

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday September 8th 2015 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors: Vice Chairman E Haste. J Stupple. A Maidment. J Curtis. R Gliddon. G Quance.

District Councillor D Hurley. 1 member of the public.

Janice Alexander (Devon Communities Together). Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2015. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

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

108. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor J Dungate (Working). Councillor K Dymond (Working).

109. Public Participation Period.

No requests to speak received.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial). None received.

(b) Registerable interests. None received.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests. None received.

Chairman welcomed Janice Alexander from Devon Communities Together who was present to outline the detailed results of the completed Draft Housing Needs Survey and to answer any queries arising. Chairman reminded Members that the Survey had been instigated in light of the proposed development at West Country Concrete and that the proprietor, Mr Rumsam, was keen to see the results. As TDC had made a substantial contribution towards the cost of the survey it would be right that TDC should have first sight of the document when approved.

After a number of points raised had been clarified by Janice, Chairman commented that the high response rate of 37.5 % must make the survey a valid indication of the parish housing needs and suggested that a summary of the results be included in the October Reflecting Shebbear magazine. All in favour. Chairman then thanked Janice for her attendance and assistance throughout the preparation of the Survey. Janice asked that she be informed of the finalisation of the survey before leaving the Meeting at 7-55 pm.

111. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday August 11th 2015, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Maidment, seconded by Councillor Curtis, with all in favour that the August 11th Meeting Minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

Draft Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday August 25th 2015, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Maidment, seconded by Councillor Curtis, with all in favour that the August 25th Extraordinary Meeting Minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

Clerk reported that a resident at Pitt had drawn attention to a subsidence of the side of the highway which, if not attended to, will result in the edge of the road and the verge collapsing into the water course next to the road. Councillor Haste and District Councillor Hurley had visited the site before the Meeting and were of the opinion that there could be serious consequences if a vehicle tipped over into the stream. Clerk had already reported the matter to Highways and the Local Engineer had said that the problem would be investigated. Agreed, that Clerk ask Highways if a Councillor could be present at the inspection. Clerk had also contacted Highways about the safety concerns raised over the deep roadside ditch between Wootton and Pitt Hill at Watergate. Highways were unable to take any action due to financial constraints.

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

None.

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

None.

115. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) *Housing Needs Survey.*

Following the discussion and clarifications earlier in the Meeting it was proposed by Councillor Curtis and seconded by Councillor Stupple, with all in favour, that the draft Housing Needs Survey be approved and accepted for use, initially being made available to TDC for their information.

(2) *Dog bin for The Folly, Rowden.*

Agreed, that Clerk contact TDC to obtain details and cost of purchasing and siting a dog bin adjacent to The Folly entrance. Also to persuade TDC to include the emptying in the current round. Some amusement was caused when it was pointed out that a red dog bin sited close to a red letter box might have unfortunate consequences. Clerk to ask if a green bin was available.

(3) *Review Standing Orders.*

Item deferred until the October Meeting.

(4) *Annual Fixed Asset check.*

Mainly as a result of the extra Meeting in August Clerk had been unable to arrange to carry out the inspection. Inspection to be done in September.

116. District Councillors Report.

District Councillor Hurley commented further on the layby at Fore Street, Holemoor. DCC had stipulated that the wooden fencing had to be removed from the layby within a certain time frame. This was ignored and so it is back to DCC for the next move.

As DCC Highways were refusing to carry out improvements to the road surface in The Square, David and County Councillor Parsons entered into negotiations with the local Highway Engineer which resulted in the patching work being carried out.

The Customer Hub consultation in relation to the possible closure of the Holsworthy and Torrington Council Offices has met with a very poor response. However TDC can do no more than ask, if the public do not respond then their views cannot be taken into account. The consultation ends on September 21st.

Rowden Chapel: David had spoken to the planning officer dealing with the application to the extension and alterations to the Chapel. The applicant has agreed to modify the new roof windows so that they are set flush with the roof and do not detract from the original appearance of the chapel. It is understood that the appearance of the proposed extension does not appeal to some eyes, but the alternative, if the application were to be refused, might entail alterations to the chapel itself, which is not a listed building. If the alterations met building and planning regulations TDC would be powerless to prevent them.

The new TDC website was launched in April and any feedback from customers would be appreciated.

The Torridge Transformation at the District Council is proceeding, the IT section should move to River Bank House by the end of this year and the car park at RBH is being resurfaced. Improvements are afoot to improve the facilities available to Customer Services staff.

Chairman thanked David for compiling his report and presenting it to the Meeting.

117. Planning.

- (a) New Applications. None received.
- (b) Applications Granted
1/0565/2015/CPE. Compliance of Conditions 1 – 14 inclusive on application 1/0235/2013/FUL to finalise the project from a planning perspective. (Affecting Public Right of Way). Wind Turbine at Alscott Farm, Shebbear. Received by the Councillors.
- (c) Applications Refused. None received.
- (d) Any relevant adjacent applications. None received.
- (e) Notification of Appeals against Refusals. None received.

118. Finance.

- (1) Approval of Items for payment.
 - (a) *Information Commissioner. Annual registration fee. £35-00*
 - (b) *Mr A Caudwell. Grasscutting. £210.00*

Proposed by Councillor Stupple, seconded by Councillor Curtis, with all in favour, that Items 1(a) and 1(b) be paid.

Bank balances.

Current Account £5,489.53 Reserve Account £14,050.09. Received by the Councillors.

119. Correspondence.

- (1) *TDC. Parish Emergency (evacuation of casualties).* Following a serious traffic accident between Holsworthy and Clawton a few months ago the District Council intends to compile a list of premises in the area suitable for temporary reception of casualties. (Cllrs Circulation).
- (2) *Financial Services Compensation Scheme.* (Cllrs Circulation).
- (3) *Lake Chapel.* October 9th sees the commencement of celebrations to mark the 200th Anniversary of the formation of The Bible Christian Movement. Posters on the noticeboard have all the details.

Circulation folder

H Devon Hospice - funding.

120. Any Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday October 13th 2015 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 8-55 pm.