

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 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.

D Cllr D Hurley. 2 Members of Public. Clerk M Whatley

AGENDA. 2017.

59. Apologies for Absence.

C Cllr Parsons (Meeting). Cllr Gliddon (another engagement). PCSO Melissa Baker (working).

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

61. 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 received.

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

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Dungate, all in favour that the draft Minutes be signed as a true record.

Cllr Quance arrived late and apologised to the Chairman.

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

Notified TDC of three unoccupied properties within the Parish, 1 Halwill Cottage opposite the School and 1 & 2 Ashleigh Cottages, Shebbear, EX21 5SN.

Arranged meeting between Toby Russell of DAA, MAT Electrics and our Chairman regards the position of the lighting column for the night landing site.

Arranged interviews for 5 candidates to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council following the resignation of Cllr Ted Haste.

Submitted the letter from Peter Parkes re Local Planning Issues to Reflecting Shebbear magazine as discussed at the last meeting.

Notified TDC of the resignation of Cllr Kate Dymond and put up the relevant Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor on Noticeboards for the 14 day probationary period.

Arranged Extra-Ordinary Meeting to discuss the planning application for Dougies Field, Shebbear, and responded to TDC that members had voted 2 against, 4 in favour, subject to the application being limited to a maximum of 8 dwellings.

Invited local organisations to apply for the annual Council Grants and submitted a paragraph for the October edition of Reflecting Shebbear, with a deadline for applications of 30th November.

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

None.

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

- (1) To consider applications for the vacancy of Co-opted Parish Councillor and approve a new Member following the resignation of Cllr Ted Haste.

Chairman asked members to propose one of the candidates previously interviewed to be the new Co-opted Member, to be seconded; he would ask for further proposals followed by a vote by show of hands. Cllr Stuppel nominated John Franklin, Seconded Cllr Whatley. No further nominations. Councillors voted unanimously that John Franklin should be invited to fill the vacancy as co-opted Councillor.

Clerk to write to John to confirm the decision, and invite him to attend the October meeting.

- (2) Resignation of Cllr Kate Dymond.

Letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Kate Dymond due to pressures of work. Kate was elected as a Councillor in January 2014, and had made considerable input on various issues.

Clerk to write and thank Kate for her contribution.

Clerk to contact TDC and arrange for the Notice of vacancy in Office of Councillor to be displayed on the Council Noticeboards for a probationary period of 14 days. If a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made to the Returning Officer by ten electors, an election will be held to fill the vacancy. Chairman confirmed he had obtained verbal quote for the cost to Shebbear if an election was called in the sum of £2,000. After the 14 day probationary period a Co-option Notice could be placed on the Notice boards, candidates interviewed and a member Co-opted.

- (3) New Waste Bin at the entrance to Barn Close.

Various makes of bin discussed in the region of £156 - £180. Chairman proposed a quote be obtained from TDC. Clerk to approach Richard Haste, Manager of Recycling. If no success, Clerk to proceed with order from another source.

- (4) New Parish Map.

Chairman had spoken with Paddy Gillies concerning a redundant sign sited at Lake Industrial Estate, 8' x 4' and felt this could be utilised to overprint with a new parish map showing the proposed development sites. Cllr Whatley asked, if the project got off the ground, where the map would be sited. Chairman replied that firstly it would be used for a public meeting and following this, with Rev Warren and Trustees' permission, perhaps housed in the Church Room.

- (5) DALC Planning Course.

Chairman asked D Cllr Hurley whether David Green, Planning Manager at TDC, had any further training planning meetings in the pipeline. "Not as far as he was aware" was the response. A number of members expressed interest in the planned meeting at Ashwater. Clerk to liaise with Ashwater Parish Clerk.

- (6) Report on Meeting with Community School 11th Sept.

