

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Dungate.

Councillors: J Franklin. R Clark. A Maidment.

G Quance. J Curtis. J Stupple. N Whatley. P Isaacs.

D Cllr D Hurley. 5 Members of the Public. Clerk: M Whatley

AGENDA. 2019.

Chairman welcomed all to the January 2019 Parish Council Meeting.

125. Apologies for Absence.

C Cllr Parsons (recovering from operation). Cllr Gliddon (family commitment).

126. Public Participation Period of 15 minutes. For speakers registered in advance, with the Clerk. None.

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

- (a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial). None.
- (b) Registerable Interests. None.
- (c) Any variations to Members Registration of Interests. None received.

128. Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on December 11th 2018 having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Franklin, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour that the Minutes be recorded as a true record.

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

Firstly, we have to thank Cllr Franklin for sourcing the Christmas tree, and Cllrs Whatley and Gliddon for the superb job of erecting and decorating it.

Parish Project – Drains

Emailed Vicki Braddon asking if Shebbear Parish Council might be permitted to use local farmers with the necessary equipment to unblock the gullies outside the houses adjacent to the pub and at Ruxhill and blast through with a jet, at the Councils expense. She responded that it would be acceptable with Highways for Shebbear Parish Council to arrange and pay for the works to be carried out, but stated that we must use one of her recommended contractors, either Glanvilles Environmental or Exjet. I contacted both companies for an indication of price.

Dr's Surgery

Arranged a second meeting between RCMG, Shebbear PC and representatives from the community. Minutes have been circulated.

New Dog Waste Bin for Church Field. Chased up dog bin.

Planning. 1/1220/2018/FUH. Greenfield, Shebbear.

Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

1/1244/2018/FUL, 2 Green Lane Bungalows, Shebbear.

Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Grants. Notified all successful applicants of their awards.

Tap Fund. Submitted the Tap Fund application form to TDC.

Precept. Submitted Precept Form to TDC.

Income & Expenditure Accounts

Prepared 3rd Qtr accounts up to 31/12/17 for approval by the members this evening.

130. To Agree any items to be dealt with in Part 2, closed session, of the Meeting. None.

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

(1) Dr's Surgery.

The Sub Group Meeting between PC members, RCMG and representatives of the community held on 20th December 2018 was discussed. Councillors agreed a follow up meeting to discuss the bus service, which discontinues at the end of February, be scheduled for the end of February. Clerk to arrange this.

(2) Free Patient Bus Service. To be discussed at the next meeting.

(3) Parish Projects.

(a) Stone Wall around War Memorial.

There had been posts and chain fence in the past, which had been removed on safety grounds. Councillors considered a stone wall would collect debris and agreed to look into some kind of metal seating arrangement. Proposed Chairman, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour. Clerk to obtain design suggestions and quotes.

(b) Notice Boards. Clerk researching.

(4) Village Spring Clean Saturday 27th April 2019.

Clerk to put notice in Reflecting Shebbear and book Village Hall.

(5) Dipper Mill (Cllr Isaacs)

Cllr Isaacs produced a 'flood alert' graph showing the levels recorded during December and the way the system has been working. He was of the opinion this is as accurate as can be hoped. **Chairman thanked Cllr Isaacs for his report.**

(6) Template for Council Grants (Cllr Franklin).

Chairman thanked Cllr Franklin for producing the template for grant application forms and asked Councillors to look at this and put any comments forward at the next meeting.

(7) Balleroy Close.

Shelley Fleming who lives at Balleroy Close had requested to say a few words regarding the Planning issues at Balleroy Close. She had spoken to the Planning Officer in Bideford about the Guide Lines and Conditions set out on the original planning application i.e. Provision for rubbish container at the end of Balleroy to Barn Close; spaces within the car parking facilities provided as part of the development to be allocated to individual dwellings; to be maintained free of obstruction to enable their use by all; lighting. Conditions laid down by the Planning Officers had not been adhered to, and there are ongoing issues. Clerk to send letter to Enforcement Officer – Suggest the Officer reviews the whole development.

(8) **Received after the Agenda was circulated.**

Christmas Tree Lights.

Cllr Whatley reported that the first set of Christmas tree lights had proved faulty, (only half working). These had been replaced but in the end both sets were used to great effect. Cllr Whatley proposed purchasing the second set, seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour.

(9) Light Outside Dr's House.

Chairman reported the new LED light had arrived, a different light type, white. Councillors agreed to proceed.

132. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period. None.

133. District Councillor's Report.

Chairman welcomed Cllr Hurley to the meeting.

