

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday February 14th 2012 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Clark.

Cllrs: H Davis. P Lomax. M A Wells. J Stupple. T Carr. J Curtis. J Dungate. R Gliddon.

Clerk. David Walker.

Agenda. 2012. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

12. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr E Haste (Business), PCSO M Baker (Dayshift).

13. Public Participation Period.

No requests received.

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

None received.

15. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday January 10th 2012.

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

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

After the complaint of moss on the pavement at Barn Close had been reported, Highways had attended and scraped the surface clear, however, complaints were now being received that the pavement is as slippery as before. Clerk will report to SWH that the underlying cause has not been addressed.

17. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Parish Projects for 2012. A number of suggestions were put forward by Cllrs.

The Shebbear Sign in the Square. The oak framing is in poor condition.

The Bus Shelter. The woodwork continues to deteriorate and further attention will be needed soon, despite recent repairs to rotted supports and framing. Cllrs were of the opinion that a decision would need to be taken to replace the whole structure, as the most cost effective option. Discussion arose as to the suitability of the current location of the shelter, as the buses stop on the opposite side of The Square. Now that the Post Office van is parking next to The Lawns, space on that side of The Square near the war memorial is becoming congested. Moving the war memorial would be controversial and would need consultation. Agreed that further discussion be held, after designs of new shelters are obtained and efforts made to establish a better location , if possible, including contact with the bus operators and adjacent residents.

Village Approaches constructed as gateways to the village either as masonry or fencing, would serve as a welcoming feature and as a reminder, for safety purposes, that drivers were entering the village area. Planning permission required.

Road Defects. Cllrs felt that this was an appropriate time to make a concerted effort to get repairs done in various areas of the parish that are deteriorating badly. Agreed that a list of the worst places be compiled and sent to Highways. Also to invite a Highways representative to the next Meeting.

(2) Update to Parish Plan. Chairman said that when the update is commenced he would like to see more involvement by parishioners other than just Councillors, to give a more comprehensive input.

It was noted that a number of recommendations made in the previous Plan had never been implemented. This could probably be put down to a certain lack of enthusiasm shown by the parish as a whole to get involved and follow up on agreed matters. Comparison was made with a similar parish, Bradworthy, where much more rapid progress seems to be made in getting things done. A suggestion was made that perhaps a more modern attraction be included in the Plan, like an IT centre, which would be beneficial, especially for the young.

With the benefit of hindsight, the earlier Plan could, in parts, have been better worded.

17(2) cont..

Agreed that an informal meeting be convened on Feb 21st for further discussion of this topic and that advice be sought from the Community Council of Devon who give help with Parish Plans.

(3) HM The Queens Jubilee Celebrations.

The Shebbear Sign in The Square, mentioned earlier as a Parish Project, was suggested as a suitable item for restoration and dedication for the Jubilee. Agreed that an assessment and costing be sought.

Also mentioned earlier as a Parish Project, the Village Approaches, was also put forward for consideration as a Jubilee subject.

Cllrs heard a letter from Mr and Mrs Dunscombe, Old Mole Cottage, Shebbear, offering support funding for the Jubilee Celebrations. This was to be gratefully acknowledged.

Agreed that this matter be discussed at the informal meeting on Feb 21st and representatives of parish organisations, together with Mr and Mrs Dunscombe, be invited to attend, to ensure that anything already arranged, and any suggestions that they may have, are included to avoid duplications and to ensure inclusivity.

18. District Councillors Report.

None received.

19. Planning.

- (a) New Applications. None received before issue of agenda, one item received at the last minute and debated to meet the 21 day deadline. 1/0068/2012/FUL. Proposed parlour/dairy and collecting yard. Ladford Farm. Shebbear. For Mr Chamberlain. NO OBJECTIONS.
- (b) Applications Withdrawn. None.
- (c) Applications Granted. 1/0908/2011/FUL. Space above garage into holiday let. Berry House. Shebbear.
- (d) Relevant adjacent applications. None.

20. Finance.

(1) Purchase of laptop projector for parish organisations use.

Agreed that Clerk should purchase an Acer model X330 priced at £423-00.

(2) Accounts for payment.

Proposed Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Gliddon, with all in favour, that Items 20 (2) (a) (b) and (c) be paid.

Bank Balances to January 30th 2012, received by Cllrs. Clerk reported that the Current a/c balance now included the sum of £1312.00 received from DCC relating to the acquisition of the road gritter.

21. Correspondence. Presented to Councillors.

- (1) C/Cllr B Parsons. Snow Warden scheme. Advice relating to public liability from DCC.
- (2) Holsworthy Area Advisory Group. Date of next Meeting. April 23rd.
- (3) OneWind Renewables. Outlining the companies' intentions to site a 500kw wind turbine at Durpley Farm Shebbear, with a full planning application imminent.
- (4) Infinergy. Consultation and Open Day re proposals to install a wind turbine at Alscott Fm, Peters Marland.

Councillors Circulation. NALC Allocation of Accommodation. Gt Torrington Local Community Partnership. Senior Council for Devon Magazine. Devon Community Directory. Guide to Neighbourhood Planning. Planning Explained booklet.

22. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda to be held on Tuesday March 13th 2012, and any other matters at the Chairmans discretion.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-57pm.