

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2017 at 7.30 pm.
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors: Vice Chairman A Maidment. G Quance. J Stupple.

J Dungate. J Curtis. N Whatley. J Franklin.

C Cllr B Parsons. D Cllr D Hurley. PCSO Melissa Baker.

1 Member of Public. Clerk M Whatley

AGENDA. 2017.

72. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Gliddon (working).

73. Public Participation Period of 15 minutes. For speakers registered in advance, with the Clerk. None.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

None.

(b) Registerable Interests.

None.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests. .

None.

76. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday September 12th 2017, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Maidment, seconded Cllr Curtis, all in favour that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

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

Wrote to John Franklin, inviting him to fill the vacancy as new co-opted Councillor and take his seat at the PC Meeting on 10th October, with copy of Code of Contract, Registration of Interests Form and Declaration Form to be completed.

Wrote to Cllr Kate Dymond on her retirement from the Council, thanking her for her contribution to the Parish. Contacted TDC and informed them of the election of Cllr Franklin and resignation of Cllr Dymond, and put up a Vacancy Notice on the notice boards, web pages and new Facebook page.

Arranged meeting for interviews to fill the vacancy left by Cllr Dymond.

Planning. Responded to TDC on five planning applications at Holroyds Farm, Shebbear, to cover existing yards and silage clamps. Shebbear Parish Council had no objections.

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

None.

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

(1) To consider applications for the vacancy for co-opted Parish Councillor and approve a new Member following the resignation of Cllr Kate Dymond.

Chairman asked members to propose one of the four candidates previously interviewed to be the new Co-opted Member, to be seconded; he would ask for further nominations followed by a vote by show of hands in alphabetical order. Cllr Whatley nominated Paul Isaacs, seconded Cllr Dungate. Cllr Stupple nominated

Tina Watson, seconded Cllr Curtis. No further nominations. Councillors voted 3 to 2 in favour of Paul Isaacs. Clerk to write to Paul to confirm the decision, and invite him to attend the November meeting.

(2) Memorial plaque for Richard Tiner.

Clerk had made enquiries as to the cost of a suitable memorial plaque with stainless steel starting at £22.00 for a single plaque up to £75.00 for stone. Agreed that a stainless steel plaque be ordered and placed in the entrance lobby to the village hall with a dedication to Dr Tiner. Clerk to contact Lee Duckworth regards inscription and order suitable plaque.

(3) Opening Day Ceremony for Night Landing Site.

Chairman suggested a date at the beginning of December to coincide with BL Bingo to ensure a good turnout as Dr Tiner's brother is being invited. Chairman to contact James Inniss.

(4) Shebbear Development Map.

Chairman asked Cllr Hurley if he could provide a map from TDC which shows the parish from Church Farm to Battledown Cross. He confirmed the signboard had been moved to Cllr Whatley's workshop for painting.

(5) Parish Councillor Training – Nov 14th 6.45 – 9.00pm. Black Torrington £15.00 pp.

Clerk to book places for those who wished to attend.

79a) PCSO Melissa Baker was present at the meeting and Chairman asked for her report at this juncture as he was aware she was on duty.

Calls and logs received for the past month.

Calls – 4 – 1 domestic related, 1 nuisance anti-social behaviour and 2 suspicious circumstances.

Crimes – 2 -1 theft by finding & 1 send letter/communication/article conveying indecent/offensive message.

Chairman thanked Melissa for attending the meeting and for her report.

80. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period

None.

81. District Councillor's Report.

Chairman introduced D Cllr Hurley to the meeting.

North Devon Link and County Officers Meeting

Officers from DCC updated both TDC and North Devon Councillors of their plans to bid for money from a pot that the Government have for road upgrades. There had been a suggestion made recently by County that TDC could borrow against the S106 payments schedules to come from six developments in Torridge. This is an unreliable way to finance a project since the money would not be available unless the proposed developments come forward and that is by no means certain. County will offer to undertake the works agreed through a S106 agreement (roundabouts, new or upgraded road junctions).

Gypsies

In addition to this information about the plans for the Link Road the question frequently asked "Since a permanent site for Gypsies and Travellers is proving difficult to find, why not use the now closed rest areas adjacent to the A39?" County wouldn't entertain this idea as they have a plan which if it comes to fruition will improve the Link road right down to the Torridge Bridge. So they will eventually need the capacity which both of those laybys can provide in terms of land, and would not even consider a short term use for Travellers in the meantime.

Torridge Bridge Bideford.

The repair of the end of life expansion joints at the Torridge Bridge in Bideford will commence on 2nd January 2018 between the hours of 19.00 hrs and 07.00 hrs under traffic lights. Outside these working hours a temporary working plate will be operational to allow two way traffic to flow but a 20mph speed limit will be in operation. Works are expected to last for 12 weeks approx.

Electoral Register.

