

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 13th 2010 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr R Clark.

Cllrs: P Lomax. G Slade. H Davis. R Gliddon. E Haste. J Dungate.
D/Cllr A Saywell.

No members of the public. Clerk. David Walker.

Agenda. 2010. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

62. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Johns (Family Commitment). Cllr J Curtis (Working). PCSO Baker. (Committed elsewhere).

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

None.

64. Minutes of the Meeting held on June 8th 2010.

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

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

Clerk had met Cllr Dungate in the Square and inspected the 2 seats in need of repair. Cllr Dungate reported he had obtained a price of £250 from Tamar Trading for the supply of hardwood slats and on top of that would have to be added the cost of fittings and labour, making it an expensive job. As an alternative there was the option of new wooden seats from Sutcombe Sawmills at £90 each. Cllrs felt that these would not be long lasting and prone to be stolen. It was suggested that Mr Harrup at Berry Park be contacted as he dealt in reclaimed oak and may be able to machine some slats. Cllr Lomax offered to speak to Mr Harrup.

Clerk had had to raise a service call from Cumbria Clock Co for the church clock which has been behaving erratically for some time. This has been rectified and Clerk hopes that this will be covered by the free service call promised by CCC when they upped their prices last year.

66. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(a) Website. Cllrs received a short report from Peter Lomax on the progress so far in setting up the new parish council site. Cllrs Clark, Lomax and Davis, plus Clerk, had met with TDC technician Paul Hogg to decide a suitable layout and choose and purchase a domain name at a cost of £7. Mr Hogg is doing most of the setting up for us and as soon as the above named have been "trained" we can start to add whatever information we wish, in readiness for public availability.

(b) Training. The Parish Clerk for Holsworthy Hamlets is considering arranging training sessions locally as most of the DALC training locations involve lengthy journeys. Cllrs felt that this would be a welcome arrangement and Clerk will reply accordingly.

(c) Allotments. Clerk reported that there was a possibility that the College would be able to offer a plot of land. The Bursar has asked for a meeting with parish council members for preliminary talks. Cllrs Slade and Lomax will attend with Clerk at a date to be arranged.

67. District Councillors Report.

Andrew reported that the change of Government has heralded many intended changes that will affect local affairs. Among them will be changes in the planning system to improve decision making, and the Regional Spatial Strategy will be scrapped. The Local Development Framework is consequently on hold. Local councils will be allowed to set their own limits on housing and the minimum density housing requirement will possibly be abolished, meaning that too many houses being crammed into small spaces will be a thing of the past. The practice of "garden grabbing" will also come under scrutiny. There is also an intention to scrap the centralised Standards Board and replace its function with localised authority. The Exeter City Council bid for unitary status is similarly abolished and was a nonsense in the first place.

67. (Continued)

Cllr Slade enquired whether C/Cllr Barry Parsons had any funds available that could assist the Football Club with their facilities improvements. Andrew said that he would find out, and that he was already working with Barry in helping the Village Hall with fund raising for the improvements which are due to commence soon. Chairman thanked Andrew for his attendance and report.

68. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

(1) 1/0570/2010/FUL. Extension to provide conservatory and replacement balcony. Mill Cottage. Ladford. Cllrs raised no objections on purely planning grounds but had misgivings that the proposal was inappropriate in size for the existing structure and could not be described as a conservatory. Cllrs noted that an earlier proposal in 2006 of a similar nature had been refused.

(2) 1/0549/2010/FUL. Convert garage to create ground floor bedroom. 33 Ackland Close.

No Objections raised.

(b) Applications Granted.

Received by Cllrs.

(c) Application Withdrawn.

None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None

69. Finance.

(1) Accounts for payment, prop Cllr Haste, sec Cllr Lomax and all in favour that items (a) (b) (c) and (d) be paid.

(2) Clerks hours. As requested Clerk had kept a record of his time spent on Clerks duties since the last meeting on June 8th, which totalled 42 hours. This total reflected a rather busy 5 week month which was effectively 4 weeks as it included a weeks holiday, and was probably busier than usual, although most months include duties other than normal routine. After some debate Cllrs felt that the current 5 hours per week should be increased to 8 hours. Clerk said that he would be content with 7 hours. Cllr Davis proposed that 8 hrs per week should be the agreed figure. Clerk said that his contract stated that after 1 years satisfactory service his hourly rate should increase by one increment on the Local Government salary scale for part time Clerks and if this were to be applied then the hourly rate would rise from £8.344p to £8.545p. Cllr Davis then amended his proposal to include the new hourly rate and also to back date the increase to April 1st 2010. The proposal was then seconded by Cllrs Gliddon and Dungate and resolved by a vote with all in favour. The extra payments for this year to be taken from funds set aside for parish projects.

Bank Balances and 1st quarter balance sheet.

Previously circulated and received by Cllrs.

70. Correspondence.

Items (1) - (7) inclusive heard by the Meeting.

Circulation Folder

Received by Cllrs.

71. Items for the Council Meeting Agenda on Tuesday August 10th 2010, and any other business at the Chairmans discretion.

None.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-42 pm.

Signed..... Date.....