

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday November 9th 2010 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Johns. Cllrs: R Clark. G Slade. H Davis. J Curtis. J Dungate. P Lomax. E Haste.

D/Cllr A Saywell. PCSO M Baker. No members of the public. Clerk. David Walker.

Agenda. 2010. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

102. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Gliddon. (Prev Engagement).

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

Cllr Clark declared a personal interest in Item 106(a) as the applicant is known to him socially.

Cllr Curtis declared a prejudicial interest in Item 106(a) as the applicant is her partner, and left the room while the matter was dealt with.

104. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 12th 2010.

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

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

Allotments. Clerk reported that Mrs Goaman had contacted him in the last few days to say that, after further consideration, her offer of land for allotments at the rear of Lake Workshops would have to be withdrawn due to concerns over access to the field and complications involving the Single Farm Payment scheme. This news was greeted with disappointment by members who were of the opinion that the aforementioned drawbacks would probably apply to most of the possible sites that may be identified, and the search for another location would have to be resumed. Cllr Haste suggested that the only likely possibilities would be smaller land holders who had not registered under the SFP scheme. Cllr Clark offered to inform the applicants for allotments of the latest developments.

Lake Trading Estate. The derelict lorry had at last been removed and thanks were due to PCSO Baker for following the matter up. There only remains an abandoned trailer which Clerk will register with the TDC Abandoned Vehicle procedure.

Blocked Drains near CS Garage. Clerk had contacted SW Highways after the last meeting to request attention to the drains but had not received a reply.

Litter Bin at New Inn. Mrs Geary had asked that a replacement bin could be provided as the existing wall mounted bin had broken, having been in situ for many years. Clerk will find out if TDC supply replacement bins or if the parish council will have to buy one.

7-44 pm. Chairman suspended agenda business and invited PCSO Baker to give her report..

There had only been 6 calls logged from Shebbear in the past month and things were very quiet generally. Halloween had passed off with very few problems reported. A new Police Sergeant, Helen Rowell, had taken over at Torrington and an amended contact sheet was distributed to members. Regarding other local youth groups, Melissa said that there were few village groups, there is one at Petrockstowe Hall, whose committee might pass on a few tips, but apart from that, the only suggestions were, the Devon Youth Bus, a Street Dance Group in Torrington or maybe a coffee shop. The only problems being that they all depend on volunteers and may not have general appeal. Councillors said that the necessity of CRB checks was very off putting and too bureaucratic for many people. Chairman pointed out that Shebbear Football Club had a fantastic youth section at present, and thanked Melissa for her report.

8 pm PCSO Baker left the Meeting . Agenda business resumed.

106. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(a) Applications received for the position of Co-opted Councillor. In view of the fact that there was no one present apart from Councillors, proposed by Cllr Lomax , seconded by Cllr Davis, with all in favour, that the matter be dealt with in Part 1, instead of later.

Cllr Curtis left the room.

There was 1 application received to consider, from Mr John Stupple of Tis Fair, Barn Close, Shebbear, who has been residing and working in the village for the past 27 years. Mr Stupple wished to become a Councillor to help in moving the village forward and improving parish life. After discussion Councillors were all in favour that Mr Stupples application be accepted and he be offered the vacant seat as a co-opted Councillor. Clerk to write to Mr Stupple and invite him to the December meeting.

Cllr Curtis rejoined the Meeting.

(b) Fixed Assets. Bus Shelter. Seats. The repairs to the bus shelter had been completed. There had been an objection to the suggestion that the seat, currently located along Top Lane, be moved and used elsewhere. It was still being used by walkers going "round the block". A suggestion was therefore made that the seat at New Inn Cross should be considered for moving. Clerk will speak to Mr and Mrs Geary about this and the replacement litter bin.

107. District Councillors Report.

Most of the attention at present is focussed on the impact of the Government Spending Review with the probability that there will need to be a 28% cut in local government spending over the next 4 years. There will be much scrutiny over where the cuts will be applied. D/Cllr Saywell is of the opinion that we should get back to basics. Regarding concerns raised that the new garage at Ladford Mill exceeded the size approved in the recent planning application, it is possible that the Enforcement Officer may be asked to check that the structure is within the agreed limits and is not so close to the road as to reduce the useable width of the carriageway. Chairman thanked Andrew for his attendance.

108. Planning.

(a) New Applications. None received.

(b) Applications Refused. None.

(c) Applications Granted. 1/0711/2010/FUL. Erection of lambing shed and implement store with new access. 1/0751/2010/FUL. New menage, parking and access. Both at Aishleigh. Shebbear.

(d) Relevant adjacent applications. None.

109. Finance.

(1) Shebbear Village Hall and P/Field. Cllrs had received details of the funding agreement put in place for the imminent improvements and have seen that the work is now under way. All in agreement that the sum of £10,000.00, previously set aside for the purpose, be released to the V/ Hall Committee. (Cheque 1330).

(2) Accounts for payment, prop Cllr Curtis, seconded Cllr Lomax, with all in favour that items (a)(b)(c) be paid.

(3) Agreed by all that the sum of £165.00 (Item 2c) be taken from the Seats and Fixtures budget.

Bank Balances. Previously circulated and received by Cllrs.

110. Correspondence.

(1) Mobile Library service. Details of the changes due to take effect from Thursday January 13th received by Cllrs and placed on the village notice boards and website. Of note is that the library only visits The Square and the Village Hall in future and not the outlying stops as at present.

(2) Cllrs heard that the Principal of Marland School, Keith Bennett, has offered to attend a future meeting of the parish council and give a short presentation about the school and the proposed expansion plans. Clerk asked to arrange that Mr Bennett be invited to attend a meeting in the New Year.

(3) Devon Minerals debate. No comments received.

Circulation Folder Received by Cllrs.

111. Items for the Council Meeting Agenda on Tuesday December 14th 2010, and any other business at the Chairmans discretion.

Chairman raised the subject of Dipper Mill bridge and said that far too much fuss was being made over the stone to be used in the repairs. Why was stone being sourced from far away when the original stone would have been obtained locally? It is understood that the current repair is only temporary, but it does not blend with the original. Hopefully the full repair can be made as soon as possible.

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