

## **SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor J Dungate

Councillors: Vice Chairman J Franklin. A Maidment. R Clark.

R Gliddon. J Curtis. J Stupple. G Quance. N Whatley. P Isaacs

D Cllr D Hurley. 10 Members of the Public. Clerk: M Whatley

### **AGENDA. 2018.**

#### **41. Apologies for Absence.**

C Cllr Parsons (Court Leat, Holsworthy ). PCSO Melissa Baker.

#### **42. Public Participation Period of 15 minutes.** For speakers registered in advance, with the Clerk.

**Jane Wells, Managing Partner, Ruby Country Medical Group.**

**Shebbear Doctor's Surgery and Dispensary.**

Chairman reported that Jane Wells would be arriving late, and this Item had been scheduled for later in the Meeting.

#### **43. 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.

#### **44. (a) Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 12th 2018, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.**

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Curtis, all in favour that the Minutes be recorded as a true record.

**Cllr Quance arrived late with apologies.**

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

Insurance. Added Helipad Night Landing Light to our Insurance Policy. A new category for Outside Equipment has been added No. extra charge. Our Ecclesiastical Policy allows free cover for loss or damage to assets up to a limit of £40,000, currently £18,697.

New Seat for Tree in Square. Chased up Glasdon and seat has now been delivered and is waiting placement.

Planning. 1/0533/2018/FUL. 1 Green Lane Bungalow, Shebbear.

Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council have no objections to this application providing the Right of Way is not affected.

Ditches. David Walker for his letter regarding cleaning the ditches at local level.

Sent email to Simon Phillips of Highways asking for guidance as we were not sure of the procedure and whether this work would be carried out by Highways. He responded that he is in another department in DCC and the current Neighbourhood Engineer is Vicki Braddon. C Cllr Parsons has taken this up and confirmed the Cabinet's recent decision to allocate additional funding for such purposes. Vicki has had some thoughts on how to spend this and get some really worthwhile works carried out and suggested the parish could do some joint working. If the parish would plot the

locations of the ditches in the parish highlighting those that are a particular problem, she would arrange for a local contractor to spend a week or two in the parish to undertake the works, and if there are more works that they could fund the parish could employ the contractor to continue to clean the lower priority areas.

Footpaths. At the recent Open Meeting, a number of residents mentioned the very overgrown footpaths in our parish. I contacted Ros Davies, Public Paths Liaison Officer, who has spoken with our Warden who confirmed that Henry Whittaker is programmed to do the work already and he will be with us as soon as possible. Some of the footpaths have already been trimmed.

Dr's Surgery. Invited Jane Wells, Managing Partner of Ruby Medical Centre, who have the contract for Shebbear to come and talk to us this evening.

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

None.

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

(1) Decision on Flood Warning System at Dipper Mill (See attached letters).

(a) to take over responsibility for the system and renew the maintenance contract.

(b) to abandon the signs thus avoiding any liability to provide a visual warning to passing traffic.

(c) retain the detection system.

(d) walk away from the system altogether.

Ron Lester (Flood Officer) gave a brief resume on what had gone on with the flood warning system up to the present day. There was a lively discussion when Councillors expressed their varying opinions. Chairman suggested that if DCC are prepared to look after the system for three years, this would give us time to see if it is functioning satisfactorily. Chairman agreed to take a proposal other than any of those on the Agenda. Cllr Clark proposed a meeting be arranged with all interested parties to include DCC, Karen Clack and Julian Parkin (Hydro-Logic) and Ron Lester. Seconded Cllr Maidment, all in favour. Clerk to arrange a meeting to take place before the next PC meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

(3) Cauter Telephone Kiosk Decoration.

Clerk reported that the telephone kiosk in Cauter had been power-washed but was looking very shabby and in need of re-decoration as it had last been painted in 2010. Adrian Caudwell quoted 1½ / 2 days - £200/£220. Proposed Cllr Whatley, Seconded Cllr Curtis, all in favour that redecoration be put in hand.

