

## **SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT Minutes of Meeting held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday January 13th 2009 in the Church Room. Shebbear.**

**Present:** Chairman: R.Johns. Cllrs: S.Hillier. H.Davis. G.Slade.  
L.Quance. R.Clark. P.Lomax. R.Gliddon. N.Jeffers.  
Clerk: David Walker.

#### **Agenda. 2009. Commenced at 7-30 pm.**

##### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr E.Haste. (Holiday.) D/Cllr A.Saywell. (Illness.) PCSO M.Baker. (Off Duty.)

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

Cllr Jeffers stated that, when item 5(a) was debated, he would be describing the seats which he had for sale and, if necessary, would leave the room during any ensuing decision making.

##### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday December 2nd 2008, which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed.**

##### **4. Any matters arising from the Minutes.**

Clerk reported that the Adoption of Telephone Kiosks was not proceeding very well. The signed agreement had been received from BT but it was noted that the Schedule of Goods had been altered from that signed by the parish council to the effect that the agreement only covered the kiosk at Caute. After some correspondence it was revealed that Torrridge were opposing the removal of service from the Rosehill kiosk. Clerk was not aware of this and will report back after he has spoken with TDC.

Back Lane. Attempts to request the owner of Arlington House to cut the hedge which is obscuring the street light have revealed the the owner lives abroad and the tenants rarely get responses from the owner when they try and contact her. Clerk will report on any further progress.

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

(a) Replacement seats. Councillors considered the options available from catalogues obtained by Clerk and the green oak seats offered by Cllr Jeffers. There was general agreement that the seats made from recycled materials appeared to be the best option, although the point was made that the fact that they were recycled alone should not be the deciding factor, ease of, or minimal, maintenance being more important. It was decided that Clerk would endeavour to find out if any local examples of those favoured could be inspected in situ before any formal choice be made.

The Bus Shelter. Chairman read a letter received from Dr Miller concerning the long delay in repairs being carried out to the bus shelter woodwork. Councillors felt that , as Mr Sluggett had received a number of reminders already requesting that the work be done, the time had come for firmer action. Clerk was therefore asked to inform Mr Sluggett in writing that the repairs would need to be done before January 31st next or the parish council would be forced to re-allocate the work.

(b) It was agreed that the next Annual Parish Meeting be held on April 14th 2009. The Annual Council Meeting and election of Officers will be held on May 12th 2009.

(c) P3. The post supporting the footpath direction sign at Paddon has rotted and needs replacement. Clerk will arrange for repairs to be carried out.

##### **6. District Councillors Report.**

There is no report this month as Mr Saywell is unwell and sends his apologies.

##### **7. Planning.**

(a) New Applications. None received.

(b) Applications Granted. Received by councillors.

(c) There were no relevant adjacent applications.

(d) Caute Cottage Information received by Councillors.

**8. Finance.**

- (a) Rowden Chapel graveyard. All were in agreement that a grant be made towards the maintenance costs despite the request being received too late to be included in the current precept calculations.
- (b) Proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Lomax with all in favour that items 8(b) 1 to 5 inclusive be paid.

Bank Balances circulated to Councillors prior to the Meeting.

**9. Correspondence.**

- (a) Cumbria Clock Company. The annual maintenance charge for the church clock is to be increased from last years £80.00 plus VAT, to £130.00 plus VAT. This follows the takeover of the business from David Jones of Helston recently. This considerable increase is justified by Cumbria Clock Co as being the first increase in the last 5 years and represents a modest increase of £10.00 a year. They also soften the blow by giving a free call out for any fault which the clock develops in the course of a year.
- (b) Councillors received a letter of thanks from St Michaels Church in respect of the donation towards the replacement windows in the Church Room.
- Items (c) to (f) inclusive circulated for Councillors information together with DAPC February newsletter.

**10. Items for next Meetings Agenda on Tuesday February 10th 2009 , and any other business at the Chairmans discretion.**

- Cllr Slade reported that he had removed one seat from beside the oak tree, the other will be removed when the replacement seats are installed.
- Cllr Davis had been in touch with Highways about the recurring potholes between Battledown and New Inn.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 8-43 pm