

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday November 11th 2008 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present: Chairman: R.Johns. Cllrs: L.Quance. H.Davis. G.Slade. N.Jeffers.
E.Haste. P.Lomax. R.Clark. District Cllr A. Saywell.
Clerk: David Walker. No Members of the Public.

Agenda. 2008. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

Today being Armistice Day the Meeting began with Councillors observing a Minutes Silence in Memory of Those who suffered and gave their lives for their Country in past conflicts.

91. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R. Gliddon.

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

In relation to Agenda item 95(a), Little Bears, Cllr Slade declared a prejudicial interest as his daughter works for the Little Bears Group, and he would leave the room at the appropriate time.

Also Cllr Quance declared a personal interest in Item 95(a) as his daughter in law is the Little Bears honorary Chairwoman.

93. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday October 14th 2008, which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

94. Any matters arising from the Minutes.

Clerk had made enquiries about the Sustainable Communities Act and it is too early to be able to find out more about this new legislation.

95. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

Cllr Slade left the room during this discussion.

- (a) Little Bears pre-school Group request for short term financial support. Councillors heard that, due to a large number of children moving up to Primary school recently, only 8 children remain until Summer 2009 when it is anticipated that 22 new children will enrol. During the interim period a funding shortfall will arise for which financial support is sought. All were in agreement that assistance should be made available but before deciding in what way this could be done councillors requested a financial assessment and proposed figure to work with. Agenda item for December meeting.

Cllr Slade rejoined the meeting.

- (b) B.T.Telephone kiosks at Rosehill and Caute. Clerk had downloaded the kiosk purchase agreement which he and Chairman had examined, and brought to the attention of the councillors. The agreement seems acceptable but it was suggested that Clerk consult with Ken Miles, the District Solicitor in case any pitfalls had already been identified. Clerk will report back.

96. District Councillors Report.

Mr Saywell said that the anticipated Boundary Commission report was expected after Christmas with the Ministers conclusions and decision to follow in due course. Mr Saywell had heard today that Midas Homes had informed Torridge that the affordable homes in Ackland Close were approaching completion and occupiers would soon need to be identified. It was too early to be able to say any more but it was a matter of some concern to hear that there were no Shebbear persons on the Housing List. It was suggested that when further information emerged that it be made available to Reflecting Shebbear magazine for the December issue.

97. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) 1/1123/2008/FUL.(Received after issue of agenda and heard at the discretion of Chairman.)
Construction of new all weather sports pitch with associated fencing and landscaping. For Shebbear College. No floodlighting and for use of College only. A revised submission of 1/0694/2008/FUL.

(b) Applications Refused

(1) 1/0936/2008/FUL. Proposed extension at Grafton Portway, Shebbear for Mr S.Tucker.
Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Officer to convey the parish councils view that the refusal was unjustified in its reasoning and unfair in being decided on the same day that the parish council considered the application and had No Objections to the proposal, thereby ignoring the Parish Councils decision.

(c) There were no relevant adjacent applications.

98. Finance.

(a) Christmas Tree. All were in agreement that Clerk would obtain a tree as per last year.

(b) Invoices from Mr Paulger for grasscutting, £42.50, and from the Royal British Legion for the wreath, £16.50, were considered at the Chairmans discretion after being received at the last minute.
Proposed by Cllr Haste and seconded by Cllr Lomax with all in favour that both be paid, with the RBL wreath payment being made up to £25 as was done last year.

Referring to the matter of resurfacing the Church pathway and renewing windows in Church Room which was raised at last months meeting, Cllr Quance reported that a parishioner had offered to fund the path repairs, so only a contribution of £440.00 was being asked for from the Parish Council towards the replacement windows. This will be placed on next months agenda for formal approval.

99. Correspondence.

(a) Consultation re Code of Conduct. The consultation period ends on Dec 24th. Clerk asked to check through the suggestions and bring anything relevant to the councillors attention.

Items (b)(c)(d)(e)(f) and (g) to Councillors Circulation.

A letter from Mrs Jane Dixon of 1 Balleroy Close, concerning the number of Midas site vehicles parking on the public highway was heard by the councillors. A number of similar complaints had already been received and Midas had been asked to ensure that off street parking, which was required as a planning condition, was used by tradespersons working and visiting the site.

100. Items for next Meetings Agenda on Tuesday December 2nd 2008, and any other business at the Chairmans discretion.

Back Lane. It was reported that a member of the public had complained about the uneven surface of the footpath. Councillors will inspect the condition of the path and any action required will be decided at next months meeting.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-35 pm.

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