(4) Refresh War Memorial Writing.

Cllr Clark had obtained an estimate from an ex shooter's club member who is a retired monumental Mason living near Holsworthy. 116 letters at a cost in the region of £90 - £120. Cllr Clark proposed this should be accepted, Seconded Chairman, all in favour. Clerk to put the work in hand.

Chairman reported that the war memorial needed weeding, and perhaps some chippings. He proposed this be put on next month's Agenda, to start planning for the Armistice Centenary on 11<sup>th</sup> November. All in favour.

(5) Ditching. Cllr Clark produced a map from the Open Meeting whereby residents had been asked to indicate where there was a lack of ditching. Of the 22 people present 9 expressed the opinion of spending some money, in the region of £1,000 to £1,500. Clerk to write to Vicki Braddon, Neighbourhood Engineer at Highways, confirming that Shebbear Parish Council is looking to co-operate on the ditching.

(6) Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Maidment reported that from the survey carried out at the Open Meeting it was apparent that residents wished to keep the village as it is with dark skies, several mentioned increasing the size of the school, comments on roads and footpaths. Cllr Hurley suggested a survey be carried out at the fete with a special book 'Neighbourhood Plan' to ascertain people's opinions. Clerk to contact Geraldine Slade.

(7) Shebbear Shooters.

Cllr Clark reported that he had applied to TDC for a grant on behalf of Shebbear Shooters, independent of the Parish Council, and had been successful. He wished to make it known there were no strings to pull. The application process involves rigorous scrutiny for transparency, and Cllr Hurley confirmed the process was followed.

(8) Allotments. Cllr Isaacs reported that a lot of going on in the background, but nothing to report at this Stage.

**Cllr Maidment left the meeting at 9.00pm.**

#### 48. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

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

#### 49. District Councillor's Report.

##### **Chairman welcomed D Cllr Hurley to the meeting.**

Doctor's Surgery. Things seem to be settling down. Monumental effort by Ruby Country Medical Group to get services up and running. When I was asked to get involved in the proceedings I contacted NHS England and asked for answers to questions I posed. Received a call the following morning from Amanda Fisk who is the Director of Assurance and Delivery, and we discussed the temporary location of the surgery and dispensing of prescriptions. Things moved on from there, and it is good that Jane Wells is here and has discussed the arrangements going forward.

Riverbank House. The good weather has allowed the re-roofing of Riverbank House to be undertaken without hindrance. Hopefully staff from Bridge Buildings will be able to start to move into the converted building at Riverbank House around late summer.

Public Open Meeting. The meeting held last month in Shebbear in which TDC Officer Ian Rowland attended I felt went well. At the Holsworthy Area Advisory Group meeting yesterday, Ian mentioned his attendance at Shebbear, and felt his visit here was worthwhile and offered to attend other PC meetings should he be requested to do so.

Area Highways Manager. Until very recently the Area Highways Manager has been Simon Phillips. Simon has now moved to a temporary assignment within DCC and his replacement, Vicki Braddon, is now in port. I have arranged to meet Vicki next week to both introduce myself and also to have a chat about the terrible Caute to Rowden road.

Endford Concrete Works. Several complaints made to the Environmental Team at Torridge and myself about the weekend noise emanating from Endford Works. Have spoken to the Environmental Team manager to ensure that she is well aware of the nuisance this noise causes and she informs me that action will be taken.

Waste and Recycling. This service is settling down as residents become used to collection days and times. Last June 1300 tons of rubbish was collected for landfill, this June (2018) that figure had fallen to 880 tons due to recycling. In June 2017, 415 tons of rubbish was collected for recycling, in June 2018 that figure had risen by 254 tons to 669 tons.

#### 50. Planning.

##### (a) New Applications.

###### (1) **1/0113/2018/FUL. Astrabenz, Shebbear, Devon.**

Revised scheme to include toilet/drainage.

Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council support this revised application.

###### (2) **1/0578/2018/FUL. Suncrest, Shebbear, Devon.**

Erection of double garage.