Chairman reported that this had been set up to look at the implications for the increased number of children who might be at the school in view of the number of houses proposed. The concern was how the school would operate with severe lack of space. The meeting lasted about ½ hour and attending were Brian Bowler (in the Chair), Cllr Clark, Jason Quance, Jill Cooper, Jill Fowler, Leanne Marshall, Head Teacher Mrs Hutton, Cllr Jane McGuinnis, supported by Hannah Alcocks. Chairman outlined a futuristic project whereby the school could be relocated to the village hall and a new village hall built at a cost of approx £2000 per sq m. This would include the potential to remove the village's road safety black spot.

- (7) Report on progress on night landing site.

Chairman reported on a meeting he had attended with Toby Russell from DAA and Tim from the contractors. Chose a location for the lighting column approx 1m from the back wall of the hall, to be placed at a very small angle so that pool of light is in the centre of the field. Electrical pickup will be from the consumer unit in the committee room. The contractor may put in separate unit rather than use a spare way in the present one, as all those ways are protected by RCD and should there should be an earth trip, then the light would go out. Adjacent to the cupboard they will place control unit on the wall with a SIM card in it and an extension aerial so that the light can be controlled from the helicopter. SIM will be from EE. Cllr Maidment queried this as there is no reception from EE. Another provider would be chosen.

- (8) **Cllr Dungate asked if he might raise the issue of Social Media.**

Following on from the 'Dougies Field' planning application, complaints had been received that parishioners did not receive advanced notice of Council business despite this being advertised on the Council Noticeboards located by the shop and at New Inn and on the Parish website. Cllr Dungate proposed the Council should use Social Media and asked whether members felt a Parish Council Facebook page should be set up. It was agreed that Cllr Dungate would set this up, to be used for planning

Agendas, Minutes, Notices, etc. but not general chit chat. All in favour.

66. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

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

67. District Councillor's Report.

Chairman welcomed D Cllr Hurley to the Meeting.

Meg Booth reply.

Cllr Hurley had requested more information from Meg Booth (Interim Head of Highways at DCC) with regard the likelihood of communities and PC's being involved in the prioritising of local roads and hence expediting repairs on roads that matter. She had hoped to be able to produce plans by now to share with communities so that they could comment on the existing hierarchy". When I hear more, I will advise the Council.

HAAG/TAAG

A joint meeting at Langtee on Thursday has a full Agenda. A Local Plan Update, a slot for Devon, Cornwall and Dorset Police, an update on rural broadband and public Electric Vehicle charging stations from DCC. Richard Haste (Torrridge W+R Manager) will provide an update on waste and recycling. From 1st September, Torrridge have extended the range of plastic materials they will pick up in the weekly recycling collections to include nearly all types of plastics, the only exception being black plastic. Residents will now be able to put clear food trays plastic bottles, margarine tubs and yoghurt pots, into their green boxes. Time has been set aside for the meeting to split into two groups, Rural and Urban, to discuss items raised by the relevant Town/Parish Councils.

Road patching from Caute to Shebbear

Inspected the road prior to this meeting. DCC said that this patching would take place prior to resurfacing next year so at least part of the exercise has taken place.

Brunswick Wharf

A meeting was held in which councillors were given a presentation about the redevelopment of Brunswick Wharf in Bideford. Five tenders to redevelop the site were discussed. A Special Full Council Meeting was held on 31st August when the successful bidder was chosen. Once plans are finalised and work commences, the redevelopment should be finished approximately two years later.

Planning and Facebook

Many comments have appeared on Facebook about the currently undecided outline planning applications. In total around 90+ houses are involved. General consensus is that this is an alarming development plan for the village with inadequate public transport, limited employment prospects and poor roads. Cllr Hurley said he would be interested to learn if there are actually any developers ready to build here? Getting planning permission is one thing, but he feels most of the sites will stay undeveloped for many years to come. Shebbear are not alone at this time with regard to unpopular planning applications, Ashwater and Winkleigh have similar situations although not with as many houses.

Shebbear School

Attended a meeting at Shebbear School when DCC Karen Hutton, Govenors and our Chair Richard Clark were present. However, even though the school is full DCC are not able or willing to provide funding to increase the size of the school until more new houses are built and their formulae for future numbers of children is used, My question is ... what happens to children who arrive in the village as a result of moves from elsewhere. Answer ...they have to go to school elsewhere.

68. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

- (1) **1/0832/2017/FUL. Holroyd Farm, Shebbear.**

Proposed Covered Yard Building 1.

Cllr Quance said animal welfare would be improved, the yards were existing, and the plan was merely to put a roof over.

Clerk to respond to TDC. Shebbear Parish Council has no objections.

- (2) **1/0833/2017/FUL. Holroyd Farm, Shebbear.**

Proposed Covered Yard Building 2.

- Clerk to respond to TDC. Shebbear Parish Council has no objections.
- (3) **1/0834/2017/FUL. Holroyd Farm, Shebbear.**
Proposed Covered Yard Building 3.
Clerk to respond to TDC. Shebbear Parish Council has no objections.
- (4) **1/0835/2017/FUL. Holroyd Farm, Shebbear.**
Proposed Roof over Existing Silage Clamp 1.
Clerk to respond to TDC. Shebbear Parish Council has no objections.
- (5) **1/0836/2017/FUL. Holroyd Farm, Shebbear.**
Cover over Existing Silage Clamp 2.
Clerk to respond to TDC. Shebbear Parish Council has no objections.

(b) Applications Granted

- (1) **1/0591/2017/FUL. Pitt Bridge Cottage, Shebbear.**
Conversion of Existing Coach House to Holiday Cottage.
Received by Councillors.
- (2) **1/0399/2017/FUL. Dipper Mill Farm, Shebbear.**
Proposed New Access.
Received by Councillors.
- (3) **1/0568/2017/FUL. 11 Meadow Park, Shebbear.**
Construction of horse exercise and turnout arena/menege for private use.
Received by Councillors.
- (4) **1/0599/2017/FUL. Eastfield, Shebbear.**
Construction of 50m x 25m equestrian riding arena for private use.
Received by Councillors.

© Applications Refused

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

69. Finance.

(1) Income

Western Power Wayleave Payment - £22.81
Received by Councillors.

(2) Approval of Items for payment.

(a) DALC – Clerks Essentials Course £48.00

(b) DALC – Good Councillors Guide £3.49

(c) Life Education Wessex – Grant £270.00

(d) Adrian Caudwell - Grasscutting £236.00

Proposed by Cllr Curtis, Seconded by Cllr Quance that items (a) (b) (c) and (d) be paid, Seconded Cllr Quance, all in favour.

Bank balances.

Current Account: £9,590.27.

Reserve Account: £14,059.70

(1) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report

Crimes – 1 theft of motor vehicle. Logs – 2 domestic related, 3 concern for welfare, 1 road related offence, 1 road traffic collision and 1 nuisance anti-social behavior.

(2) Letter Little Bears.

Hayley Bond thanked the Parish Council for the support given to Little Bears during her time as Chair. She had resigned and the new Chair is Mike Harris.

(3) DALC AGM, Conference & Exhibition Tues 10th October, at Exeter Racecourse £25.00.

To book your place www.devonalc.org.uk/agm-2017.

Circulated to Councillors.

(3) The Long House Hospice, Holsworthy – Grant Report.

“We are incredibly grateful to Shebbear Parish Council for your support of our project to purchase a specialist mobility vehicle for our Outreach Centre, The Long House. Following the kind grant of £825.00 that Shebbear Parish Council granted us through your TAP Fund in March 2017, we now have the mobility vehicle, The Fiat Doblo, a comfortable vehicle purchased from a specialist, mobility vehicle dealership, offering space for 3 people, which includes a wheelchair user and the driver. Crucially, the vehicle can also travel portable oxygen, and has electronic lift.

Circulation File.

Parish Council Weekly Lists. PCSO Melissa Baker Police Report. DALC Annual Report. HAGS. Wicksteed Playgrounds. Clerks & Councils Direct.

71. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday November 14th 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 9.18pm.

Signed and Dated 10/10/17