

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 12th 2012
in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Clark.

Cllrs: H Davis. M A Wells. J Stupple. J Dungate. E Haste. P Lomax. T Carr. J Curtis. R Gliddon.

No members of the public. Clerk. David Walker.

Agenda. 2012. Commenced at 7- 33 pm.

59. Apologies for Absence.

C/Cllr Barry Parsons.

60. Public Participation Period.

No requests received.

61. Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda/ Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None received.

62. Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday May 8th 2012.

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

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

Clerk reported that, following the complaint to the Information Commissioner by Mr Harrup, he had looked into the matter and was satisfied that proper procedure was followed by Shebbear Parish Council in dealing with correspondence from Mr Harrup. Clerk had replied to the IC with that information on May 16th and had not yet received a reply.

New playing field equipment. The order has been placed and the old equipment dismantled by the Village Hall Committee volunteers, ready for the new apparatus which is scheduled for early July. The Section 106 funding is received from TDC and held by the parish council pending a satisfaction survey after the installation is complete.

Village Sign in The Square. The old sign has been taken down by Mr Hare who is proceeding with the renovation.

7-44pm. Police Report.

Chairman suspended agenda business and invited Police Sgt Helen Rowell and PCSO Melissa Baker to present their report to the meeting. There had been 2 crimes reported for Shebbear during the past 30 days, one was a common assault and the other involved poaching. A warning was given that in nearby areas there had been thefts of farm gates and domestic heating oil, and instances of sheds being entered and tools and equipment stolen. The advice being, to be aware that these offences could happen in Shebbear and it would be wise to look to our own crime prevention precautions. Sgt Rowell assured Cllrs that local Police were well aware of the problems associated with anti-social behaviour in previously quiet rural communities but the Police were reliant on receiving timely information from members of the public about such incidents. Chairman thanked Helen and Melissa for attending and addressing the Meeting.

8-04pm. Agenda business resumed.

64. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

- (1) Localism Act and Imminent changes. Although the changes are due to be implemented from July 1st no final guidance has been received in respect of the new Code of Conduct and Register of Interests. Chairman was able to briefly summarise what was expected to happen, and recommended that Shebbear adopt the Code being prepared by TDC although an alternative was offered by NALC. Clerk will circulate the necessary paperwork to Cllrs with the July agenda in readiness for the new Code to be formally adopted on July 10th, and the revised Declaration of Interests forms to be completed.

- (2) New Parish Plan As agreed at Agenda Item 41(a), Clerk had written to parish organisations asking for any interested persons to join the steering group for the new Plan, and an article had been carried in Reflecting Shebbear. 3 persons had put their names forward, Ralph Human, Tessa Osborne and Mike Wright.
Cllrs had thoughts as to who else may be interested and will make enquiries and report back.
Cllrs Peter Lomax, Joan Curtis and Ted Haste offered to serve as the Parish Council members of the Group.
The July meeting agenda to continue this process.
- (3) Highway drainage. This item to be followed up when C/Cllr Parsons is able to attend or be consulted.
- (4) Renewal of Internet Domain Name. Cllrs agreed that the use of shebbear.org.uk be renewed for possible future use, the cost being only a few pounds.

65. District Councillors Report.

D/Cllr Lewis not in attendance.

66. Planning.

- (a) New applications. None received.
- (b) Application Withdrawn. None received
- (c) Applications Granted. None received.
- (d) Any relevant adjacent applications. Two items received after agenda circulated.
- (1) 1/0349/2012/FUL. Erection of 1 (102m high to blade tip) wind turbine, access road and associated works on land at Alscott Farm, Peters Marland.
- (2) 1/0304/2012/FUL. Installation of 1 (46.3 m high to blade tip) wind turbine, access road and works on land at Henscott Farm, Thornbury. (Address amended by TDC on June 14th to Bradford).
- Cllr Haste Declared an Interest as he rents land at the proposed site at Alscott Farm.
- Cllrs Wells and Davis Declared Interests as family members belong to campaign groups. (Both applications).
In respect to both applications, Cllrs agreed that an extension to the response time be requested as several days of the 21 day period had elapsed before the notifications had been received, and time was needed for a formal response to be assembled by the panel of 3 Cllrs. Clerk to contact TDC to request the response date of July 15th.

67. Finance.

- (1) Accounts for payment.
All in Agreement, that cheques be drawn for payment of Items (a) to (d) inclusive, in addition an outstanding payment to Shebbear Village Hall for Committee Room hire. £10.00
- (2) Play area improvements.
Received by Cllrs in Item 63.
- (3) Twinning Funds. Chairman brought Cllrs up to date on his efforts to retrieve the dormant funds from the former Twinning Association. All the former committee and signatories agreements had been obtained, including that of Rodney Bridges who now lives in France, that the funds be released to the Parish Council to be used for the benefit of the parish, most likely the village hall. A sum of £940.20 had already been released and credited to Shebbear Parish Council current account. A further amount, around £700, is delayed by administration obstacles raised by NatWest.

67. Finance (Cont).

- (4) Jubilee funding. Cllrs congratulated the many willing volunteers who pitched in to make the Celebrations a resounding success despite the traditional interference of the British summer weather.
Cllr Dungate reported on behalf of the individual event organisers who had drawn up their own joint income and expenditure accounts which, in total, with the inclusion of the generous sponsorship received from within Shebbear parish, recorded a small profit, which was to be donated to a local charitable cause.
Clerk reported that the Jubilee Mugs were proving very popular. Most parish youngsters had been presented with a mug and efforts were being made to ensure that no one was left out. The mugs were also selling well and there are plenty left.
Chairman Richard Clark reported on behalf of Reflecting Shebbear Magazine that the intention to produce a souvenir programme was thwarted by shortage of time, but instead, a colour pullout supplement had been included in the June magazine issue. The Editor was hoping that the Parish Council would be able to cover the £60 cost of the colour pages.
- (5) DVD unit for projector. Clerk informed members that a DVD player was available for use with the projector to avoid the need for a laptop.

Bank Balances - Received by Cllrs.

68. Correspondence.

- (1) DCC. Road closure for machine patching works. The Square to Battledown Cross. Thursday 28th June to Wednesday 4th July 2012. Clerk had been in touch with SWH to suggest that the diversion route as publicised from The Square via Hayes Cross to New Inn be altered to, via Highworthy Cross, as Top Lane to New Inn is not suitable for heavy traffic. Poster on notice board.
Items (2) and (3) received and circulated to Cllrs.

Councillors Circulation With the addition of the new TDC recycling contract. Received by Cllrs.

69. Items for the Council Meeting Agenda to be held on Tuesday July 10th 2012, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairmans discretion.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 10-05 pm.

Signed..... Dated.....