Clerk to respond to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application

##### (b) Applications Granted.

None.

##### © Applications Refused

###### **1/0302/2018/FUL. Land Adjacent to Stoneleigh Cottage, Shebbear.**

Residential development for up to two dwellings.

Received by Councillors.

##### (d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

#### 51. Finance.

##### (1) To Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Income & Expenditure Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour.

##### (2) Communities Together Fund (formerly Tap Fund).

Clerk asked Councillors for suggestions on how the funds should be allocated. She was hoping to work with Buckland Filleigh as last year. To be discussed at a future meeting.

(3) Approval of Items for payment.

(a) MAT Electrics Ltd = VAT - £17.99

(b) Adrian Caudwell = Grasscutting, repairs to bench at top of Barn Close, treating 4 benches with Sadolin Wood Preservative - £440.00

© Re-imburse Cllr Isaacs re Brother Laser Printer - £199.97.

(d) Re-imburse Cllr Clark re Jag Signs Map of Village – £100.80.

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

**51a. Chairman welcomed to the meeting Jane Wells, Managing Partner, Ruby Country Medical Group.**

“The General Practice is managed by CQC, and when Dr Fernandez decided to end his contract we put in a bid against two other parties, Ruby was successful and invited to take over the contract on 4<sup>th</sup> August to cover Shebbear and Hatherleigh. This was subsequently moved forward to 1<sup>st</sup> July. Unfortunately, there was a hic-cup with the ‘take-over’ and we had to roll out contingency plans. We are looking to identify long term premises in both Shebbear and Hatherleigh. Ruby is absolutely committed to provide a GP presence in Shebbear equal to what we had been used to have as a local service, with a view of having a permanent location for the practice in Shebbear within about 3 months. Meanwhile, NHS England is providing a bus to run from the village to the practice in Holsworthy”. Jane did reassure the meeting about future services here, to the extent that there would be two doctors at least, one male and one female, on alternate days possibly, giving five days cover here. Prescriptions would be issued here and could be dispensed in Holsworthy for the present, and medicines delivered to the village hall for patients to collect. She asked that the Parish Council would encourage patients to collect their medications on the allocated day as no meds could be stored at the hall.

Councillors addressed questions via the Chair and Cllr Clark asked about the cost of unused medications in Beech House and the cost of disposal. Jane Wells said it was no cost to the NHS or to Ruby as it was all the property of Dr Fernandez and the loss and the cost of disposal would fall to his account. Cllr Clark asked if Jane Wells felt there could be a ‘rapprochement’ with Dr Fernandez to which she replied ‘no chance’.

**Chairman thanked Jane Wells for her attendance and explanation.**

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £6,694.53

Reserve Account: £19,738.45

**52. Correspondence.**

(a) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.

Logs for the past month – 3 concerns for welfare, 1 missing person and 1 threats.

Crimes for the past month – 2 Assaults (actual bodily harm), 1 common assault and 1 use threatening, abusive insulting words/behavior to cause harassment/alarm and distress.

(b) Marilyn Pearce – Speed Watch Session.

A Speed Watch session was carried out outside Shebbear College on 12<sup>th</sup> June, where 16 speeding vehicles were observed, the details of which will be sent to Devon and Cornwall Police.

© Marilyn Pearce – Hedge Cutting.

On 30<sup>th</sup> June a chap was on the football field cutting the hedges, who had been asked by the Football Club to do the cut disturbing nesting birds. I believe farmers and landowners are restricted until the end of August. Chairman to have a quiet word with the Chairman of the Football Club.

Circulation File.

Council Planning Lists. Police Report. Holsworthy Rural (C Cllr Update). Martin Richard ‘Devon & Cornwall Police to merge with Dorset Police’. Survey open until 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

<http://www.futurepolicing.co.uk> Clerks & Council Direct. Holsworthy Area Advisory Group.

**53. Agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.**

There being no other business, Chairman closed the meeting at 10.01pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....