

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017
in the Church Room, Shebbear at 7.30pm

Present:

Chairman: Councillor R Clark.

J Curtis. J Stupple. A Maidment. K Dymond N Whatley.

District Cllr D Hurley. 2 members of the public. Clerk M Whatley.

AGENDA. 2017. Commenced at 7-30pm.

Chairman R Clark opened the Meeting, and welcomed all present.

001. Apologies for Absence. Cllr Haste (holiday) Cllr Gliddon (working). Cllr Quance (silaging) Cllr Dungate (family commitment). PCSO Melissa Baker.

002. Election of Officers.

(1) Chairman.

Outgoing Chairman Cllr Clark called for nominations for the office of Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Whatley nominated Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Maidment. No further nominations. All in favour by show of hands.

Cllr Clark elected for the coming year, continued the Meeting.

(2) Vice Chairman.

Chairman Cllr Clark proposed Cllr Maidment as he felt Shebbear Parish Council needed to engage succession planning, he was 72 this year and the previous Vice Chairman he believed 75. Seconded by Cllr Stupple. Chairman called for other nominations, there were none. All in favour by show of hands that Cllr Maidment be elected as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

(3) Local Auditor.

Clerk reported that Mark Ohlsen had indicated that he would be willing to continue as Auditor and all were in favour that he be invited to do so. Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Whatley.

(4) 2 Representatives for the Parish Lands Committee.

In addition to the ex officio duty by the Chairman, Cllrs Stupple and Whatley volunteered to serve. Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Maidment, all in favour.

003. Public Participation Period of 15 minutes. For speakers registered in advance, with the Clerk.

Dipper Mill Flood Watch. Ron Lester was unable to attend and had prepared a report to be read out at the Meeting.

Chairman read the report.

“I have met and chatted with Julian Parkin, (Hydro-logic Principal HydroMetric Engineer) a few times as he worked on the sign outside our house. On his last problem-solving visit, I asked how the community could help. He suggested we monitored the exact times the road flooded, to help them adjust sensor settings.

The sensor is not properly calibrated; worse still, information collected since installation suggests that the river-based sensor should be relocated to the ditch in the field near the road. They use mobile phone signals to link sensors, displays and their system. These have been unreliable due to changes by mobile phone providers. Moreover, the modem (communication module) on one sign has failed. Reading between the lines, their system software doesn't handle these communication problems well. A vexing consequence of this is that when a flood recedes, the signs may not receive the 'off' signal and thus remain permanently 'on'. Solutions: They are taking this issue seriously and have a plan for – free- resolution, which they want to review with you. Their plan includes relocating the sensor, replacing the faulty modem, addressing mobile phone issues and making the control (software) more robust. They also offer guidance on using our mobile phones to manually correct the signs until everything is settled.

Cllr Hurley reported that he had been communicating with Karen Clack at Hydro-Logic. She was keen to set up a meeting with Mr Quance, the property owner, in order to progress the matter. Clerk to arrange a meeting between Karen Clack, Julian Parkin (Engineer), D Cllr Phillip Hackett, D Cllr Hurley, Mr Quance, Ron Lester, and all other interested parties.

004. Declarations of any Councillors Interests in Items on the Agenda.

- (a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial). None.
- (b) Registerable Interests. None.
- © **Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.** None.

005. (a) Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday April 11th 2017, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

All in favour that the Minutes be signed as a correct record.

(b) Draft Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2017, having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

All in favour that the Minutes be signed as a correct record.

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

Recorded in Members' Declaration of Interest book Cllr Haste's Pecuniary Interest in additional 35 acres of land he was renting for the season in Shebbear and also Registerable Interest in land for planning application no. 1/0044/2017/OUT. Forwarded Registration of Interest Form to Monitoring Officer at TDC.

I can confirm that Adrian Caudwell has sprayed the weeds along the pavement edges in the village as instructed.

Planning. Aish Barn, Shebbear. Responded to TDC that members considered this proposal blended well with the existing and did not affect any other property. Shebbear Parish Council has no objections. Dougies Field.

Responded to TDC that there was lack of consensus. Vote was taken resulting in 4 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Renewal of Access Licence for Sheila's Folly, Shebbear for emptying dog waste bin. Clerk had seen Mr and Mrs Lott, paid the £1 annual licence fee and supplied a Receipt.

Carried out Risk Assessment with our Chairman, items to be discussed later in the meeting.

Prepared full end of year accounts for presentation and approval by the members.

007. To Agree any items to be dealt with in Part 2, closed session, of the Meeting.

None.

008. Any urgent Agenda business or correspondence brought forward with the approval of the Chairman.

(1) Risk Assessment – Repairs and Maintenance.

Chairman and Clerk had carried out a Risk Assessment of Council assets.

(a) Lamp outside Doctor's House.

Inspected, the actual lamp housing in good condition and the sodium Halide Lamp and light sensor are functioning correctly. However, the substantial wrought iron bracket which fixes to the building is showing signs of significant rusting to the point where the lamp housing fixings are completely seized and the base plate has become so corroded that the housing does not fit in a vertical position correctly. Solution, disconnect the lamp from the Sodium Halide driver and take down the lamp enclosure and wrought iron bracket. Lamp housing needs to be cut away from the bracket and serviced, the wrought iron bracket to be sent for grit blasting, galvanizing and painting. Estimate received £425-£475.

(b) Seats.

Plastic seats need power washing, also slabs or grass they stand on washed / strimmed, brasses cleaned. Wooden seats need treating with Sadolin.

