

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor J Dungate

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

J Curtis. J Stupple. N Whatley. P Isaacs.

C Cllr B Parsons. D Cllr D Hurley. 3 Members of the Public. Clerk: M Whatley

AGENDA. 2018.

86. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Quance (another commitment). Cllr Gliddon (working away).

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

None.

88. 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.

89. Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 9th 2018 having g been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

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

Chairman welcomed PCSO Melissa Baker to the meeting.

Melissa gave an explanation of her reports and the difference between ‘a log’ and ‘a crime’. If someone calls in to report a stray dog or sheep on the road or a domestic affray, a log is created. A log may turn into a crime if there is need for an officer to attend at that time. There are about 1000 logs per day in Devon. Logs – 1 Domestic related and suspicious circumstances, a number of sightings of a suspect vehicle. Torridge has been targeted. In Winkleigh vans have been broken into and there have also been incidents in Holsworthy and Cornwall.

Crimes – 1 criminal damage, 1 theft, 1 domestic related burglary at the College.

Chairman thanks Melissa for her report.

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

Dr's Surgery

Arranged a meeting between Shebbear Parish Council, Jane Wells and Dr Andrew Brown of RCMG, with Mrs Sue Geary and Mrs Anita Collins representing the community. This was a successful meeting which gave the opportunity for an exchange of views and up-date us on what was going to happen next. However, we came away with several questions unanswered satisfactorily, i.e. why is the existing surgery considered unsafe and unfit for purpose. I took

Minutes of the meeting and once approved by all parties put them on the public domain.

Memorial Celebrations.

Spoke with Lorna Wyard about a donation box, which she had mentioned at a previous meeting. She confirmed she would be putting out a donation box in aid of Help the Heroes.

Flood Warning System.

Received yet another letter from Hock Lee of DCC concerning removal of the signs and transfer of ownership of the balance of equipment. To be discussed on the Agenda this evening.

Seat/Picnic Table for Village Hall.

Anna Hare from the Village Hall Committee has been out to take measurements and is getting three quotes for foundation.

Telephone Kiosk – Caute.

Pleased to report that the telephone kiosk in Caute has now been painted right down to gold crowns and looks magnificent. Have received a number of comments of appreciation.

2nd Quarter Accounts.

Finally, prepared 2nd quarter Income & Expenditure Accounts for approval by the members this evening.

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

None.

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

(1) Dr's Surgery –

(a) Report on Meeting with RCMG.

It had become clear that no part of the contract says RCMG have to deliver a surgery in Shebbear.

It was suggested we meet again about the time Hatherleigh Surgery should be opening, but could put this back until the New Year to allow Hatherleigh time to set up the Dispensary and get all the machinery in motion.

Cllr Parsons asked if he might say a few words at this juncture as he had been in correspondence with Jane Wells.

He thanked Shebbear Parish Council for up-dating him on the Dr's surgery. He had since been in touch with Jane Wells, who informed him that they are still working on finding suitable premises in Shebbear. Meanwhile, they have arranged a flu clinic. A dispensing licence has been approved in Hatherleigh, and they will be delivering prescriptions to Shebbear. They will be starting a consultation service via the web site, which will enable patients to access helpful information without visiting the practice. Jane confirmed that RCMG have agreed with DCC that the minimum bus service offered will continue for the time being.

Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for his input. Cllr Parsons left the room to attend another meeting.

Cllr Hurley reported he had written to NHS England in September to ask where the new site at Shebbear would be. The reply he received was in the form of the Newsletter, so nothing had changed.

Cllr Curtis raised the question of the patients' free bus service to Holsworthy which is not practical as there is insufficient time allowed for it to pick up patients in Shebbear at 10.15 and arrive at Holsworthy Medical Centre by 10.30am, it is nearer 10.40am. One elderly patient last week who was attending surgery to have her dressings changed, missed the return bus and had to wait three hours for the next one. Also, if there are no patients to pick up in Shebbear the bus doesn't run, thereby leaving patients who are waiting to catch the return bus, stranded in Holsworthy. People who live in the countryside rely on that service to get to a doctor. Agreed Clerk write to RCMG and NHS England. Also to send copy of the Sub Group Meeting Minutes to Geoffrey Cox, MP and to keep him informed.

(2) Parish Project – Tidy Up.

Overgrown hedges around the village were discussed. Clerk to write to the Bursar at the College regarding the overgrown hedge up by the field scheduled for development towards Battledown Cross. Also to ask Adrian Caudwell to trim around the flower containers at Battledown.

(3) Remembrance Sunday Centenary Arrangements.

Cllr Clark reported that he had arranged for Nat Bridgeman to play The Last Post and Jason Quance to toll the bell, he even had the offer of a cannon. Chairman asked Cllr Clark if he would run with organising things on behalf of the PC as there would be no further meeting before the event.

(4) Dipper Mill.

(a) email from Hock Lee (DCC).

