alerting them to incidents in their locality.

#### Council Community Grant.

Grants so far have included £25K for a community shop extension in St Giles on the Heath, £32K for the Stanhope cricket pavilion refurbishment in Holsworthy, and £23K for the refurbishment of Torrington Museum. Langtree Parish Hall has just been awarded nearly £16,000. Smaller Ward refurbishments in High Bickington, equipment for bowling clubs and village hall kitchen refurbishments. Details to apply are on TDC's website. Not too late to apply as there is still money in the fun. Air Ambulance floodlights?

#### North Devon Link Road.

Consultation results have been released and can be viewed at [www.devon.gov.uk/ndlr](http://www.devon.gov.uk/ndlr)

The Consultation received over 1,300 replies. Despite dualling being ruled out in the report, projected costs seem to have increased to £200 million as there is now a willingness to consider dualling from Portmore to Roundswell, which would mean that drivers could move far more quickly around the outskirts of Barnstaple.

#### Local Government Boundary Commission.

Still time for local people to have their say on new council ward boundaries across Torridge. **View**

**interactive map of the proposals for Torridge at [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk)**

Virtually all Wards will change in their makeup. Holsworthy Hamlets is split out from Holsworthy Town, leaving the two Holsworthy Members to represent the electors in the town, eleven 'new' rural Wards have been created which have been named. Torridge Council's proposals can be found on the Council website.

Members of the public can make their views known via the commission's website. A final recommendation will be made in January 2017 for the implementation after the Elections in May 2019.

**Chairman thanked Cllr Hurley for his report.**

### 135. Planning.

#### (a) New Applications.

None.

#### (b) Applications Granted.

(1) **1/0793/2016/FUL. Eastfield, Shebbear, Devon.**

**Conversion of Stable to Annexe.**

#### (c) Applications Refused.

**1/0795/2016/FUL. Brambley Barton, Shebbear Devon EX21 5HN.  
Removal of Condition 1 Agricultural Tie of Application 1/1146/1996.**

**136. Finance.**

- (a) To approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr Income & Expenditure Account.  
Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Whatley. All in favour.
- (b) Tap Funding.  
Clerk reported Shebbear had not yet joined up with another Parish re Tap Funding. Clerk to approach Highampton Parish Council.  
Approval of Items for payment.
- (c) Grant Thornton. Audit fee. £120.00
- (d) Re-imburse Clerk for inkjets £22.89  
Proposed Cllr Gliddon, Seconded Cllr Dungate, that Items (c) and (d) be paid. All in favour.

**Bank Balances**

Current Account: £11,390.783 Reserve Account: £14,057.23

**137. Correspondence.**

- (1) PCSO Melissa Baker Police Report.  
None received.
- (2) Letter received from Mr David Johns (Brambley Barton).  
Clerk read the letter to the members. Cllr Hurley stated that he had spoken with Mr Bunt of Kivells, Who was disappointed by the result and would be taking instructions from his client.  
Councillors agreed to let the matter drop on the letter from David Johns.
- (3) Faster Broadband (Circulated).
- (4) SW Highways Contract (Circ).
- (5) Landscape Partnership Meeting (Circ). Cancelled.
- (6) MCTI Meeting (Circ).  
(Items (3) – (6) received by the Councillors.

**Circulation File.**

Local Government Boundary Commission. Devon Home Choice. Hags. Devon Rural Housing. DALC Annual Report. Clerks & Councils Direct. Glasdon. Planning List 05/09/16. NatWest Updating Terms. Concrete Works Sale Particulars. Landscape Partnership Meeting.

- 138. Any Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday November 8th 2016 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.**

**The Meeting closed at 9-20pm.**

Signed .....

Dated .....