

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday February 10th 2015 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor E Haste.

Councillors: J Dungate. M Wells. R Clark. J Stupple. J Curtis. P Mingham. G Quance. R Gliddon.

County Councillor B Parsons.

Philip Hackett (Sheepwash Parish Council). Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2015. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

Chairman E Haste opened the Meeting, and welcomed all present.

14. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor K Dymond. (Arrived 7-38pm). D/Councillor D Hurley (Away). PCSO Baker.(Off duty).

15. Public Participation Period.

No requests to speak received.

16. Declarations of any Councillors Interests in Items on the Agenda.

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

Councillor Gliddon declared a prejudicial interest in Item 23 Planning, Solar Array at Southcombe Farm, Shebbear. (Application received after agenda issued).

(b) Registerable interests. None received.

(c) Any variations to Members Registration of Interests. None received.

17. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday January 13th 2015, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

All in favour, that the January 13th Minutes 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

Clerk reported that the new owner of Rowden Chapel had expressed an interest in visiting the Parish Council to discuss his plans for the future use of the building. As Mr Lou Sexty (the new owner) had just entered the room Chairman invited him to present his proposals. These being to create an arts studio with adjoining living accommodation. This was followed by an exchange of information and advice for which Mr Sexty voiced his appreciation.

Chairman thanked Mr Sexty for attending and speaking to the Meeting.

Clerk continued by reporting that The History Society had thanked the Parish Council for awarding a local grant which will be paid in May.

Maintenance of the floral troughs at Hay Hill and Battledown will be carried out by Councillor Dymond this coming season and Clerk will continue to maintain the trough on Pitt Hill as usual.

Task and Finish Group at TDC. The inaugural meeting is to be held at TDC at 2pm on February 17th.

PCSO Baker had sent details of Police involvement in Shebbear parish during the past month. These were that 2 crimes were investigated and 8 logs were created and followed up.

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

None.

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

None.

21. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) *Proposed flood warning monitor at Dipper Mill. Request for £500 contribution towards the project.*

Councillors all in favour that the ongoing project be supported with a £500 contribution from Shebbear Parish Council.

22. District Councillors Report.

As David Hurley was away County Councillor Barry Parsons gave his own report instead.

Barry reported the latest information on the roll out of Superfast Broadband. Phase one has progressed well and the second phase of the contract is being awarded with some extra funding available. The objective is to connect more than 90% of properties by 2016 and all by 2020. It is emphasized that not all hard to reach and remote locations can be connected, although the possibility of satellite provision is being looked at.

Education – Devon's schools have improved their results and are above the national average. Although DCC will receive an extra £16m in the coming financial year pressure will be put on central Government for a fairer allocation as we receive £270 per child per year less than the national average.

Devon Local. Moves are underway to improve efficiency in the way local organizations work together and this will be on the future agendas of local area meetings. The Fire and Rescue Service and the Police are already involved.

Highways. The demand for road salt has not been great this year due to the previous mild winter but supplies are still available.

Public Transport. DCC face having to make savings of £1.7m from their annual transport budget next year. For the first time for 4 years we are having to propose making service reductions. Most bus services in Devon are run commercially at no cost to DCC but 4.5m passengers a year are carried on services supported by the County at a cost of £5.3m a year. County also supports the National Bus Pass Scheme for 175,000 Pass holders, which costs £9m per year. Please help by giving your views on the proposals contained in the current consultation and how they will affect you. Any changes will take effect from the second half of 2015. County Councillor Parsons is supporting the Devilstone Inn Action Group.

23. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) 1/0001/2015/FUL. Demolition of lean to, reduction of conservatory, proposed extension to dwelling, alterations to existing agricultural building and new access driveway. West Wootton Farm. Shebbear.
All in favour – SUPPORT application.

(2) 1/0092/2015/FUL. Variation of Condition 3 of planning permission 1/0724/2012/FULM. Land at Southcombe Farm. Shebbear. (Received since agenda issued and heard to comply with application deadline). The proposal being that the agreed time span of the installation be increased to 30 years from 25 years, as the life expectancy of the panels is extending.

All agreed that there was no reason to allow this proposal so early in the life of the installation. An application at, say, the 20 year stage would allow a more accurate assessment of the reducing efficiency. Councillors DO NOT SUPPORT the current application.

(b) Application Granted.

1/1151/2014/FUL. Erection of biomass boiler house and access ramp. Shebbear College.
Received by Councillors.

(c) Any relevant adjacent applications. None received.

24. Finance.

(1) Approval of Items for payment.

(a) Clerks wage. £244.76

(b) PAYE. £61.00

(c) Postage stamps. £15.90

(d) Annual contribution towards parish website. (Mr P Watts). £60.00

All in favour that Items (a) to (d) inclusive be paid.

Also, presented at the meeting, an invoice from Shebbear Village Hall for 3 meetings of the DIAG. £15.00

All in favour that invoice be paid from the allocation set aside for DIAG disbursements.

Bank Balances to January 30th 2015.

Current a/c - £5,838.07 Reserve a/c - £14,046.03 Received by the Councillors.

25. Correspondence.

- (1) Long House and the TAP Fund. (Circ)
- (2) DALC Information. (Circ)
- (3) CAB. Thank you for the Grant.
- (4) DALC Feb Bulletin. (Circ)

Items (1) to (4) inclusive received by Councillors.

26. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday March 10th 2015 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

Councillors Wells and **Mingham** attended the MCTI meeting in Holsworthy on January 27th when Vanessa Saunders gave a presentation on Local Plans.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 8-52pm.