

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday January 10th 2012
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Clark.

Cllrs: H Davis. P Lomax. M Wells. J Stupple. T Carr. E Haste. J Curtis.

Clerk. David Walker.

Agenda. 2012. Commenced at 7-35 pm.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Dungate. (Previous engagement). Cllr Gliddon. (Flu).

2. Public Participation Period.

No requests received.

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

None received.

4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday December 13th 2011.

All in agreement that the Draft Minutes, which had been previously circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record, after the words "as Policy" were deleted from Item 123(2), line 11.

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

Complaints had been received about the pavements at Barn Close (covered in moss), and at Rectory Corner (obstructed by debris and brambles). Both have been reported to Highways for attention by the Lengthsman.

6. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) To receive the draft Wind Turbine Planning Response Policy from the working party.

This large document is an assembly of Shebbear parishioners feedback, multiple sources of information from Government, local Councils and professional bodies, together with online links to relevant source material, also recommendations as to the direction the Parish Council should take in dealing with future planning applications concerning wind turbines.

Cllr Lomax was keen to ensure that the importance of Shebbear being within the N Devon Biosphere Area was not forgotten as there had been little reference to it in debates so far, although it was mentioned in the draft document.

There was agreement that any expense that may arise from the obtaining of expert opinion for the purpose of clarifying technicalities when dealing with individual applications would be approved according to the circumstances of the case and may be shared with adjacent parishes who may be affected, after liaison with them.

Proposed Cllr Lomax and All In Favour that the Draft Response Policy be accepted.

The following Policy Statement was then unanimously approved:-

"That, as a result of consultations with the residents of Shebbear, and based on the strength of opposition to the recent wind turbine application by Shebbear College, it is clear that the significant majority who made their views known, are against the erection of wind turbines in this, or neighbouring parishes. The Parish Council will therefore, as representative of its parishioners, oppose any wind turbine application in the Parish, or adjoining parishes, where there is a significant negative impact on Shebbear Parish itself."

6. (Cont).

- (2) Parish projects for 2012, and (3) Update to Parish Plan. Chairman suggested to members that having given Item (1) adequate time for discussion it may be appropriate to carry Items (1) and (2) over to the next meeting. This suggestion was approved by all.
- (3) Training. Cllr Stupple expressed an interest in the Course in Hatherleigh and will let Clerk know if he is able to attend.

7. District Councillors Report.

None, as D/Cllr Lewis was unable to attend.

8. Planning.

- (a) New Applications. None received.
- (b) Applications Withdrawn. None received.
- (c) Applications Granted. None received.
- (d) Relevant adjacent applications. None received.

9. Finance.

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

Clerk had been asked to obtain sample prices, but as there are so many types to choose from he could only report in general terms that a projector priced at about £400 with LED illumination would seem most suitable from enquiries made. Cllrs agreed a sum of £500 from the Parish Projects budget, to include the purchase of a screen, and 2 Cllrs and Clerk should identify a suitable model before purchase.

- (2) Accounts for payment.

Proposed Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Lomax, with all in favour, that Items 9 (2) (a) (b) and (c) be paid.

Bank Balances to December 30th 2011, received by Cllrs, together with the 3rd quarter financial summary for the 2012 financial year.

10. Correspondence.

- (1) Holsworthy Area Advisory Group. No Shebbear Cllr had been able to attend the Meeting in Holsworthy on January 9th. Chairman reported that he had heard via C/Cllr Barry Parsons that Shebbears' poor attendance record had been commented on and that HAAG would be pleased to welcome members at future meetings. Clerk mentioned that recently he had been receiving better advance notice of forthcoming meetings which would be helpful, but in the past when this issue has been raised the feeling was that as Shebbear was one of the fringe parishes, getting to Holsworthy in the evening was frequently difficult for members.
- Councillors Information Folder received by members for circulation.

11. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda to be held on Tuesday February 14th 2012, and any other matters at the Chairmans discretion.

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