

## **SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 10th 2012 in the Church Room. Shebbear.**

#### **Present:**

Chairman: Cllr R Clark.

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

4 members of the public. Clerk. David Walker.

#### **Agenda. 2012. Commenced at 7- 30 pm.**

##### **70. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Davis (Holiday). Cllr Gliddon (Working). PCSO Baker (Off duty).

##### **71. Public Participation Period.**

(1) Carole Stairs, on behalf of the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee, reported that the new play area equipment was now installed and had been professionally inspected. Once a number of minor remedial tasks have been carried out the equipment and area will be deemed to be satisfactorily completed.

(2) Kate Rivers, who is a recent resident in Shebbear village, is keen to ensure that biodiversity and the protection of wildlife areas has not been neglected within the parish, and urged Cllrs to bear these matters in mind when decision making in future.

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

Cllr Haste Declared an Interest in Item 77(d)(3) as he rents land at the proposed site at Alscott Farm.

Cllr Wells Declared an Interest in Item 77 (d) (1) (2) and (3), as a family member belongs to a campaign group.

##### **73. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 12th 2012.**

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

##### **74. Clerks Report. Any matters arising from the Minutes.**

No matters to report.

##### **75. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.**

(1) Localism Act and Imminent changes.

Cllrs Agreed that the Code of Conduct produced by TDC, in response to The Localism Act 2011, be adopted by Shebbear Parish Council with immediate effect. Cllrs signed and submitted the revised Declaration of Interests forms to Clerk for forwarding to the Monitoring Officer.

(2) New Parish Plan Formation of the Steering Group. Cllrs reported that Jane Dixon, Lucy Luxton, Graeme Quance, Scott Powell, Kate Dymond and Adrian Caudwell had agreed to serve on the Steering Group in addition to Ralph Human, Tessa Osborne and Mike Wright, plus Cllrs Peter Lomax, Ted Haste and Joan Curtis.

Agreed, that the Group should be responsible for its own affairs, the need to prioritise the appointment of a Chairman, and that the sum of £500 be allocated to the Group for start up costs. Grant funding to be sought as the Plan takes shape and likely costs become clear.

(3) Highway drainage. This item to be followed up when C/Cllr Parsons is able to attend or be consulted. Cllrs commented that the recent machine patching work carried out in The Street had been promptly and efficiently completed, but the work had not altered the profile of the road surface sufficiently to reduce the flooding that occurs in places.

##### **76. District Councillors Report.**

D/Cllr Lewis not in attendance. Councillors, while understanding the difficulties involved, were disappointed that John was unable to be present and suggested that a written report could be sent in future.

**77. Planning.**

- (a) New applications. None received.
- (b) Application Withdrawn. None received
- (c) Applications Granted. 1/0339/2012/FUL. Porch with wheelchair access. 5 Aish Park. Shebbear.
- (d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

In introducing this Item Chairman suggested, that as TDC were bound to follow Government Directives that turbine applications should be approved unless good grounds were put forward for refusal, it would be wise, when assembling responses, to concentrate on aspects that were most likely to be effective. Also, it is essential to draw attention to the many inaccuracies and deficiencies discovered. Cllr Carr agreed, and pointed out that he had noticed during his researches that the TDC Wind Energy Policy is mostly ignored and that there is a trend for refusals to be made on the grounds of adverse visual impact, or for environmental reasons. Plus there is an emerging tendency for turbines under 40m high to be looked upon more favourably.

- (1) 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). There was reliable information to suggest that the applicant was intending to vary the height of the proposed turbine and Cllrs debated whether to delay any decision until the facts were officially received. This is also a regular dilemma for the team writing the responses to all turbine applications when TDC are forced to alter consultation deadlines due to changes in the applications. It was decided that the parish council had to make decisions based on the latest official notifications and return dates available.

After consideration and inclusion of minor amendments all Agreed that the consultee response be delivered to TDC recommending that **the application be refused**.

- (2) 1/0511/2012/FUL. Instal 1 wind turbine, (34.5m to tip), access tracks and cable trench, on land at Bason Farm. Bradford. This application has similar geographical factors to the Henscott application and it was anticipated that a significant negative impact would affect a large area of Shebbear parish.

Cllrs therefore Agreed that the consultee response should recommend to TDC that the **application be refused**.

- (3) 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. The consultee response was still being assembled in advance of the submission date. Clerk to enquire with TDC if any further changes to the application or return date were in the pipeline.

**Chairman** asked that his appreciation be placed on record in recognition of the vast amount of work being put in by the members assembling the responses, echoed by all present.

**78. Finance.**

- (1) Approval of accounts for payment.

All in Agreement, that cheques be drawn for payment of agenda Items (a) to (g) inclusive, in addition an invoice from Harry Hare Furniture for the renovation of the Shebbear Sign, received just before the Meeting, cheque to be delivered once the finishing touches are complete. £395.00

Bank Balances - Statements delayed due to the technical issues at NatWest. Telephone balances received as Current a/c £21,892.18 Reserve a/c £12,528.15 .

Current a/c balance includes: P3 funds in credit	<u>£1580.36</u>
Twinning funds	<u>£940.20</u>
Section 106 funds for playground improvements.	<u>£15,985.00</u>

**79. Correspondence.**

- (1) Little Bears. Thank you for the grant.
- (2) Neighbourhood Watch. Thank you for the grant.
- (3) Kivells. Ag Occupancy property at Halwill. (Details on notice board).
- (4) SW Highways. Road Closure for patching. Monday July 23rd to Friday July 27th. Quick Mill, Fore Street, Bradford. Diversion around Anvil Corner, Holsworthy Beacon and Stibb Cross.

All received by Cllrs.

Councillors Circulation With the addition of Gt Torrington LCP Agenda. N/Watch Forum. Request for grant from North Dartmoor Search & Rescue Team. Received by Cllrs.

**80. Items for the Council Meeting Agenda to be held on Tuesday August 14th 2012, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairmans discretion.**

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 10-00 pm.