Tom Vanstone had been appointed Senior Electoral and Democratic Services Officer. Both District and Parish Council elections take place in May so it is important for this Council to know who to contact in the run up to the Elections, should any questions need answering. Following a recent recruitment process Sean Kearney has been confirmed as the Planning & Economy Manager and

Shaun Harrington as the Development Manager.

Local Crime

At the last Full Council meeting of 2018 both the Sector Inspector, Shaun Kenneally and Superintendent Toby Davies from Devon and Cornwall Police attended and they provided Members with some interesting facts. The County Lines initiative is currently working well in this area. There have been some successful Drug Raids recently, and arrests made, and the County Lines threat continues to be held at bay. It is hoped that the number of PCSO's will remain at 200. Superintendent Davies did report that the levels of crime locally had increased but the numbers here remain far less than they are across the UK and the local force does work hard to contain criminal activity.

Local Government Grant Settlement

TDC has finally received the "Draft Local Government Finance Settlement 2019-20". Whilst there have been comments made about "austerity over" and comments about growth in "spending power" in the report, the reality is a little more telling. TDC's Government Grant was still cut from £440k to £130k, which has been factored into the Councils Budget Plans. The growth in spending power does in fact include Council Tax and as a Council we are permitted to increase our share of Council Tax each year. Councillors will decide at Full Council on 25th February 2019 what rate to set for 2019/20.

Refurbishment of N Devon Crematorium

A major refurbishment of North Devon Crematorium's original chapel will begin next month over 50 years since it first opened. The North Devon Crematorium Joint Committee, made up of councillors from North Devon and Torridge Councils, has approved a £250,000 project to significantly improve the facilities for mourners using the Aspen chapel. This is the second major investment in the facilities at the crematorium, following the completion of the new 256 seat Rowan chapel in 2016.

Shebbear Community School

Torridge District Council has contributed over £8000 towards upgrading Shebbear Community School's IT and visual equipment. Eight touch screen Learnpads (computer tablets), thirty-two Learnpad keyboards, three interactive whiteboards and four visualisers that can be linked to the whiteboards have been purchased with the help of some extra funding. The visualisers comprise of a sophisticated camera system which links with the interactive whiteboards. Classes are able to share work as a group and communicate with schools from around the world.

The scheme is just one of the community grants sanctioned by Torridge Council which has seen nearly £1.2M distributed to worthy causes across the district in the last three years.

Multi Agency Task Force convenes to address proposed Shipyard closure

A taskforce has been set up to address the announced closure of Appledore Shipyard scheduled for 15th March 2019. The main agreed priority of the taskforce is to do everything possible to preserve the shipyard as a functioning maritime asset and at the same time achieve the best outcome for the place and the people affected. There are 199 directly employed staff plus up to 70 jobs within the supply chain at risk and the estimated loss to the local economy is estimated to be around £10million per annum. The owners are already actively marketing the site for marine use and from a planning perspective there is likely to be 3 years of 'protected use' for the site, which would restrict applications for any change of use during that time.

Recycling

Since the new recycling/collection service started last year, recycling rates have increased beyond the target of 50% and continue to hold there as the months go by. Over the Christmas period 324 tonnes of recycling were collected. This compares well to last January when for a full month the collection rate was 476 tonnes. 70 tonnes of food recycling was collected over the 5 day holiday period compared to 50 tonnes normally.

Chairman thanked Cllr Hurley for his report.

Cllr Clark raised the question of Elections in May, and asked if all members were aware that in 2017 boundary changes were made. Cllr Hurley confirmed that Shebbear and Langtree Ward is going to be enlarged and will include Sheepwash, Buckland Filleigh and Peters Marland. There are to be two District Councillors, each Councillor to have 1500 residents.

Cllr Maidment left the meeting.

134. Planning.

(1) New Applications.

None.

(2) Applications Granted.

1/1105/2018/FUL. Southcombe Farm, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Retrospective subdivision of a farmhouse, lean-to and ancillary accommodation into three separate dwellings.

Received by Councillors.

Received after the Agenda was circulated.

1/0113/2018/FUL. Astrabenz, Shebbear, Devon.

Retrospective

Received by Councillors.

(3) Applications Refused

None.

(4) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

135. Finance.

(1) To Approve 3rd Qtr Income & Expense Accounts.

Proposed Cllr Quance, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour.

(2) Approval of Items for Payment.

(a) Donation to Holsworthy Rural Community Transport - £500.

(b) Donation to Shebbear Lunch Club - £500.

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Proposed Cllr Whatley, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour that items (a), (b) and (c) be paid.

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £9,563.10

Reserve Account: £19,747.50

136. Correspondence.

(a) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.

No Report received.

Circulation File.

Council Planning Lists. Police Report. CPRE.

137. Agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday February 12th 2019 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no other business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm

Signed

Dated