

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7.30 pm.
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr R Clerk

Vice Chairman: Cllr N Whatley.

Councillors: M Pearce. Cllr J Stupple. Cllr J Curtis.

Cllr J Franklin. Cllr Jax Curtis. Cllr J Quance. Cllr L Luxton.

C Cllr B Parsons. D Cllr D Hurley. 2 Members of the Public. Clerk M Whatley.

AGENDA 2019.

098. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Joan Curtis running late.

Chairman welcomed C Cllr Barry Parsons to the meeting. As he had other business to attend to, Chairman altered the Agenda and invited Barry to say a few words at this juncture.

NHS Statistics.

There are 1.5 million people employed in the NHS and they don't have enough staff, 1.1million full time; 94,000 full time advertised vacancies across the country; shortfall of 8% of the posts are needed to be filled on the medical side; 21% in North of England are unfilled, London 1%; in South West 8%.

Stakeholders Meeting in Barnstaple.

82% of people travel to the hospital by car, we don't have the transport infrastructure; 20% of people in rural areas don't have access to a car.

Potholes.

Number of potholes on Devon roads has dramatically reduced in the last 12 months. 2018 – from 9,667, 6,000, 5,000 to 3,085.

2019 – recorded potholes from 3,600, 3,000, 2,360 to 1,826. ‘The Dragon’ is in our patch, and I shall be seeing it at work next week.

Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for his report. Cllr Parsons left the meeting at this point.

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

None.

100. 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.

101. Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday September 10th 2019 having been previously

circulated, to be approved and signed.

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

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

Flood Warning Renewal Contract

Confirmed cost of contract with Timeview.

Put notice on Facebook conducting survey.

Councillors Training Course

Councillors training course for Tuesday 29th October in Shebbear.

Invited adjoining Parishes. One ‘no’ response so far.

Planning

1/0744/2019/LBC. Little Worden Farm Annexe, Shebbear

Installation of 12-panel/4kw pv system to rear/south facing roof pitch of annexe within grounds of listed building. Responded to TDC that having considered the listing, Shebbear Parish Council has no objections.

Bank Mandate

Collected Bank Mandate from Nat West Launceston. Completed it together with Bank Statement and copy of Minutes and passed to Cllr Jax Curtis for she and Cllr Luxton to take to the Bank to register themselves as signatories.

Car Parking at School Corner

Sent letter to Westward Housing Association asking them to draw their trades people’s attention to the hazards caused by parking their vehicles on this very dangerous corner.

Memorial Seating

Chased Steve Harris as to where he was with the memorial seating as we had put this in train in ample time for Armistice. He came back to me confirming it would be completed.

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

None.

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

(1) Flood Warning Renewal Contract.

After much discussion Chairman decided to put the matter to the vote.

Chairman proposed Shebbear Parish Council renew the Maintenance Contract for the coming year at a cost of £529.00. Seconded Cllr Styles-Power.

Cllr Franklin requested a ‘Recorded Vote’. Chairman confirmed the names for and against the motion would be taken down in writing and entered into the Minutes.

In favour – Chairman, Cllr Styles-Power, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Whatley.

Against - Cllr Franklin, Cllr Stupple, Cllr Luxton, Cllr Quance, Cllr Jax Curtis.

Motion defeated by 1 vote. Clerk to send letters to the relevant parties.

(2) Parish & Town Council Conference – Tuesday 15th October, The Clinton Hall, Merton between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Clerk read out the schedule of events taking place, Cllr Whatley confirmed he had obtained tickets.

(3) Councillors Training Course.

Scheduled for Tuesday 29th October 2019 in the Church Room, Shebbear at 6.30pm.

Attendees – Cllr Quance, Cllr Jax Curtis, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Stupple, Cllr Styles-Power and Cllr Luxton (possibly as she was returning from holiday that day).

Clerk confirmed she had invited adjoining parishes and would send the invitation to attend once more.

Chairman suggested she contact Richard Wiseman, District Councillor, as he might have Councillors in his Ward who would wish to attend, D Cllr Hurley confirming that Cllr Wiseman looked after Langtree rather than himself.

(4) CPR Training – Lorraine Butterly

Cllr Franklin confirmed the school would need to take a separate course. Clerk to contact Lorraine Butterly and arrange a Saturday morning training.

105. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

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

106. District Councillor's Report.

Car Park Spaces.

You may have read in the papers about the four car park spaces that are for sale in the new Westward Ho! Car park. I understand that they are expected to fetch (by sealed bid) around £10,000 each. The car park belongs to Torridge, the four spaces do not. They were not included in the land sale so any monies achieved from the sale of the spaces will not benefit Torridge.

Skate Park.

The skate park in Bideford is proving to be very popular. The wall, and gates at the entrance, were in poor condition. The wall is at present being rebuilt and new gates will be hung.

Democracy Week.

Torridge are having a Democracy Week and as part of that week on the 18th October are holding an event that will involve local schools, officers and Councillors. Several local schools have expressed an interest in taking part. The day will commence with an Introduction from the Leader of the Council and short presentation from a Senior Manager on how Torridge District Council is run. Students will join one of two groups. One group will be supported by officers from Torridge District Council and the other group will be supported by Councillors.

Group one will be provided with a scenario where Torridge are awarded a sum of money to spend, they will then work with officers to decide what area they will use that money, such as leisure facilities, homelessness and social housing.

The second Group will have an opportunity to ask Councillors questions and find out how you get to be a local Councillor, how they decide what issues are important for their local areas, what happens when you get elected. Options to spend the money will be presented to the opposite group and a debate will follow before a decision is reached. I think that this is a great idea to teach young adults how local Democracy works.

Allin Bewes

Tributes have been paid following the news that Ex-Torridge District Councillor Allin Bewes sadly passed away on Saturday 5th October. Allin Bewes was a well known Councillor who represented this Ward from 1999 until 2007. He held many important positions during his time in office including Chair of the Council's Scrutiny Committee. Allin also sat on many of the other decision making bodies at the Council including Planning, Policy and Resources, and Licensing committees as well as being vice-chair of the Finance sub-committee and a participant in many working groups. The flag at Riverbank House is flying at half-mast in respect of Allin with everyone at Torridge District Council offering their condolences to Allin's family.

107. County Councillor's Report

See Item 098.

108. Planning.

(1) New Applications.

Received on 07/10/19 at 12.50pm

(a) 1/0786/2019/FUL. Worden Cottage, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Demolish existing rear and side extension, erection of two-storey side and rear extension
Withdrawn at 12.52pm.

(2) Applications Granted.

(a) 1/0744/2019/LBC. Little Worden Farm Annexe, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Installation of a 12 panel/4kw solar pv system to rear/south facing roof pitch of annexe within grounds of listed building.

Received by Councillors.

(b) 1/0691/2019/FUL. 1 Coronation Place, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Removal of front garden to create a driveway including erection of wall and gates.

Received by Councillors.

(3) Applications Refused

None.

(4) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

109. Finance.

(1) 2nd Precept Installment.

Clerk reported the 2nd installment in the sum of £6,740 had been received, and that we still awaited an invoice from TDC for her salary and payroll costs.

(2) Approval of Items for Payment.

(a) Shebbear W.I. – Flowers for front of Church Room - £10.00.

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

Balances:

Current Account: £12,169.48

Reserve Account: £19,777.04

A discussion took place on what projects within the community money could be spent. Suggestion of public toilets. Cllr Luxton to talk to Black Torrington Parish Council as to how they manage their toilets. To be discussed at the next meeting.

110. Correspondence.

(a) Police Report Melissa Baker.

None received.

(b) Thank you letter from Chair of Little Bears.

Clerk read a letter from the Chair of Little Bears thanking the Parish Council for the donation of £2,000 for the fence and new gate, now up "wow what a difference it has made to everyone at pre-school, the children and the parents!"

(c) Cllr Pearce reported speed watch up and running.

(d) Following Clerk's letter to Westward Housing Association, an accident had occurred on School Corner, whereby a car was a 'write off'. Clerk to write further to the Westward Housing asking if they could make further parking space by utilising the front gardens.

Circulation File

Council Planning Lists. Police Report. Clerks & Councils Magazine. DALC Annual Report. Devon Home Choice. Parish & Town Council Highways Conference Dates. Update Holsworthy Rural (Barry Parsons). Community Insight Survey (Barry Parsons).

111. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday November 12th 2019 at 7.30pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

(1) Public Toilets.

There being no other business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Signed

Dated