

## SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday March 9th 2010 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

#### **Present:**

Chairman: Cllr R Johns. Cllrs: P Lomax. G Slade. J Dungeate. H Davis. L Quance.  
D /Cllr A Saywell. PCSO Baker. No members of the public. Clerk: David Walker.

#### **Agenda. 20010. Commenced at 7-30 pm.**

##### **21. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr R Clark (Prev Comm). Cllr R Gliddon (Family commitment)). Cllr J Curtis. (Bereavement. )  
Cllr E Haste. (Illness.)

##### **22 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda/ Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.**

Cllr Davis declared an interest in item 25(a), Allotments, as his wife is one of the applicants.

**7-34pm**, at this point Chairman invited PCSO Baker to give her monthly report, in order that she may make her way to other commitments. Melissa told the meeting that there was a new format monthly newsletter which will be circulated to all parish councils and interested parties. There had been 3 crimes reported in the last 30 days, one was an internal matter connected to the school, one drink driver and one overnight burglary to an unoccupied bungalow when personal items were stolen. Apart from these incidents it has been fairly quiet. Cllrs enquired whether there was any truth in the rumours that a drugs operation had taken place recently. Melissa confirmed that persons had been arrested for the cultivation of cannabis locally and that this was connected to a larger operation elsewhere in the county.

**7-40 pm**, Chairman thanked Melissa for her attendance and report, whereupon she left the meeting.

##### **26. District Councillors Report.**

This item was heard earlier in the agenda, with Chairmans approval, to allow Mr Saywell to leave early for another appointment. Andrew stated that the Council Tax for the coming year had been set, with an increase over last year of 2%. Most of the District Council income comes from central government. TDC has 1.4 m in reserves which may have to be used in emergencies or if Government makes heavy cuts in the near future. There have been suggestions that cuts of 10% or even 40% may be in the offing which, if they go ahead, will commence in 2011. The Police are likely to come under scrutiny in the near future as they are taking a higher share of the council tax than the District Council, which could entail them being capped by the Home Office. The LDF/Core Strategy consultation has been extended for a further week, and once the responses have been received and registered and the process moves forward, Maria Bailey will be pleased to attend a future meeting to update the parish council if requested. Andrew also spoke about the recent decision by the Government to proceed with the Unitary Status for Exeter, which has been greeted with dismay by most of those involved and which has received much recent publicity.

**8 pm**. Andrew left the meeting after Chairman thanked him for his report.

##### **23. Minutes of the Meeting held on February 9th 2010.**

All were in agreement, that the Draft Minutes, which had been previously circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

(1) The Trading Estate roadway has been adopted. This is confirmed by DCC legal department.

##### **25. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.**

(a) Requests for allotments. Clerk informed Cllrs that there had only been 3 written applications received for an allotment so far, which was short of the 6 required, although it is understood that there may be more applications pending. Cllrs agreed to carry the matter over to a future meeting after hearing the 3 requests already received.

(b) Mobile library survey. No submissions, either for or against the mobile library, have been received by the parish council. Cllrs heard the 5 questions set out in the survey and were of the opinion that the library service themselves could answer most questions from their own records relating to useage of the service, and feedback from the operatives. Clerk was asked to return the survey to include Cllrs comments.

(c) Road defects report. Clerk had started a list of road defects after last months meeting but as there seems to have been a start made to patch potholes, a number of entries on Clerks list have been crossed off. It is still the case that there are lengths of road that need more intensive attention due to continual use by heavy traffic. Examples being Highworthy to Hayes Cross and Shebbear to Caute and beyond. Both of these being what could be described as major routes to and from the village. These will be reported to Highways and D/Cllr Saywell has recommended that C/Cllr Barry Parsons be kept infomed.

(d) Annual Parish Meeting agenda. Cllrs agreed that the proceedings of last years parish meeting went very well and recommended that the format be carried on for this year. It would be appreciated if more local organisations could be represented and Cllrs would particularly like to have an update from the Village Hall Committee regarding the improvements.

## **27. Planning.**

### (a) New Applications.

0125/2010/FUL. Partial demolition of temporary buildings and new build extension to existing junior school. For Shebbear College. No objections raised.

### (b) Applications Granted.

None.

### (c) Application Refused.

None.

### (d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

## **28. Finance.**

### (1) Accounts for payment.

Items (a) to (e) inclusive. Proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Lomax with all in favour , that these accounts be paid.

### Bank Balances

Previously circulated and received by Cllrs.

## **29. Correspondence.**

Heard by Cllrs:

(1) to (3) inc heard earlier in the meeting. (25a)

(4) Mike Edge, on behalf of Shebbear Football Club, thanking tha parish council in anticipation of this years local grant.

(5) Cllrs received details of the quarterly meeting of Holsworthy AAG which no one from Shebbear was available to attend on March 1st.

(6) Police & Neighbourhood Watch seminar at Rosemoor. March15th. Cllr Lomax was hoping to attend.

(7) CCD. Planning Surgery. Cheriton Bishop. March 19th. No one wished to attend.

### Circulation Folder

Village Green March issue magazine. DAPC March/April newsletter.

## **30. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda on Tuesday April 13th 2010, after the Annual Parish Meeting, and any other business at the Chairmans discretion.**

Chairman had been approached by Fred Chapman on behalf of the British Legion asking if a better site could be found for the BL notice board currently located opposite the surgery doorway on Tyrellas' garage wall. Cllrs will give some thought to this and also suggest that the village website be used to publicise BL activities. Cllr Davis reported that the accumulation of domestic refuse on the pavement at the entrance to Ackland Close was becoming a nuisance. It is acknowledged that, provided rubbish is put out on the correct day, that this is the agreed procedure until the development is completed.

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