

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday July 10th 2007 in the Church Room, Shebbear.

Present: Chairman R. Johns. Cllrs; R.Gliddon. E.Haste. R.Clark. P.Lomax. G.Slade. H.Davis.
District Cllr A.Saywell. 11 Members of the Public. PCSO Melissa Baker.

- 319 Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Hillier. (Exams). Cllr Quance.(Work Commitments).
Cllr Jeffers. (Unwilling to attend as in his opinion meeting had not been called correctly and therefore illegal.)
- 320 Welcome to new members.** Chairman and councillors welcomed Councillors Gordon Slade, Peter Lomax and Howard Davis, wished them well and hoped they will enjoy their time serving the Shebbear community.
- 321 Any Declarations of Interest in items on Agenda or Registrations of Interest.**
None received.
- 322 Minutes of Council Meeting,** held on Tuesday 12th June 2007, that had been previously circulated, were approved and signed after one correction had been made. (In **9-15pm Co-options** - Delete "Gerald", Insert "Gordon".)
- 323 Agenda Items for Discussion and matters arising from the Minutes.**
- (a) Risk Assessment /Fixed Asset review. Several items were identified as needing updating or revaluing. **Councillor Lomax** will team up with Clerk to carry out an assessment and report.
 - (b) Water Pressure Complaints.- Clerk had called out SW.Water engineer who had tested pressure at midday at 2 locations in the village and found pressures of 10 and 12 bar, which were high readings and indicated that the main was not at fault but individual properties may need to be assessed separately. Advice to complainants is to complain to SW Water themselves, noting the time and date when pressure is low.
 - (c) P3. No update for Footpath no 5. Cllr Quance passed word that he had fitted wire mesh non-slip covering to bridge footway. **Bridge to be inspected during Risk Assessment.**
 - (d) Complaints re Waycott. New Inn. - D/Cllr Saywell had had discussions with Torridge Enforcement Officer, Nigel Marshall, who had paid a visit to the site and spoken to the occupiers Mr and Mrs Knight. He will write to them and tell them to remove the cars and that the gates need planning permission. Mr Marshall says that the use of the land has changed from agricultural to storage and he will tell Mr and Mrs Knight to apply for a Certificate of Lawfulness which the District Council can argue against, but if passed, the goings - on as at present would become lawful. The mobile home in the field was being used as a chicken house and nothing could be done about that. The situation could take 6 months to resolve and anyone who had any evidence, either for or against the situation, should contact Mr Marshall.
 - (e) New Code of Conduct. Copies of the new Code were handed out to Councillors and Cllr Clark spoke briefly about the changes between the old and the new versions, also that training opportunities were in the pipeline and that all Councillors were urged to take advantage of them. Chairman asked for any questions, none were raised.

324 District Councillors Report. Mr Saywell reported that the possibility of greater public participation in Planning committee proceedings was being explored by the District Council solicitor. The Hospital Car situation is being looked at, and M.P. Geoffrey Cox, who is very concerned, has asked for a report from the Health Authority and the matter has been raised in the House of Commons and is ongoing.

Mr Cox is holding one of his "surgeries" in Shebbear on Tuesday July 31st from 12-15 to 1-15pm, probably in The Square in his mobile office. He will be hoping to hear any concerns you wish to bring to his attention. His contact details are on the Parish Council Notice Board.

324 (a) Chairman invited P.C.S.O. Melissa Baker to speak to the Meeting. She described her role as not being a police officer but as a visible presence around her area and a link between the public and the Police in areas where the police were too busy to be fully involved. Her contact details are on the Parish Council Notice Board, she is keen to be involved in local goings on.

325 Planning.

Outline planning application for an all weather sports facility and pavilion at Dartmoor View, opposite Shebbear College. For Shebbear Football Club.- Councillors heard representations from members of the public opposed to the scheme, and after weighing them against the proposals presented to Council at the March Meeting decided to Object to the scheme for a number of reasons, mainly that the proposals were too ambitious, in the wrong location, financially unrealistic and inconsiderate of neighbouring properties quality of life. At the same time the Parish Council was fully supportive of the Football Clubs need for a new pitch. Cllr Clark asked if the meeting would confine their comments to planning issues.

1/0292/2007.FUL. Extension to Dwelling at Vaddicott Corner has been Granted.

Council heard lists of adjacent planning applications and nothing relevant was noted.

326 Finance.

(a) Mr H.Paulger.(2 grasscuts.) £80-00.

(b) Clerks Wage.(4 wks) £156-92.

(c) Clerks quarterly telephone line rental. £29-97.

(d) Reimburse Clerk for out of pocket expenditure. (Stationery.) £36-52.

Proposed by Cllr Haste and seconded by Cllr Davis that all four payments be made.

All in favour.

327 Correspondence.

(a) Letter of thanks from Shebbear School Support Group for annual grant read to Council.

(b) Torridge Equality Scheme. 2007 - 2010. To circulation folder.

(c) P3. Summer Events timetable. Circ Folder.

(d) D.A.P.C. County Committee election result read to Cllrs.

(e) Devon Talk magazine. Circ folder.

(f) D.A.P.C. July/Aug newsletter. Circ folder.

(g) Devon Countryside Access Forum Annual Report. 06/07. Circ folder.

Also communications from Two Parishes Festival secretary thanking Council for offer of financial support and Little Bears Group notifying of new chairperson read to councillors.

328. Items for next meetings Agenda and any other Business at Chairmans discretion.

Cllr Clark is attending a D.A.P.C. seminar on Councils Quality Status shortly and will pass on his findings at next months Meeting.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-12pm.