Every year all Councils update their Electoral Register and as part of this every residential property in the Torridge District has been sent a Household Registration Form. Every household needs to reply every year in order to stay on the electoral register so that they can vote in future elections, even if there are no changes to record. Over 85% of properties in the area have responded to the forms, but 15% of properties have yet

to respond. Canvassers will visit the 15% who have not yet responded between 7th October and November, and failure to register may affect your credit rating, which may lead to difficulty when applying for mortgages, credit cards or even a mobile phone contract. Residents can either hand the completed form to the canvasser, return the form in the post to the Council, respond online or by telephone.

Planning Breaches.

It is difficult to monitor transgression from planning permission. We, as members of the public, are often the eyes and ears of the Enforcement Team. On 2nd October, TDC's Planning Enforcement Team successfully prosecuted a resident for failing to comply with a planning enforcement notice. Breaches included: changing the access, making a hard standing, change of use, using vehicles for residential purposes, and the siting of storage containers. The Judge said that this was a case of flagrant breaches of planning laws, which had gone on for several years and which had created an eyesore in an agricultural area. A fine of £1,000 was imposed together with £3,000 in court costs. Failure to pay within 12 months will result in a 28 day prison term.

Devon Highways – Parish & Town Council Conferences 2017.

The confirmed dates and venues for the above are:-

Tuesday 7 November – Clinton Hall, Merton

Friday 10th November – Willand Village Hall

Tuesday 14th November – High Bickington Community Centre

Thursday 16th November – Rattery Village Hall

Torridge Transformation Programme

The new building is taking shape at Riverbank and it is hoped that it will be fully occupied by staff by Christmas. Bridge Buildings to either be leased or sold.

New Homes Bonus

The New Homes Bonus Community Grants Scheme is now into a second year and this year alone over £334,000 will be allocated to worthy community based projects both large and small. Added to the previous year's total this will have resulted in over £750,000 being handed out to over 100 projects. The range of schemes has been quite diverse from parish hall refurbishments, to primary school garden creations, to helicopter landing lights!. I've just helped Shebbear school to obtain funding for the children's garden and also funding for the roof of the hall at Newton St Petrock.

Chairman thanked Cllr David Hurley for his extremely comprehensive and informative report.

Chairman welcomed C Cllr Barry Parsons to the Meeting.

Cllr Parsons congratulated Paul Isaacs on his election to be the new co-opted member for Shebbear Parish Council.

Schools. The School Minister has announced that schools across Devon stand to gain £7.5m more than the Government's proposed new funding formula. However, children's services in our schools are still £265.00 down per child. One of the issues which has come up is that we have a number of children who have special needs. There is still a long way to go to get Devon up to the national average of funding for our children in Devon schools.

Highways. Had a meeting today with five County Council Officers, and agreed the dates for this year's highway conferences with the town and parish councils in an effort to ensure that the Government funding is spent where it is needed the most.

Hospitals. Very keen to establish a front as to what is happening in our hospitals in West Devon and North Devon. With both Torrington and Holsworthy Hospitals closed, there is not one hospital bed in Torridge and this has to be addressed as soon as possible.

Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for giving up his valuable time for Shebbear when he has so many other commitments.

82. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

None.

(b) Applications Granted

- (1) 1/709/2017/LC. Pittbridge, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.
Conversion of Barn to Holiday Cottage.**

Received by the Councillors

**(2) 1/708/2017/FUL. Pittbridge, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.
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© Applications Refused

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

83. Finance.

(1) To Approve 2nd Qtr Income & Expenditure Account to 30/09/17.

Proposed Cllr Curtis, seconded Cllr Maidment, that the accounts be adopted.

(2) To receive Certified Annual Return for Shebbear Parish Council for the year ended 31/03/2017.

Received by the Councillors.

(3) Approval of Items for payment.

(a) DALC – Cllr Maidment’s Training Course £30.00 inc VAT.

(b) Glasdon Litter Bin - £188.29 inc VAT (see Mins 65 (3)).

Proposed Cllr Dungate, seconded Cllr Stuppel, all in favour that items (a) and (b) be paid.

(4) **Received after the Agenda was circulated -**

Invoice from FAB Trees for £275 for trimming the landing site, part of agreed payment out of Helipad Fund Mins 162 (1a)

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour that the invoice be paid.

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £13,811.71

Reserve Account: £14,059.70

Includes £4,635.30 ring-fenced for Helipad Fund,
£1,200 initial payment, £97.50 planning, £67.20 OS maps

84. Correspondence.

(1) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.

See Mins (79a)

(2) DAA Grant Offer Letter.

We as Parish Council agreed we would bankroll the Helipad night landing site, and the DAA have agreed to award a Grant of £2,775.22 towards the associated installations costs. Clerk to accept the offer.

Circulation File.

Parish Council Weekly Lists. PCSO Melissa Baker Police Report. Update Holsworthy Rural (Cllr Parsons). North Devon Hospice. Nat West Unarranged overdraft fees.

85. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday November 21st 2017 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no further Business, Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed

Dated