

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 8th 2014 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor E Haste.

Councillors: Vice Chairman J Dungate. M A Wells. J Curtis. J Stupple. R Clark. P Mingham.

District Councillor D Hurley. PCSO Melissa Baker.

3 Members of the public. Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2014. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

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

76. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor T Carr (Away). Councillor R Gliddon (Working). County Councillor B Parsons.

77. Public Participation Period.

Dr Richard Tiner. Speaking as a registered medical practitioner in relation to the Screening Application currently being assessed by TDC for a 67 metre high wind turbine to be sited at Battledown Farm, Shebbear. Despite the reduction in height compared to the previous application, which had been objected to, this proposal would still pose a risk to parishioners who would be exposed to various health risks, in particular students on the playing fields at Shebbear College.

Dr Tiner asked that his comments be borne in mind should an application arrive to be considered by the Parish Council, and that Councillor Dymond should consider her position.

Chairman thanked Dr Tiner for his attendance and participation and then welcomed **PCSO Melissa Baker** to the Meeting and invited her to give her report.

Melissa informed the Councillors that extra Officers have been allocated to Torrington Police Station. Their areas of duty have not yet been settled and they are still one officer short. There have been 6 calls to the Police from Shebbear in the last 30 days which resulted in a log being created, 3 concerns for welfare, 1 alarm activation, and 3 calls relating to domestic incidents. Crimes listed during the last 12 months for Shebbear include; 1 damage to vehicle, 1 wounding without intent, 4 damage to dwelling, 3 thefts, 1 assault, 1 Communications Act threatening Calls, 2 thefts from motor vehicles, 1 drink driving, 1 assault on Police, and 1 threatening and abusive behaviour.

Chairman thanked Melissa for attending and keeping us up to date.

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

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

79. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 10th 2014, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

All in favour, that the June 10th Minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There had been numerous complaints about the Post Office van recently, the steps on the new van were criticized as being too high for elderly people to mount, and the fact that the van had failed to turn up for at least three days. Councillors agreed that Clerk should write to the relevant department about these matters. Footpath 9 at the junction with the main road at The College. Councillor Dungate reported that he had spoken to Ros Davis at P3 in Exeter who had said that there would be no way that the College would be able to close the footpath, all that they are required to do is to have it lit at night, which is likely to be very expensive and not something that P3 would be involved in as efforts are being made to reduce street lighting, not add more.

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

None.

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

None.

83. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Devilstone Inn. Public Meeting. Thursday July 10th. Shebbear Village Hall.

Councillors heard that arrangements for the Meeting were at an advanced stage with County Councillor Barry Parsons taking the Chair after an introductory keynote speech by Councillor Dungate. A number of speakers with specialized knowledge of community projects would then be heard, after which a break would be taken when members of the public would be invited to insert their comments on information charts. The Meeting would continue with the speakers taking questions from those present.

Chairman thanked **Councillor Clark** for the hard work he had put in to make the arrangements.

(2) Parish Plan.

Councillors agreed that this matter be taken forward to the August Meeting as neither Councillor involved with the start up of the New Parish Plan was present to give an update.

(3) Village entrance signs.

Clerk had obtained a quotation from SWH Signs for 3 new village entry signs to replace the current signs which are tatty and still display outdated references to Twinning. The new signs to have the words "Welcome to Shebbear" and would be compliant with DCC regulations. The cost for 3 signs being £240.00 plus VAT Including delivery and fixing kits. Fitting would be extra, but easily done locally. Councillors agreed that the quotation represented good value for money and as the signs are the first thing visitors see on entering the village would be a worthwhile investment. All agreed that Clerk place the order for 3 new signs as per the quotation.

84. District Councillors Report.

David Hurley reported that the Local Plan public consultation documents were published on the 26th of June and will be publicly available until 5pm on August 8th and can be inspected on the TDC website, TDC local offices and County libraries, together with a Sustainability Appraisal and other supporting documents.

TAP Fund - a reminder that next year will be the last time the fund will be available, applications must be submitted by February 27th 2015 and no deadline extensions will be accepted. Projects must be completed and the grant money claimed by March 31st 2016. Shebbear has £862.00 allocated in the Fund.

Holsworthy Pool is currently closed for a major £175,000 refurbishment to replace obsolete plant and equipment. The reopening is expected around mid July. Further improvements will be made to the reception area and fitness room at a later date when additional investment is planned.

Chairman thanked David for attending and presenting his report.

85. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

1/0638/2014/FUL. Conversion of first floor of outbuilding into holiday accommodation. Moorfield. Shebbear. Agreed, no objections, support application.

(b) Applications Granted.

1/0265/2014/FUL. Change of use to vehicle parking/hardstanding. (Retrospective). CS of Shebbear. Received by Councillors.

(c) Any relevant adjacent applications.

A brief discussion took place regarding a Screening Application for a 67 metre wind turbine at Battledown Farm, with the site in Buckland Filleigh parish, which is currently under consideration by TDC. A formal decision will be made if and when a full application is received.

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Clerk reported that Mr Knight of Waycott, New Inn had asked that, regarding retrospective planning application 0492/2014 which was heard by Shebbear Parish Council at the June Meeting, it be brought to everyone's attention that the wording used by TDC on the circulated details gave the impression that Mr Knight intended to expand his activities to include commercial vehicle and machinery repair. This is not correct, Mr Knight 's application stated "Change of use of small domestic garage and parking area to commercial use to include motor vehicle and garden machinery repair and maintenance with parking for four cars." Received by Councillors.

86. Finance.

(1) *Approval of items for payment.* Proposed by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Curtis, with all in favour, that agenda items 86(1) (a) to (f) inclusive be paid.

Item 1(g) - Wayleave of £1 for streetlamp on the dwelling of Dr Fernandez in The Square. Councillors queried whether it was still necessary to issue a cheque for a pound in this day and age. Clerk produced the original Agreement drawn up in February 1990 between Dr Miller and the Parish Council, after the project had been raised by Dr Hall in 1988, which stated that the wayleave should be paid annually if demanded. Clerk had no information to say that the payment had ever been demanded but had been paid in good faith every year. The last payment had been made in June 2013 and the cheque had not been presented until March this year. Councillors all agreed that Clerk write to Dr Fernandez with the details, and obtain his views on the matter.

Bank Balances to June 30th 2014.

Current a/c £5,400.27 Reserve a/c £14,041.91 - Received by the Councillors together with first quarter account summary for the 2015 financial year.

87. Correspondence.

- (1) *Shebbear Shooters. Thank you for the Local Grant.* Received by Councillors.
- (2) *Shebbear Shunters. Thank you for the Local Grant.* Received by Councillors.
- (3) *NatWest. Change of Bank opening hours. Torrington.* Received by Councillors.
- (4) *Mike Wright. Rural bus services.* Received and placed in Circulation.
- (5) *TDC. Notification of 3 consultations - Publication of the Local Plan. Community and Infrastructure Levy. Statements of Community Involvement.* Placed in Circulation.

Items received after issue of agenda

Poster advertising new Cancer Patient transport scheme to NDDH. Placed on notice board.

Barry Hunt. Insurance claim re bank slippage at village hall. Councillors Circulation.

Mr J Brock. Publication of draft minutes. Councillors Circulation.

Councillors Circulation

DCC June Newsletter. Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

88. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday August 12th 2014 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairmans discretion.

Parish Plan.

Progress of installation of flood warning monitor.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 9-07pm.

