

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday September 11th 2007
in the Church Room, Shebbear.

Present: Chairman R.Johns. **Cllrs:** S. Hillier. R.Clark. G.Slade. L.Quance. E.Haste. H.Davis.
P.Lomax. R.Gliddon.
D/Councillor A.Saywell. 15 Members of the Public.

338. Apologies for Absence. N.Jeffers. (Sunstroke.) PCSO Baker. (Rest day.)

339. Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda./ Any Registrations of Interest.

Cllr Clark stated that, should mention of Shebbear Shooters field arise during the discussions on the proposed new football club facilities at Shebbear College,(**Min 341(a)**), he would Declare an Interest as he is a Shooters Club Member.

340. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday August 14th 2007, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

341. Agenda Items for discussion and any matters arising from the Minutes.

(a) Chairman R.Johns suspended the formal process of the Meeting to allow representatives of **Shebbear Football Club** to address the meeting and bring everyone up to date with their proposals to create new football and sports facilities at Dartmoor View, Shebbear College.

Mike Barker began by describing how lack of any basic facilities at their present field and no prospect of being able to buy the ground meant that they had no option but to move. Having been offered the lease of ground at Dartmoor View the football club had decided to embark on the proposed scheme to include facilities for other local sports clubs and schools as well. He added that sources of funding were already identified pending the granting of outline planning permission.

Mr Barker then agreed that Clerk should read the contents of the football clubs planning support statement, as prepared by their architectural consultant, to the meeting. This firstly described how the club had considered another site at Shebbear College but due to several drawbacks this option had to be abandoned and the present site proceeded with mainly due to its better access and the fact that it was already a sports pitch.

The club were aware of the impact the proposal would have on neighbouring properties and were making every effort to minimise this by ensuring that the floodlighting was of the latest type which ensured that the maximum amount of light was directed at the pitch and not into the surrounding area. The concerns about noise, which were acknowledged to pose a problem, were expected to be minimal as only training was envisaged on the all weather pitch and that there would not be any football supporters present. Any evening use would be for other sports, eg, badminton. There was an assurance given that there is no intention to include a bar in the scheme. Any fears concerning security which neighbours had in relation to the rear of their properties should be reduced as a result of the increased presence of sportspersons and staff. It was acknowledged that the views at the rear of the location would be impaired to some extent, but every effort was being made to minimise obstruction.

Mr Wyard, for the objectors, asked, if only training is envisaged on the Astroturf pitch, where are the matches proper going to be played? Mr Barker told the meeting that there would be a grass pitch next to the all weather pitch on an area which is currently a rugby field.

There were further explanations concerning the arrangements for aftercare and maintenance which would be undertaken by College staff from their premises next to the proposed site on a shared basis between the leaseholder and the club.

Emphasis was placed upon the facility being made available for sport and recreation for other organisations in the local area.

Considerable discussion then followed which explored a lot of the concerns previously expressed with most persons present being generally in favour of the basic objectives of the scheme but wanting to minimise the drawbacks as much as possible. The most discussed aspect was the size of the building which, at 22m by 40m, was generally thought to be far too large for the intended use. Mr Horn, for the College, suggested that when detailed plans were prepared there may be scope for a reduction in size.

Clerk to convey the meetings comments to the Planning officer.

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(b) Chairman proposed to the meeting that the Code of Conduct 2007 be adopted by Shebbear Parish Council. Agreed unanimously.

4 Councillors stated their intention to attend Code of Conduct training at Holsworthy on 19th September. Other Councillors were unable to attend as 6pm start conflicted with work commitments. Cllr Clark hoped to obtain a training DVD on loan for our own training purposes.

(c) Councillors agreed that a letter of authority be sent to Shebbear Historical Society giving permission for the temporary use of any documents owned by Shebbear Parish Council, and lodged by them at North Devon Record Office, in the forthcoming Exhibition.

(d) It was suggested that Mr H.Paulger be asked if he would tidy up the War Memorial as an extra to his grasscutting duties. All in favour and Clerk to arrange before Remembrance Day.

(e) Clerk reported that Cllr Quance, Sara Robinson (Village Hall Sec), and himself met Mr Phil Bennett, a BT Payphones representative, at the Hall at 10am on Wednesday 5th Sept to inspect the anticipated site at the Hall for the relocated TK from the proposed Taffels site entrance opposite Balkwill Cottages. The inspection was swiftly concluded when Mr Bennett said that it was not BT policy to site kiosks on private property, a fact that could have been explained before Mr Bennett travelled down from Berkshire! Under the circumstances, and also that the relocation process had already begun with the disconnection of the old kiosk, councillors felt there was no further point in wanting the kiosk to be sited at the Hall as previously agreed. BT would therefore continue with the relocation to the roadside verge adjacent to Brambles House.

342. District Councillors Report.

Mr Saywell had nothing much to report as things had been quiet during the holiday period. Public participation in the planning process will commence in 2 months time. He has been broadening his experience by spending time with as many committees and departments as possible. He returns to university at the beginning of October and reminds us that he remains fully contactable.

343. Planning.

(a) No recent applications received.

(b) No adjacent applications relevant.

(c) Clerk reported that the Barn Close/ McGivern Development was still in the process of having the permission ratified.

344. Finance.

Approval for the payment of Items (a) to (g) inclusive was proposed by Cllr Hillier and seconded by Cllr Davis with all in favour.

345. Correspondence.

Items (a) to (f) inclusive were entered in the Councillors Information folder.

(g) Devon in Touch - Mobile Information Bus. Letter passed to Reflecting Shebbear magazine for the information to be made available to the readership.

A last minute letter from Shebbear Youth Club Project requesting to be considered for a 2008 grant was noted for inclusion with the other applications when considerations are being made.

346. Items for next months Agenda, and any other Business at the Chairmans discretion.

Cllrs Clark and Haste raised the matter of the Trading Estate being, firstly, a source of noise at night, as a result of lorries transferring their loads during the early hours, and also that the Estate was beginning to resemble a scrap yard due to a number of old vehicles dotted about. Enquiries into these complaints to be made and report back.

The Meeting ended at 9-51 pm.