

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday December 8th 2009 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Johns. Cllrs: H Davis. J Curtis. J Dungate. R Clark. P Lomax. E Haste. R Gliddon.
D /Cllr A Saywell. No members of the public. Clerk: David Walker.

Agenda. 2009. Commenced at 7-30 pm

113. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr G Slade (Delayed at last minute.) Cllr L Quance (Prev Comm).

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

None Received.

115. Minutes of the Meeting held on October 13th 2009. Cllr Clark asked that, in Item 109(a) (1), line 2, the word "lobbied" be replaced by "approached". This being done, all were in agreement, that the Draft Minutes, which had been previously circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

(1) Flooding of road at Lake. A second request had been sent to Highways for the drains to be cleared in the vicinity of CS Garage and the trading estate. No acknowledgement had been received. Cllr Haste said that the problem was being caused by the roadside field being used to tip soil removed from the new sports pitch which had raised the ground level and filled in the ditches, meaning that the road water had nowhere to go. Clerk will inform Shebbear College of the problem.

(2) Clerk had contacted SWRDA for a second time about cutting the roadside hedge and tidying up the trading estate area. Paul Calvert, for SWRDA, said that he was under the impression the job had been done and that he would arrange for a different contractor to carry out the work.

(3) P3. Cllr Lomax reported that he had discussed the proposal that DCC arrange the contractual details for the work on footpath 9b with Ros Davies at P3. This was agreed to be a good idea and the details were being actioned at DCC.

117. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(a) Dog bin for Hay Cross Hill. All agreed that the best location for the extra bin would be at the top of the hill on the bend, between the grit bin and the water hydrant marker. The cost of the bin at £86 + VAT was also received by Cllrs who agreed that the installation should proceed. Clerk will ask TDC to install the bin.

(b) Guide to Dispensations. Cllr Clark gave Cllrs a brief introduction to the Dispensations process which has been initiated by The Standards Board to overcome a problem that might arise, particularly in smaller Councils, when a number of Councillors declare interests in the same topic rendering decision making impossible.

118. District Councillors Report.

Mr Saywell reported that TDC now has a new Chief Executive, Nicola Bulbeck, who will take office in January 2010, on a shared basis with Teignbridge DC. It is hoped that this will result in economies for both Councils as well as the sharing of expertise and resources. The Audit Commission have rated TDC as the best performer in Devon. Coincidentally, Teignbridge was placed 2nd so Nicola should be off to a flying start. Last months complaints about antisocial behaviour have been relayed to the Police who are still requiring more information to assist with enquiries.

The TDC Solicitor has now decided, in relation to Section 106 Agreements connected to agricultural developments, that each case will be looked at on a case by case basis.

The Core Strategy, which is part of the Local Development Framework, is still being worked on and Maria Bailey from TDC Planning would like to visit the parish council in the new year to discuss the latest ideas.

The Boundary Commission have made their recommendation to Government that there be a Whole of Devon Unitary Council. A consultation runs until the 19th January 2010.

119. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) 1044/2009/FUL. Extension to porch and creation of hardstanding for car parking at 2 Old Village Cottages. No Objections raised.

(b) Applications Granted.

None received.

(c) Application Refused.

Received by Councillors.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

120. Finance.

(1) Requests for grants from local organisations were received by Councillors and all were in agreement that the following will be paid - Short Mat Bowls £100. Lake Chapel £100. St Michaels Church £100. Rowden Chapel £100. Reflecting Shebbear Magazine £150. Little Bears £200. Village Hall & PF £500. Shebbear Shooters £100. Shebbear FC £300. Historical Society £100. Torridge C.A.B £100.

No requests were received this year from the Area Youth Project and the Friends of Shebbear Medical Practice. The increased grant of £300 was agreed for the Football Club to assist the fund raising towards improving the changing facilities which have become inadequate.

Councillors agreed a budget for the coming financial year, 2010-2011, of £5480.00 to which was added £1850.00 for local grants and £3000.00 for parish projects.

All in agreement that the resulting figure of £10330.00 be the set Precept for the coming year.

(2) Accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr Curtis, seconded by Cllr Davis with all in agreement, that items (a) and (b) be paid.

Bank Balances (Nov 30th) Current a/c. £1688.25 Reserve a/c. £21,506.51 (Includes P3 balance of £2918.36 and pledged grant to the Village Hall improvements of £10,000.00)

121. Correspondence.

(a) TDC. Draft Wind Energy Policy. A set of proposed guidelines for any prospective business or individual turbine installer. Received by Cllrs. A related article also appears in Reflecting Shebbear December issue.

(b) TDC. Devon Home Choice. A new method of offering council and housing association homes County wide commencing shortly. Details available from TDC and Reflecting Shebbear December issue.

(c) Road Closure details, Jan 20th for one week, Dipper Mill to Battledown for remedial surface works.

(d) Holsworthy Area Advisory Group. Received by Cllrs.

The December Circulations received by Council.

122. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda on Tuesday January 12th 2010, and any other business at the Chairmans discretion.

Cllr Haste gave an early Apology for the January meeting as he will be away.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-38 pm.