

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 14th 2015
in the Church Room, Shebbear.**

Present:

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors:

Vice Chairman E Haste. J Stupple. G Quance. M Wells. A Maidment. J Curtis. J Dungate. K Dymond. R Gliddon.

District Councillor D Hurley. 1 Member of the public. Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2015. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

Chairman R Clark opened the Meeting, and welcomed all present.

76. Apologies for Absence.

County Councillor B Parsons (At other meetings). PCSO Baker. (Off duty).

77. Public Participation Period.

Chairman welcomed Fire Officer John Nolan from Devon and Somerset Fire Service in Bideford.

John, who has had a 28 year fire service career covering most aspects of fire service responsibilities, is visiting parishes to increase awareness of how local people can be advised how to minimize the risks that are present in all our homes and businesses. Anyone over 55 can benefit from a free safety assessment. The intention is not to judge peoples circumstances but to advise how homes and buildings can be better protected. After describing in detail the many aspects of fire protection John distributed posters and contact details with which to arrange safety check visits. Posters on the notice boards. Chairman thanked John for his attendance and sound advice.

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

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

79. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 9th 2015, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

All in favour, that the June 9th Minutes 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record, after the word "verbal" was inserted in line 1, Item 70(4), before the word "report".

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

Clerk reported that PCSO Baker had sent details of Police contact with Shebbear parish during June. 3 crimes had been reported, 1 Theft, and 2 possession of Class B drugs. Also logs created for 1 drug seizure, 1 oil spillage on the highway and 1 abandoned call. Torridge Methodist Circuit had confirmed payee details for the Local Grant towards Rowden Graveyard Fund and will send the Parish Council written assurance that the grant will go towards the dedicated fund. Roy Johns has been asked by the Methodists to look into the progress, or otherwise, of the Allotment proposal at New Inn as there was concern over the amount of money that had been spent by them so far, presumably mainly in legal costs. Clerk had supplied Roy with details of the parish council's efforts to get the scheme up and running. If Councillors receive reports of the state of the road in The Square, Clerk has already reported the matter, DCC Ref No W15812596.

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.

(2) *Community Speed Watch.*

Chairman dealt with this item first and said that Members at the last Meeting had agreed to support the formation of a Shebbear Speed Watch. There will be an inaugural meeting attended by a PCSO for those persons who are interested on July 23rd at a venue to be decided.

(3) *Housing Needs Survey.*

On receipt of the survey forms from the printers Councillors Wells, Maidment and Chairman had organized the distribution which was carried out in the main by the Magazine delivery team, with thanks to them. It was too early to report on the number of responses. There are 2 advice sessions scheduled plus a stand at the Flower Show. Chairman suggested that it would be a good idea to decide early on who will be the Parish's partner Housing Association.

(1) *Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. (Transparency Code for Parish Councils).*

Clerk reported that, in order to satisfy the requirements of the new legislation, the details of the last years audited accounts were now available on the Shebbear and Buckland Filleigh Villages website, with thanks to Paul Watts for his cooperation with the additional tasks.

The only matter outstanding is the publication of the minutes within one month of the meeting to which they relate and agendas 3 clear days before a meeting. District Councillor Hurley advised that TDC are still looking into ways in which they can provide website assistance to parishes.

84. District Councillors Report.

David Hurley has been in contact with the Area Highway Engineer about the state of the road surface in The Square and also about the pothole at the road edge above North View. A disappointing response was received citing the usual lack of funds and other priorities. The Engineer declined to meet David on site due to workload and time constraints. The problems will, however, be inspected, and repairs carried out if necessary.

Highways have been allocated a sum of money to trial a new jet patching process. The roads selected for this have been placed on a priority list which is now fully subscribed to the limit of funding available.

There is to be a petition drawn up later this year about the state of our roads, which will be presented at Westminster by Geoffrey Cox MP. Parish Councils will be encouraged to contribute with as many signatures as possible.

David has been in contact with TDC regarding the new legislation requiring Council minutes and agendas to be available on a website. There are a number of issues to address and a solution will be found as soon as possible.

Mention was made of the sudden collapse of South Molton Recycling and the magnificent efforts made by TDC to instigate a replacement service. The first day of the new arrangement saw 21 tonnes of material collected, compared to the usual 15 tonnes, with the final vehicle arriving back at the depot at 8pm. A big Thank You to all concerned.

Last month it was reported that TDC lead members were to be reduced from 7 to 6. There has now been a rethink and the numbers increased to 10, with all positions now allocated.

Chairman thanked David for compiling his report and presenting it to the Meeting.

85. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) **1/0626/2015/AGMB.** *Prior notification of change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling under Class Q(a) and Q(b) on land North of South Worden Farm. Shebbear. (Response date 28th July)*

Councillors agreed that the application be considered further at an extra meeting to be held on Tuesday July 28th to allow the details of the status of the existing building to be established.

(2) **1/0343/2015/FUL.** *Change of use of chapel to live/work with single storey extension. Rowden Chapel.*

Councillors support the reuse of the building but agreed that the proposed extension was not in sympathy with the existing building, the rural location or the local architectural style. Suggestions for improvement were put forward, a pitched roof, slate hung walls and the shape of the windows to blend with existing.

(b) Applications Granted

None received.

(c) Applications Refused.

1/0418/2015/AGMB. *Conversion of 1 building under Class Q (a). Brentleigh. Shebbear. Received.*

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None received.

86. Finance.

(1) Approval of Items for payment.

(a) *Mr A Caudwell. (Grasscutting). £210.00*

(b) *Mr W D Walker. (Clerks Purchase of Ink). £11.49.*

All in favour that items (a) and (b) be paid.

Bank balances.

As at June 30th 2015. Current a/c - £6,773.52 Reserve a/c - £14,048.95

87. Correspondence.

(1) *Shebbear School Support Group. – Thank you for Local Grant. Received by Councillors.*

(2) *Friends of Bude Sea Pool. – Grant request. Circulation folder.*

(3) *DALC. – Update on Community Road Warden and Self Help Schemes. Circulation folder.*

(4) *Holsworthy Area Advisory Group. – Meeting July 13th 2015. Circulated in advance of the Meeting.*

Circulation

N Devon Hospice. – Newsletter. Healthwatch magazine.

88. Items for the Extraordinary Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday July 28th 2015 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

Planning. 1/0626/2015/AGMB. Conversion of building to dwelling. Land North of South Worden Farm. Shebbear.

1/0565/2015/CPE. Compliance items to finalise project from a planning perspective. (Affecting a public right of way). Wind Turbine at Alscott Farm. Shebbear.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 9-05pm.