© Village Sign.

Needs treating with Sadolin and brass cleaned.

Clerk to contact Adrian Caudwell re items (b) and (c).

(d) Notice Board Doors.

Clerk to arrange for Mark Gallear to inspect and report back.

009. Items for Discussion and Resolution.

- (1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period.
None.

010. District Councillor's Report.

Chairman welcomed D. Cllr David Hurley to the Meeting.

Cllr Hurley congratulated our re-elected County Councillor, Barry Parsons, and looks forward to working closely with him again.

Balleroy Close.

The planning application to build a bungalow in Balleroy Close in addition to the three new houses has been turned down at Appeal. Basically three reasons for refusal are that the 'footprint of the dwelling proposed at approximately 106 sq metres would be substantially larger than that of most nearby properties and the dwelling would therefore appear unduly imposing'. The report goes on to say that the proposed dwelling would look out of place and therefore detrimental to the existing and harmonious character and appearance of the appeal area.

Speedwatch.

Facebook this past week has again highlighted the speed of vehicles in the village. I can't believe that a village the size of Shebbear is unable to find 6 volunteers to form a team. I, with presumably the support of Cllr Parsons, will re-approach the police and try to convince them that their assertion that the only place in Shebbear for the team to position themselves at a point near the College, is incorrect.

New Recycling Vehicle.

The Councils Waste & Recycling Service will be trialling, for a short period until 12th May, a new Dry Recycling Vehicle called the "Romanquip". This is a kerbside recycling vehicle that will be joining regular kerbside rounds throughout the District during this time and allows the sorting of recycling materials, but will not impact on collections. More trials of other recycling vehicles will be scheduled for 2017 before any fleet renewal decisions are taken.

Dipper Mill Floor Warning System.

Following last month's PC meeting, I contact Cllr Hackett and he in turn contacted Karen Clack, who is the Operations Manager at Hydro-Logic Services, the Company that installed the system. She attached an email that was sent to Ron Lester on 17th March stating the problems that the system has had. She also stated that a date should be arranged for Hydro-Logic to return to Dipper Mill and rethink the sensor positions and also resolve any other problems that the system has at this time.

Little Bears.

£500 contribution from Councillor Grant to enable kitchen improvements to be completed.

011. Planning.

- (a) New Applications.

1/0305/2017/REM.

Proposed Dwelling Reserved Matters pursuant to 1/0927/2015/OUT.

Highfield, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Clerk to respond that Shebbear Parish Council has no comments to make on these reserved matters but individual members may wish to comment.

- (b) Applications Granted

None.

- (c) Applications Refused

1/0596/2016/FUL. 1 New Dwelling.

Land at Balleroy Close, Shebbear, Devon.

Appeal Application Refused.

Received by the Councillors.

- (d) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

012. Finance

- (1) To Approve Final Year End Accounts to March 2017.
Clerk presented the final end of year accounts to March 2017, Asset List, and completed Annual Return to the members for Approval and signature. Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour. Clerk Minuted and dated the Accounting Statements 2016/17, signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- (2) Approval of Items for payment.
 - (a) Payment of previously agreed Local Grants (Minute 162 (1) 2016
Little Bears £500. Shebbear Football Club £300. History Group £100. Citizens Advice Bureau £250. Lake Chapel Graveyard £150. School Support Group £550. Shebbear Shooters £150. Shebbear Youth Club £550. Shebbear Lunch Club £400. HRCT £400.
 - (b) Came & Co. Insurance Renewal £289.43.
 - © Adrian Caudwell – Grasscutting £169.00
 - (d) Planning Fee for Night Landing Zone Application £97.50
Proposed by Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Curtis, that items (a) to (d) be paid, all in favour.
- (3) Precept 2017/2018.
Clerk reported the 1st Installment of the Precept had been received in the sum of £4,775.44.
Received by Councillors.
- (4) P3 Grant 2017/2018.
Clerk reported that P3 Grant of £170.00 for Parish Paths had been received.
Received by Councillors.
- (5) VAT.
Clerk reported she had submitted a VAT Reclaim for £120.77 up to 31st March 2017.
Received by Councillors.
- (6) **Received after Agenda circulated.**
Jubilee Mugs. Chairman reported that we as a Parish Council had a number of Jubilee mugs left over from the celebrations a few years ago. We donated the last 13 mugs to the Bowls Club for which they gave us a £20.00 donation.

Bank balances. Received after the Meeting.

Current Account: £13,610.12 (Includes P3 Account in credit £424.)	Reserve Account: £14,059.21 (Includes £4,800 ring-fenced for Helipad Fund £1,200 Pd)
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013. Correspondence.

- (1) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report
None.
- (2) Mortgage Fraud – Property Alert.
Fraudsters can and do target properties for fraud. By pretending to be you they can try to sell or mortgage your home. Land Registry offer a free property monitoring service whereby you will be notified of any significant application to change the register, such as a new loan or change of ownership. For more information contact the Property Alert team propertyalert@landregistry.gsi.gov.uk

Circulation File.

HAGS. Healthwatch Voices. Updated measures to protect poultry against Avian Flu. Glasdon. Parish Council Weekly Lists. Flood Risk Management. Homeowner Loans from TDC. Devon Local Flood Risk Management. DCC Parish Paths Partnership Scheme.

014. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday June 13th 2017 at 7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

There being no other Business Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.48 pm.

Signed

Dated