

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Council Meeting held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday May 11th 2010 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Vice Chairman: R Clark. Cllrs: P Lomax. G Slade. J Dungate. H Davis. J Curtis. E Haste.
C/Cllr B Parsons. D/Cllr A Saywell. No members of the public. Clerk: David Walker.

Agenda. 2010. Commenced at 7-30 pm. Vice Chairman R Clark presiding.

41. Apologies for Absence.

Chairman R Johns. (Prev Comm). Cllr R Gliddon (Family commitment)). Cllr L Quance. (Working).
PCSO M Baker. (Off Duty).

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

Cllr Slade declared a prejudicial interest in item 48(a), planning application at Byrne Vale, as he is a friend of the land owner, and will leave the meeting during the consideration.

43. Election of Officers.

(1) Chairman. Cllr Haste proposed that Cllr Roy Johns be elected to serve a further year, this was seconded by Cllr Slade and all were in agreement. Cllr Johns had indicated his willingness to continue and was duly elected, there were no other nominations.

(2) Vice Chairman. Cllr Lomax proposed, and Cllr Davis seconded, with all in agreement, that Cllr Clark be elected to serve a further year as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations.

(3) Local Auditor. Mr Ohlsen had expressed his willingness to carry out this years audit and all were agreed that he be asked to do so.

(4) Parish Lands Committee. All were in agreement that Cllr Davis and Cllr Slade continue to represent the council, which they agreed to do.

44. Minutes of the Meeting held on April 13th 2010.

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

45. Clerks Report..

The amended contract concerning the electricity supply to the adopted TK at Caute has been signed and sent to BT on April 16th. No reply has yet been received.

Arrangements to clear the edges in Back Lane and to repair the broken seats in the Square are in hand but as yet not allocated to a tradesperson. Cllr Dungate offered to undertake the repair of the seats and will liaise with Clerk accordingly.

46. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Revised 2010 version of Model Standing Orders. All were in agreement that the new version be adopted and that a hard copy be purchased for guidance by members.

(2) Parish Allotments. Cllrs had made enquiries since the last meeting as to the possibility of land being available for allotments, but none had been identified. All were agreed that the next step would be to publicise the requirement in Reflecting Shebbear and on the village website and after that, if necessary, to approach individual landowners. Clerk will also make enquiries with SWRDA in respect to the vacant ground at Lake trading estate.

(3) Lengthsmans visit - July 19th. Most of the problems causing major concern in the parish have already been reported to SWH for attention and in any case are outside the scope of the lengthsmans brief, which is mainly sign cleaning and small tasks involving use of a shovel. Clerk will publicise the visit.

47. District Councillors Report.

Before Mr Saywell gave his report Chairman welcomed County Cllr Barry Parsons to the meeting who assured Cllrs that he had been leaning on DCC to speed up the repair of road defects. Apparently some 47 thousand holes have been patched recently, some of them not properly, so the problem continues to get worse and must be addressed. In fact the problem is so immense it is hard to see how it will be tackled. Inevitably lack of money is a factor and more funds will have to be allocated. Early assessments by DCC of efficiency savings in general are being made. One example is that the individual domestic needs of older people are more cost effective than a general plan. As a result of elections matters relating to national and local government are up in the air at the moment but once the results are known work can begin to tackle the problems that exist.

Chairman thanked Barry for his attendance, and D/Cllr Saywell began with the good news that TDC have confirmed that Nicola Bulbeck is now Chief Executive. There was also bad news that Maria Bailey, who has been steering the Core Strategy through the early stages, is leaving TDC. We are assured that everything is being done to ensure that the LDF does not fall apart, but it is hard to predict how matters will evolve, however a change of government may make a difference. Chairman thanked Andrew for his report.

8-29pm C/Cllr Parsons left the meeting.

48. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) 0256/2010/FUL. Entrance splay at Old Orchard. Shebbear. NO OBJECTIONS.

Cllr Slade left the room.

(2) 1/0312/2010/FUL. Erection of dwelling. Byrne Vale. Shebbear. OBJECTIONS OVERDEVELOPMENT.

Cllr Slade returned.

(3) 1/0344/2010/FUL. Single storey porch / rear extension. Aish Cottage. Shebbear. NO OBJECTIONS.

(4) 1/0387/2010/FUL. Garage, store, stable & hayloft. Watergate. Shebbear. NO OBJECTIONS.

(b) Applications Granted.

1/0196/2010/FUL. Conservatory. Caute Bungalow. Received by Cllrs.

(c) Application Refused.

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

49. Finance.

(a) Cllrs received the accounts for year to 31/3/2010, prepared by Clerk and previously circulated, and all were in agreement that the sum of £3219.00, unspent budget, be transferred to the reserves. All were in favour that Sections 1 (Accounting Statement) and 2 (Governance Statement) of the Annual Return be signed in readiness for internal audit by Mr Ohlsen.

(b) Accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr Haste, seconded by Cllr Davis with all in favour, that items (1) (2) and (3) be paid.

Bank Balances (At March 31st 2010)

Previously circulated and received by Cllrs. Clerk confirmed that the Reserve a/c balance is £20,011.71, and that the Current a/c balance of £435.91 is increased to £5421.91 with the addition of the first precept payment, received since the agenda was issued.

50. Correspondence.

(1) Mr Q Clarke had inspected the Oak tree in the Square and stated it to be in satisfactory condition and not in need of attention at present, but did advise that there was evidence of strimmer damage.

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S W Ambulance Service Spring magazine. DALC May/June newsletter.

51. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda on Tuesday June 8th 2010, and any other business at the Chairmans discretion.

Cllr Lomax suggested that the Parish Council had its own website, this to be an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr Davis reported that a grit bin in Ackland Close may be required before next winter.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-30 pm.