

## SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday August 10th 2010 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

#### **Present:**

Chairman: Cllr R Johns. Cllrs: R Clark. G Slade. H Davis. E Haste. J Curtis.

D/Cllr A Saywell. 2 members of the public. Clerk. David Walker.

#### **Agenda. 2010. Commenced at 7-30 pm.**

##### **72. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr P Lomax.( Family Commitment ). Cllr R Gliddon. (Working). Cllr J Dungate. (Prev Eng).

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

Cllr Slade declared a prejudicial interest in planning item 78 (a)(1) as he is friendly with the land owner, and will leave the room while the matter is discussed.

##### **74. Minutes of the Meeting held on July 13th 2010.**

All were in agreement, that the Draft Minutes, which had been previously circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

**7-40pm.** Chairman suspended official business to welcome PCSO Melissa Baker and invited her to present her months report. Melissa began by introducing Constable Perry Hodgson, who is the new area beat manager for the Shebbear area. The officers were concerned to learn of the recent instances of anti-social behaviour in the parish and pointed out that no police logs had been raised to record the incidents. The Police are keen to crack down on this behaviour and stress the importance of reporting offences at the time in order that a response can be made as soon as possible. Advice relating to anti-social behaviour is on the notice board at the shop and there will be an article in the next edition of Reflecting Shebbear so it is hoped that the older, more vulnerable members of the community will receive this information. Cllrs asked what the parish council could do to assist. PC Hodgson said, that to encourage early reporting would be the best advice, and the identification of culprits would also be useful, but the taking of photographs was not recommended, particularly of young people, as it may give rise to concern.

**7-53pm.** Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance and official business was resumed.

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

Website. Richard Clark, Peter Lomax and Clerk had attended a training session in Bideford and the site was live on line but did not yet hold much information and will be built up in stages.

Allotments. Clerk had been unable to contact the College until the last few days due to them being busy with the Summer School. Having eventually spoken to the Bursar the current situation is that the College is keen to support the allotment concept and has a site in mind to offer, but regrets that due to pressure of work and the considerable bureaucracy expected, particularly as school premises are involved, the College would expect the arrangements and the subsequent administration to be mainly done by other interested parties who have the time and abilities to devote to the project. Cllrs recommended that Clerk write to the applicants and notify them of the latest situation and identify any applicant willing to assist in the setting up process.

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

(a) Provision of seat in the Square for the use of Post Office customers. As the bus shelter was already being used on wet days by bus passengers and Post Office customers Cllrs agreed that to avoid the purchase and siting of another seat, that the forthcoming repairs to the bus shelter supports should include the provision of a bench seat and handrail inside the shelter. Clerk to discuss with Mr Dungate.

(b) Annual Fixed Asset review. Cllr Davis offered to accompany Clerk to inspect the fixed assets. The results to be brought to the September council meeting.

**77. District Councillors Report.**

Andrew offered belated congratulations to Cllr Roy Johns on his re-election as Chairman, and also commended all those who contributed to make this years Flower Show such a success. Matters such as the Regional Spatial Strategy are still "up in the air" with decisions on the way forward still being debated. It was unlikely that more houses would come to Shebbear, although Andrew would personally be in favour of small individual developments. Complaints relating to dust and noise emanating from SMC at Endford were brought to the attention of Cllrs, and Andrew reported the steps that Carol Sestakovs, the TDC Environment Protection Officer, was taking to address these concerns. Chairman thanked Andrew for his attendance and report.

**78. Planning.**

(a) New Applications.

(1) 1/0620/2010/FUL. Erect dwelling on part garden of Byrne Vale, Shebbear. For Dixon Construction.

**8-35 pm. Cllr Slade left the room.**

After discussion Chairman called for a vote, with 4 to 1 in favour of Objecting to the proposal on the grounds of Overdevelopment and concerns about extra traffic movements through the new estate and the impact of the dwelling on neighbouring properties. It was Resolved that this decision be forwarded to the Planning officer.

**8-50pm. Cllr Slade returned to the room.**

(b) Applications Granted.

Items (1) and (2) received by Cllrs.

(c) Application Withdrawn.

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None

Also received, a recent notification that 1/0549/2010/FUL, the conversion of a garage to a bedroom at 33 Ackland Close had been granted.

Plus 1/0570/2010/FUL, an extension and replacement balcony at Mill Cottage, Ladford had been refused.

**79. Finance.**

(1) Accounts for payment, prop Cllr Curtis, sec Cllr Davis and all in favour that items (a) (b) (c) and (d) be paid.

(2) Shebbear V/Hall & PF Committee. Letter received requesting release of the pledged grant of £10,000 towards the planned improvements heard by Cllrs who were all agreed that a letter should be sent to SWEET UK, who are putting together a grant package for the V/Hall improvements, confirming that the Parish Council grant of £10,000 is in place in readiness to be drawn upon at the agreed stages. Copy to the V/Hall Committee.

(3) NALC briefing received by Cllrs.

Bank Balances

Previously circulated and received by Cllrs.

**80. Correspondence.**

(1) CCD. Update of Parish Plans. Cllrs felt that it was not the right time to be considering this as it would be expensive. D/Cllr Saywell suggested that an updated plan would be useful for the LDF planning process. Agreed that early next year the matter be looked at again, giving chance in the meantime to consider any changes.

(2) Mobile Library. Details of proposals to alter the timetable heard by Cllrs.

Circulation Folder Received by Cllrs. Including Copy of latest Standing Orders.

**81. Items for the Council Meeting Agenda on Tuesday September 14th 2010, and any other business at the Chairmans discretion.**

Cllr Clark reported that Local Government were being asked to look at next years budgets and precepts with a view to avoiding excessive demands. Cllr Clark had drawn up comparison charts which showed that Shebbears' precept in recent years had been roughly comparable and not excessive when compared with similar sized Torridge parishes.

Clerk asked to write to SW Highways to commend the lengthsman who had recently spent a week in the parish and done an impressive job of work.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-32 pm.