Clerk reported receiving a further email from Hock Lee (DCC) once again urging Shebbear Parish Council to take ownership of the flood warning system. Cllr Clark suggested a response “we have found that we can provide an appropriate service to our residents by utilising the detection system and using its output to trigger warnings distributed by media rather than flashed up as a vehicle approaches. If DCC believes the signs contribute to their objective then DCC should own the signs and Shebbear PC would make available the output from the telemetry to drive them. Shebear PC is giving the telemetry 12 months to prove its worth. We have made our decision and our decision is final”. All in favour that Clerk send this letter to Hock Lee.

(b) Agree Settings of Sensor.

Clerk to respond to Julian Parkin’s email of 11th September regarding how Shebbear Parish Council wish the detection system to operate.

Councilors agreed on Option 2 – Set it up so that when an alarm threshold has been exceeded the system will increase the data sending intervals so that the rising levels can be followed via the website.

93. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period.

None.

Cllr Maidment left the meeting to take her child home.

94. District Councillor’s Report.

Holsworthy By-Election.

A by-election to elect a successor for the late Ken Carroll will take place on Thursday 8th November.

Road Initiative.

Last month I had spoken with another Cllr who told me that together with his PC a list of local roads that needed attention were compiled and presented, via Barry Parsons, to Vicki Braddon who is the temporary Highways Area Manager. This approach was well received. I am aware via Reflecting Shebbear, that correspondence from your Parish Clerk to Vicki with regard to ditches, takes place. The same could apply to roads.

Local Plan.

The Local Plan has been accepted by the Inspector. A Special Full Council meeting has been called on 29th October whereby both N Devon and Torridge Councillors (as it is a joint plan) will meet and discuss the Plan and hopefully adopt. Following adoption planning decisions will then be made using the Policies in the Plan which will guide the design and location for future development for both districts. The plan can be inspected at www.torridge.gov.uk/localplan

Boats at Brunswick Wharf.

All the boats that were berthed at Brunswick Wharf have now been moved. Further discussions have subsequently taken place with the developer and as such progress of the redevelopment of the area can now take place.

Bideford Cattle Market Site

Work has commenced clearing the vegetation at the Cattle Market in Bideford. This is the start of the whole site clearance and demolition of the buildings at the cattle market by December.

Enforcement Action.

Towards the end of September TDC were in Exeter Crown Court as a result of a prosecution being brought against the owner of a residential caravan that had been parked on agricultural land without planning permission. The owner was fined (together with costs) £19,000. The Judge found in favour of Torridge so the Council will recoup the £11,000 that the case had cost.

And finally

The new office space at RBH is nearing completion. HR and Legal will move back to RBH on 15th October;

Democratic Services, Governance and Elections and Finance on 5th November; Benefit, Council Tax, Housing and Customer Services Teams around two weeks later. The Council Leader, Jane Whittaker and myself, moved back to the Leaders Office last week.

95. Planning.

(1) New Applications.

(a) **1/0978/2018/OUT. Land Adjacent to Lake House, Shebbear, Devon.**

Outline application with all matters reserved for 1 no. dwelling (Affecting a public right of way). Clerk to respond to TDC. We have no objections to this application but one of concern that the access could be changed so as not to cause a risk to the safety of children on the way to school.

(b) **1/1015/2018/REM. Land at Highfield, Shebbear, Devon.**

Reserved matters for one dwelling (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to application 1/0927/2015/OUT.

Clerk to respond to TDC. No Comment.

(2) Applications Granted.

None.

(3) Applications Refused

None.

(4) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

96. Finance.

(1) To Approve 2nd Qtr Income & Expenditure.

Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour that the accounts be approved.

(2) Tap Fund.

Clerk reported that Buckland Filleigh had decided to opt for The Longhouse Hospice. Agreed Shebbear PC would follow suit.

(3) Approval of Items for Payment.

(a) Adrian Caudwell – Grass cutting £222.00.

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Curtis that item (a) be paid, all in favour.

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £12,360.16

Reserve Account: £19,740.16

97. Correspondence.

(a) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.

See above as Melissa attended the Meeting.

(b) Letter from Sarah Cunningham regarding Drainage/Ditch (Valley View).

Clerk had sent a report to the Highways Department.

(c) Scam Mail.

Royal Mail are combating scam mail and wish to know if anyone is in receipt of scam mail to a) Write to Royal Mail at FREEPOST SCAM MAIL enclosing any items that are suspected of being scam mail. B)

Call the Royal Mail Scam Mail Helpline on 0800 0113 466. C) email scam.mail@royalmail.com

Circulation File.

Council Planning Lists. Police Report. Community Transport (Cllr Barry Parsons). Nat Bridgman (Cornet Player for Remembrance Day). Sarah Cunningham (Drains/Ditch). Glasdon. Wicksteed. Clerk & Council Direct Magazine.

98. Agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday November 13th 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 10.24pm.