

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday September 10th 2013
in the Church Room. Shebbear.**

Present:

Chairman: Councillor T Carr

Councillors: J Curtis. J Stupple. M A Wells. R Clark. J Dungate. P Lomax.

County Councillor B Parsons (7-47 pm). District Councillor D Hurley.

5 Members of the public. Clerk. D Walker.

Prior to the commencement of official business Clerk reported that Apologies had been received from Chairman H Davis and Vice Chairman E Haste, who were both away, and that members should agree that one of their number present should take the Chair and conduct the Meeting. All were in favour that Councillor T Carr act as Chairman for the September Meeting.

AGENDA. 2013. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

Councillor Carr opened the Meeting, confirmed with members present that they were in agreement with him occupying the Chair, and welcomed all present.

104. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor H Davis (Away). Councillor E Haste (Away). Councillor R Gliddon (Unwell).

105. Public Participation Period.

No requests received.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests.

None received.

(b) Registerable interests.

None received.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None received.

107. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday August 13th 2013.

All in agreement, that the Draft Minutes, which had been previously circulated, be approved and signed by Chairman as a correct record after the words "*and also to follow up the points raised by Councillor Dungate regarding surface dressing of local roads, the hazards caused by surplus chippings, and whether the type of chipping used is appropriate*" (Added after "Valley View", **Item 103**).

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

Clerk reported that, regarding August Item 98(3) the narrowing of the road at Smokey House, He had verified that both Road Narrows road signs were in place and that Richard White had kindly cut back the hedge next to the sign on the Farthinglands side of the location. A request to Highways that SLOW should be painted on the road as an additional precaution had been denied due to severe financial constraints, plus the fact that the location did not have a record as an accident blackspot.

Regarding the Local Bus Service survey, this has been publicised on the parishes website and the noticeboard, and to date no responses have been received by the Clerk.

Clerk had contacted Highways and asked, for the 3rd time, for the blocked gully by Arden House to be cleaned, (August Item 103). Highways state that all gullies in the village had been cleaned by SWH between June 21st and 24th but that the one in question must have been missed. They will be asked to revisit.

Highways had also been asked about the programme of surface dressing that had been carried out locally during the summer and the concerns raised about hazards caused by surplus chippings. The local engineer had visited the sites and checked that the loose chippings had been swept up promptly. Councillors also received a lengthy description of the surface dressing process, sent by message from Highways.

Chairman raised the matter of the Parish Plan and what the current situation was. It was understood that some committee members were trying to arrange a get together to regenerate activity and that Ralph Human had stated his intention to step back from the project and wished it every success. Councillors suggested that matters might restart now that the holiday period was over, and that, if necessary in the next few months, to start from scratch with new members, involving the whole parish.

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

Agreed - all items to be Part 1.

110. Any urgent agenda business or correspondence brought forward with the approval of the Chairman.
None.

111. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Replacement of bus shelter.

Councillors received the site survey carried out by GoShelters which concluded that there were no foreseen problems associated with the installation of the shelter already agreed for purchase, which would occupy a slightly smaller footprint than the existing.

It was brought to the attention of those present that a member of the public had suggested that it would be better for the existing shelter to be refurbished rather than installing a new structure which would not suit the iconic status of The Square.

Councillors pointed out that before agreeing the choice of shelter for purchase careful thought had been given to the appearance of the structure as the importance of The Square as a focal point within the parish is acknowledged. The existing structure has been repaired several times already and a replacement in timber would be too expensive. The colour of the new shelter will be selected to be as sympathetic as possible with the existing.

Proposed Councillor Dungate, seconded by Councillor Lomax, with all favour, that Clerk should proceed with the purchase.

County Councillor Parsons offered to assist if required.

(2) Dog bin for New Inn.

Request received from residents at New Inn as dog mess was being placed in the litter bin where the children wait for the school bus, the nearest dog bins being at Haycross Hill or Lake Chapel entrance.

Proposed Councillor Clark, seconded Councillor Wells with all in favour, that Clerk arrange with TDC for purchase and installation of one dog bin at a suitable location to be identified.

(3) Northern Devon Green Infrastructure Survey.

Councillor Lomax offered to receive comments from members and include them on the survey response.

(4) Annual review of fixed assets.

Councillors received the updated assets list following the annual inspection carried out by Councillor Lomax and Clerk.

Agreed that replacement of seats be placed on the October agenda as a number had been identified as being in unsatisfactory condition. Also that the wooden slats on a number of seats would benefit from cleaning.

Agreed that Clerk write to the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee to formally transfer ownership of the play equipment purchased last year with Section 106 funds and sited on the playing field.

112. District Councillors Report.

Chairman welcomed newly elected District Councillor David Hurley to his first Shebbear Parish Council meeting.

David firstly reported that the Town and Parishes Fund (TAP) has been extended for a further year with £1.10 per elector being available, which for Shebbear will be £845. A joint application can be made by more than 2 parishes, and can be done on-line. Requests will have to be made by 28th Feb 2014 and the current scheme ends on 31st March 2014.

The Local Heritage List is again available and the Cosy Devon home energy efficiency scheme is being resurrected with TDC being involved.

Clerk to obtain details of these 3 schemes and make them available to Councillors.

District Councillor Hurley also recommended that Councillors look at the instruction videos relating to defibrillators and maybe reconsider their decision not to install one in Shebbear.

Chairman thanked David for his attendance and wished him well for the future before inviting County Councillor Barry Parsons to address the meeting.

Barry said he was delighted to be working with District Councillor Hurley and went on to urge the parish council to take advantage of the funds that exist, not only the TAP Fund, but the grants that himself and David Hurley can make from the funds they have available.

After being thanked by Chairman, County Councillor Parsons left the Meeting at 8-40pm.

113. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

1/0600/2013/FUL. Siting of Portacabin for business use (B1). Badworthy Farm. Shebbear.

Councillors welcomed the local business initiative and SUPPORT the application.

(b) Applications Granted.

1/0484/2013/FUL. Stable and sand school. South Hay Farmhouse. Shebbear. (For private use only).

Received by Councillors.

(c) Any relevant adjacent applications.

(1) 1/1250/2011/FUL. 3 no wind turbines at Dunsland Cross. Information re appeal process received by Councillors.

(2) 1/0668/2013/2013/FUL. Erection of 100kw 46m wind turbine at Bilsford Farm. Buckland Brewer.

(3) 1/0654/2013/FUL. Erection of 250kw 45m wind turbine at Langtree Moor Lane. Langtree.

Councillor Carr will assess whether items (2) and (3) will have a significant negative impact on Shebbear parish and report back.

114. Finance.

(1) Approval of Items for payment

Proposed Councillor Clark, seconded Councillor Stupple, with all in favour, that agenda items (a) (b) and (c) be paid.

Bank Balances to August 30th 2013.

Current account - £5,408.37 Reserve account - £15,534.43 Received by the Councillors.

115. Correspondence.

(1) Mr J Brock. Bus Shelter. Received by the Councillors.

(2) Information Commissioner. Re Complaint by Mr J Brock. Received by the Councillors.

Councillors Circulation Received by the Councillors.

116. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday October 8th 2013, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairmans discretion.

Replacement of public seats.

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