

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7.30 pm.
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

Councillors: Vice Chairman A Maidment. J Stupple.

J Curtis. N Whatley.

6 Members of Public. Clerk M Whatley

AGENDA. 2017. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

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

028. Apologies for Absence.

C Cllr B Parsons (other commitments). Cllr Dungate (bereavement). PCSO Melissa Baker (working).
Absentees: Cllr.Gliddon. Cllr Quance. Cllr Dymond (no apologies received).

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

030. 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.

031. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2017, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

All in favour that the Minutes be signed as a correct record.

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

Following Cllr Haste's resignation from the Parish Council, contacted Elections TDC and duly received the formal Council Vacancy Notice and put these up on the Notice Boards, effective until 11th July. If a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer by ten electorate of the parish by that date, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy. If no requests are received, the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Sent a letter to Ted Haste thanking him for his contribution over the past 18 years, which has been of enormous benefit to the community. Cllr Haste was elected as the only new Councillor in May 1999, proposed by the then Chairman, Mr John Dart, making him the longest serving member.

Planning. Responded to TDC regarding the application at the former Rowden Methodist Chapel. Shebbear Parish Council felt the character of the building should be retained as much as possible and windows be in sympathy with the main building. Shebbear Parish Council do not support this application.

Responded to TDC regarding the application for a new livestock building at Holroyd Farm, Shebbear. Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Tiner Legacy. Thanked Mr Peter Tiner for his generous offer of a legacy in his late brother's name and have updated him on the planning position. Have received a response 'it is good news that the landing lights situation is progressing. Also it is good news that the monthly contributions that we would like to make to the council have been passed by your legal team and hopefully they will be ratified by the local council.

Notice Board. Accepted Mark Gallear's quotation to alter the hinges on the general notice board, and I can confirm this work has now been carried out. The only problem was the internal short bolt locking

mechanisms could not be re-used as they had been cut out for that specific size. He used three of his own locking mechanisms at an additional cost of £20, which was unavoidable.

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

None.

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

(1) Chairman's Report – Planning Update on Proposed Developments in Shebbear.

Chairman had attended a meeting with Lewis Andrews, Planning Officer at TDC, along with Cllr Hurley, and took the opportunity to discuss all planning applications that are extant.

1/1226 - The site opposite the football field and adjacent to Meadow Park known as Chamberlains, is on the verge of being awarded outline consent to build 20 houses with All Matters Reserved.

1/0973 – the land at the top of Pitt Hill which was part of the old Church Farm will be receiving outline consent for 30 houses with All Matters Reserved. The flooding risk has been determined as something that can be overcome with modern drainage techniques, the applicant will be required to do trial percolation tests; a white line is going to be painted adjacent to Sandie Hillier's house to create a virtual pavement to afford some protection to pedestrians.

Endford Concrete Works – already has approval on the table for 30 houses with All Matters Reserved. There are still some legal issues to be resolved.

Chairman together with C Cllr Parsons further attended a meeting with the Community School Head Teacher, Mrs Hutton, who confirmed that the school is taking in more children out of the catchment area, the school figure has risen to 77. Because DCC regards out of catchment children as not qualifying when it comes to financial grants based on head count, the school has decided not to take on any more OOC children but will take all newcomers in catchment regardless of the 84 ceiling. They will not turn a child away.

(2) Vacancy on Council.

Chairman reported that the Election Notice expires at mid-night, following which co-option notices would be put up and an advertisement placed in Reflecting Shebbear. Hopefuls would be interviewed by as many members of the Council as could attend. It was hoped a new Member could be in place by September.

(3) Richard Tiner Legacy.

Contributions ratified. Clerk to contact Peter Tiner and arrange for the donations to be put in place.

(4) Trim hedge between Dr's House and Bus Shelter. Clerk to contact Dr Fernandez.

035. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period.

None.

036. District Councillor's Report.

Chairman welcomed D Cllr David Hurley to the Meeting.

Bideford Bridge Closures. The expansion joints on the "new bridge" are nearing end of life as they are 30 years old. Proposed that traffic entering Bideford will travel across that bridge and leave via the old bridge. Highways say the work will take 4-5 months and commence in September. It was pointed out that September is still "peak season" in Devon and there would still be a lot of traffic around. Highways agreed to moving the commencement date to October. Another sticking point is where do the HGV's travel to and from Bideford.

Lloyds Bank Closure. Lloyds Bank closed its doors in Torrington in June. The ATM was the only one in town and residents were unhappy at its loss. However, there is a Planning Application from BT to replace and upgrade the existing public telephone kiosk with a kiosk combining public telephone service and an ATM at the South Street car park in Torrington.

