

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 9th 2013 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor H Davis

Councillors: E Haste. J Curtis. J Stupple. M A Wells. T Carr. R Clark. J Dungate. R Gliddon. P Lomax.

County Councillor B Parsons. 2 Members of the public. Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2013. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

78. Apologies for Absence.

None received.

79. Public Participation Period.

No requests received.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests.

None received.

(b) Registerable interests.

None received.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

Councillor Clark handed his amended Register of Interests to the Clerk.

7.35 pm. Chairman invited County Councillor Barry Parsons to speak to the Meeting.

Barry reported that, since Councillor Philip Collins took over as Leader of TDC, he had taken on other roles which he is delighted to become involved with. He will also do his best to help bridge the gap until a successor for John Lewis is elected. John's circumstances, a busy personal life and bouts of ill health, were a hindrance to him reaching his full potential as a Councillor, but nevertheless he is to be thanked for the contributions he made over the past 2 years. He can now spend more time with his family. Regarding Devon County Council, there are aspirations to be taken forward despite the severe financial constraints that are still with us, particularly at Highways where David Whitton has replaced Lester Wilmington as Head of Department.

7.42 pm, Chairman thanked Barry for his attendance.

81. Draft Minutes of Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 11th 2013.

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

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

Clerk reported that the flower bed attached to the war memorial was in need of care and attention. He had been voluntarily doing this himself but is too busy to give it the attention it needs. Councillors agreed that enquiries could be made to find a volunteer or a paid person to give regular attention.

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

Agreed - all items to be Part 1.

84. Any urgent agenda business or correspondence brought forward with the approval of the Chairman.

None.

85. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Election of Chairman.

This item brought forward from the June Meeting following the withdrawal from the Chairmanship by Councillor Richard Clark, resulting in Vice Chairman Howard Davis taking the Chair. Howard reminded members that he had accepted the Chairmanship, and signed his Declaration of Acceptance accordingly, on the understanding that, as he planned to move to another area when the sale of his house was achieved, his term of office may not last long. Under the circumstances it would be more appropriate to entitle this agenda item Election of Vice Chairman to fill his previous position. Chairman then invited nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor Lomax, seconded by Councillor Gliddon, that Councillor Haste be elected as Vice Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Stupple, that Councillor Carr be elected as Vice Chairman.

Taken to a Vote by show of hands.

Councillor Haste - 5 votes.

Councillor Carr - 2 votes.

All in Agreement that Councillor Haste be elected as Vice Chairman.

Councillor Haste thanked members for their support and stated his intention to do his best for the Council and the Parish.

(2) Election of Parish Lands Committee representatives.

Councillor Haste volunteered to fill the vacancy for a Parish Councillor on the Committee, created after Councillor Davis became an ex-officio Parish Lands Trustee as Parish Council Chairman. All in favour.

(3) Replacement of Bus Shelter.

Councillors debated the details of shelters offered in brochures previously circulated. Clerk to obtain quotes on designs and specifications agreed by members. **Item for August Meeting.**

86. District Councillors Report.

No report, pending the election of a new District Councillor.

87. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

1/0484/2013/FUL. Erection of stable/store and construction of sand school. South Hay Farmhouse. Shebbear. Councillors agreed to SUPPORT this proposal, conditional on the facilities being for family use only, as stated on the application.

(b) Applications Granted.

Clerk reported that, since the agenda had been issued, he had received notification that the following had been approved.

(1) *1/0399/2013/OUT.* Outline application for 2 dwellings at Balleroy Close. Shebbear. (Devon & Cornwall Housing Group).

(2) *1/0383/2013/FUL.* Replacement of dining room windows with new entrance screen. Shebbear College.

(c) Any relevant adjacent applications.

1/0250/2011/FULM. Erection of 3 wind turbines and infrastructure. Dunsland Cross. (Appeal process). Information re informal hearing 20th August at Riverbank House. Received by Councillors.

88. Finance.

(1) Approval of Items for payment

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

88. Finance (cont).

(2) Funding for Shebbear Youth Club.

Councillors felt that there were 2 aspects to consider, day to day funding and future financial needs.

Clerk read a letter from Lisa James, the Youth Club Leader, which described the achievements to date and the plans for the future of the Club. This went some way towards helping Councillors appreciate the current situation.

As a result it was Agreed that the sum of £500 be made available immediately, and that Councillors would accept the invitation to visit the Club to ascertain how further assistance could be offered in future, and what financial planning the Club has in place to cover eventualities.

Clerk reported that the Annual Audit for the year to March 31st 2013 had been satisfactorily completed and the Completion of Audit Notification Form was on the notice board.

Bank Balances to June 30th 2013.

Current account - £7,068.72 Reserve account - £15,534.43

Received by Councillors.

89. Correspondence.

(1) *Shebbear Shooters. Thanks for Parish Council grant.* Received by Councillors.

(2) *Shebbear Neighbourhood Watch. Retirement of Shebbear Coordinator.* Received by Councillors who thanked Peter Lomax for the work he had put into running The Watch, and hoped that a volunteer would come forward to take over. The letter to be displayed on the notice board to publicise the vacancy.

(3) *Dept for Communities & Local Government. Reply on behalf of No 10 Downing St.* Received by the Councillors. Placed in Circulation Folder for appraisal.

Councillors Circulation

Including details of the current years Town & Parishes Fund.

Received by Councillors.

90. **Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday August 13th 2013**, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairmans discretion.

Progress of Parish Plan.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-12 pm.