

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday January 11th 2011
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Johns.

Cllrs: G Slade. H Davis. J Curtis. J Dungate. P Lomax. E Haste. J Stupple. R Gliddon.

D/Cllr A Saywell. No members of the public. Clerk. David Walker.

Before agenda matters were commenced Mr Keith Bennett, the Principal of Marland School at Peters Marland, gave a brief description of the Schools operation and purpose, which is to accommodate up to 40 boys of around 14 yrs of age who have come from troubled backgrounds and have special educational needs. Some suffer from autism, others have Attention Deficit Syndrome which limit their social interaction. There are 34 resident at present. The national curriculum is followed with a focus on individual needs and career guidance and training. The success rate is around 90%. There are 2 other similar Schools, at Dawlish and Exeter, all funded by Devon CC. The school is open for 39 weeks of the year with staff on duty all the time 24 hours a day. After responding to Cllrs questions Mr Bennett was thanked by Chairman for an interesting and informative presentation.

Agenda. 2011. Commenced at 8-10 pm.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Clark. (Prev Engagement). C/Cllr B Parsons. (Commitments elsewhere). PCSO Baker.

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

None received.

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on December 14th 2010.

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

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

No items raised.

5. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Cllrs all in agreement that the Meetings for 2011 should continue to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, with the Annual Parish Meeting to be on April 12th and the Annual Council Meeting to be on May 10th, 5 days after the local elections.

(2) Parish Plan review. This matter first raised at the August 2010 Meeting when concerns were raised over the expense of carrying out a review. As the wider financial situation is still serious these concerns are still valid, however, as an updated plan would be of benefit in any local planning matters affecting the parish all were in agreement that a review be considered. Clerk to ensure all Cllrs have a copy of the current Plan.

(3) Purchase of standby supply of road grit/salt. Cllrs decided that the cost of bagged salt and the need to store supplies at various locations in readiness, outweighed any benefits and duplicated the existing grit bin arrangement which was working well as the bins were, so far, being regularly topped up.

(4) Tarka Housing. Cllrs agreed that the letter to Tarka Housing, previously circulated in Draft form, asking what policies are followed to offer tenants housing suitable to their needs, be despatched to the Managing Director Nigel Barnard, and copied to other interested parties.

6. District Councillors Report.

Andrew apologised for his absence at last months Meeting. The Budget had been disappointing but not disastrous, even so, there were tough decisions to be made. There was some good news, the Government is to give local councils a grant if the council tax is kept within a 2% limit. The Localism Bill is being introduced and the details are being awaited with interest. Andrew was also pleased to say that he had been able to make a grant of £750 to Shebbear Football Club. Chairman thanked Andrew for his report.

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7. Planning.

- (a) New Applications. 1/1051/2010/FUL. Extensions and garage at Fairview, Hay Hill, Shebbear for Mrs S Page. With revised location plan. All in favour. No Objections.
- (b) Applications Refused. None. (c) Applications Granted None.
- (d) Relevant adjacent Applications. None.

8. Finance.

- (1) The 3rd quarter balance of accounts, including the bank balances to Dec 30th, received by Cllrs.
- (2) After making comparisons, all in agreement that a new seat of recycled materials priced at £349 and a wall mounted litter bin priced at £71.47 be ordered from Glasdons. Clerk to action.
- (3) Accounts for payment. Prop Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Curtis, with all in favour, that items (a) (b) and (c) be paid.

9. Correspondence.

- (1) SW Highways, advance notice of road closure past B/Filleigh Sawmill on May 3rd and 4th received by Cllrs.
Circulation Folder (Including recently received TDC Election briefing - DALC newsletter - Royal British Legion appeal.) Received by Cllrs.

10. Items for the Council Meeting Agenda on Tuesday February 8th 2011, and any other business at the Chairmans discretion.

- (1) TDC report that the Rural Sweepers will be visiting Shebbear parish on February 25th and 28th.
- (2) A sunken manhole cover outside Coronation Place to be reported to SWH.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-10 pm.