House Building and Shebbear. Attended the LGA Conference at Birmingham last week and went to many seminars. One speaker was talking about the shortage of builders in this country and also stated that the average age of construction workers is 45. Despite a shortage of houses, many companies up and down the country have obtained planning permission to build hundreds of them, not all of these houses at once as they say that prices will drop if the market is swamped. The Shebbear projects may fall into a similar scenario

even when planning permission is granted.

New Homes Bonus. At the last meeting of the Community and Resources Committee £155,000 was awarded from the New Homes Bonus. The awards ranged from £30,000 for a car park resurfacing and expansion, various amounts for repairs and refurbishments to village halls and £10,000 to Bideford Sea Cadets to enable them to buy a new boat and engine. If anybody has an ideas for Shebbear, please let me know.

037. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) **1/0457/2017/FUL. 27A Ackland Close, Shebbear.**

Use of existing garage as kitchen and installation of window in northern elevation.

Retrospective application.

Received by the Councillors.

(2) **1/0548/2017/LBC. Pitt Bridge Cottage, Shebbear.**

Conversion of Existing Coach House to Holiday Cottage.

Councillors agreed the car parking area could be extended, if required.

Shebbear Parish Council supports this application.

(3) **1/0499/2017/FUL. Shebbear Village Hall, Shebbear, Devon.**

Erection of 10m high column for Devon Air Ambulance Night-time Operation.

Of enormous benefit to the community as a whole, supporting all ages.

Shebbear Parish Council fully supports this application.

(4) **1/0399/2017/FUL. Dipper Mill Farm, Shebbear.**

Proposed New Access.

Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

(5) **1/0568/2017/FUL. 11 Meadow Park, Shebbear.**

Construction of horse exercise and turnout arena/menege for private use.

Shebbear Parish Council have no objections to this application, but are aware of the logistics of the work and suggest they include something to protect the amenity for the neighbours as work is being carried out.

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

1/0607/2017/AGR. Badworthy Farm, Shebbear.

New building for winter storage, hay, straw, implements and livestock.

Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

(b) Applications Granted

None.

© Applications Refused

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

038. Finance.

(1) To Approve 1st Qtr Income & Expenditure Account to 30/06/17.

Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Whatley, approved by the Councillors.

(2) Tap Fund 2017/18

Clerk reported the Tap Fund figure for 2017/2018 was to be £842. Councillors in favour of donating this to HRCT. Match funding is not a requirement. Clerk to contact Dr Julia Foster, Community

Development Worker at HRCT to gain support and funding from other parishes.

Approval of Items for payment.

- (a) Adrian Caudwell – Grasscutting £216.00
 - (b) Paul Watts – Shebbear Parish Council Website £60.00 for 12 months.
 - (c) Re-imburse Clerk for mileage costs to Exeter to attend Clerk’s Course (70 miles return) £37.80.
- Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Stupple, that items (a) (b) and (c) be paid, all in favour.

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £10,380.94

Reserve Account: £14,059.46

(Includes £4,635.30 ring-fenced for Helipad Fund –
(£1,200 initial payment, £97.50 planning fee, £67.20 OS maps)

039. Correspondence.

- (1) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report
Logs – Total 4 – 1 highway disruption, 1 domestic incident, 1 personal anti-social behavior and 1 fraud.
- (2) Web Design Package.
Received by the Councillors (not interested).
- (3) Council Grant Thank You Letters
 - (a) HRCT.- Dr Julia Foster, Community Development Worker.
‘I am writing to thank you so much for the extremely generous cheque for £400 which you sent to Holsworthy Rural Community Transport. I appreciated the opportunity to address the Shebbear Annual Parish Meeting to convey some information about the organisation. Please pass on our sincere thanks to the Councillors for this donation, which is very much appreciated and which will be spent on continuing to provide our transport services to people who need them in the parish of Shebbear.’
 - (b) Shebbear Shooters.
On behalf of us all at Shebbear Shooters please pass on our hanks to Shebbear Parish Council for the donation of £150. This will be put towards the ongoing improvement of facilities at the Club.
 - © Chairman reported that Halwill are hoping to build a MUGA (Multi Use Games Arena), and asked “is this something we would consider for Shebbear? To be discussed at a later date.

Circulation File.

Parish Council Weekly Lists. Area Advisory Groups. Bench on Landiviau. Clerks & Councils Journal. Signs of the Times and Greenbarnes (Notice Boards). Web Design Package.

040. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday August 8th 2017 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no futher Business, Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05 pm.

Signed

Dated