

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday October 8th 2013 in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Present:

Vice Chairman: Councillor E Haste.

Councillors: J Curtis. J Stupple. M A Wells. R Clark. J Dungate. P Lomax. T Carr. R Gliddon.

3 Members of the public. Clerk. D Walker.

AGENDA. 2013. Commenced at 7-30 pm.

Vice Chairman Councillor E Haste in the absence of Chairman H Davis opened the Meeting, and welcomed all present.

117. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor H Davis (Away).

County Councillor Barry Parsons (At another meeting).

District Councillor David Hurley (At another meeting).

118. Public Participation Period.

(1) Rebecca Weale described her plans to establish a Community Cafe within the village which would be for all ages from toddlers to pensioners, as a meeting place for refreshments, newspapers and social activities. Skills advice for teenagers and the unemployed would be available and all workers would be welcome. Rebecca had already made enquiries about funding and had visited the community cafe at Exbourne. Positive feedback had been received from villagers and Rebecca was keen to hear the Councillors views on the matter. Councillor Clark offered advice based on enquiries he had already made and Councillor Carr felt that this was a worthwhile project, with which all present agreed.

7-40pm. Chairman thanked Rebecca for her attendance and official business was resumed.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests.

Councillor Wells declared an Interest in Item 126 (c) as her husband is a member of a campaign group.

(b) Registerable interests.

None received.

Any variations to Members Registration of Interests.

None received.

120. Draft Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday September 10th 2013.

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

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

Clerk reported that, the completed Green Infrastructure Survey had been submitted on September 16th and thanked Councillor Lomax for collating the responses.

In readiness for the winter period the stock of salt/grit held under the Snow Warden scheme had been assessed and Highways had reaffirmed that they will be topping up the grit bins as usual. As the remainder of the bulk salt held by the Snow Wardens was not suitable for use in the parish gritter it will be used manually wherever required and a quantity of bagged salt will be acquired for gritter use.

The site for the extra dog bin at the New Inn end of Top Lane had been decided and TDC are shortly to install it and include it in the list for emptying.

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Care Closer to Home is the title given by the Devon Care Commissioning Group and the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust to a consultation that will run from October 1st to November 26th 2013 in relation to proposals to release patients from primary hospitals direct to their homes where care will be continued by District Nurses. This has triggered fears that this is a precursor to beds being closed in community hospitals such as Torrington. It is reported that each household will receive information about the survey from the Trust and Clerk will supply details to Councillors when received.

Barry Hunt had received a letter from DCC Highways relating to the village hall bank slippage opposite Arden House which was received by Councillors. Highways denied any responsibility that flooding due to a blocked drain was undermining the bank and stated that due to shortage of money blocked drains could not be attended to outside the annual cleaning programme unless they met the set criteria which deemed them to be a safety hazard. Clerk to write to Highways stating that this was unacceptable and that an engineer should inspect the site. Councillors also suggested that, as a last resort, the parish council could pay for the drain to be cleaned out, although part of the problem is that the profile of the road causes water to pond against the bank. County Councillor Parsons to be informed of the situation.

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

Agreed - all items to be Part 1.

123. Any urgent agenda business or correspondence brought forward with the approval of the Chairman.

None.

124. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) *Replacement of bus shelter.*

Clerk reported that, in accordance with the legal agreement in force, that DCC should approve the design and construction of the shelter in The Square, he had notified the County Solicitor and supplied details of the proposed new shelter which had been approved. Clerk is also obtaining 3 quotations for the removal of the existing shelter.

(2) *Shebbear Youth Club.* Councillor Wells reported that she had visited the Youth Club on a recent club night and was very impressed with what had been achieved and with the lovely atmosphere that was evident. There are now around 60 members on the books and it was good to see older members assisting with the running of the activities. There are a varied range of attractions available on club nights with more activities planned for the future, funds permitting. Councillor Wells had suggested to the Chairperson that she should apply for a Parish Council Local Grant in December.

Councillors agreed that the Youth Club was a worthwhile project to support and Councillor Carr agreed to liaise with the Treasurer to take up their offer to open their accounts for inspection.

(3) *P3 Back Lane tidy up.* Agreed, that Adrian Caudwell should carry out the clearing of undergrowth etc along the footpath.

(4) *Replacement of public seats.* The annual inspection had revealed that the 3 seats under the Oak Tree had deteriorated to the stage that they needed replacing. Councillors agreed that in the interests of public safety that this should be done but queried whether it was necessary to have 3 seats under the tree at all as nobody could recall seeing them all being used at once. Agreed, that one seat be ordered to match the recently installed seat on the Green, to be sited by The Oak facing out towards the Square. If necessary in future 2 more could be sited if there was a need.

125. District Councillors Report.

No report this month but David had mentioned with his Apology that he had visited Shebbear Youth Club with a view to donating some money from his Councillor grant allocation towards some new equipment.

126. Planning.

(a) New Applications.

None received.

(b) Applications Granted.

1/0017/2013/FUL. 500kw (67m) wind turbine at Bowden Farm, Buckland Brewer.

(c) Any relevant adjacent applications.

Councillor Carr presented his assessments of the items referred from the September meeting.

Item 113(c)(2) 1/0668/2013/FUL. Erection of 46.9m wind turbine at Bilsford Farm Buckland Brewer.

Agreed, No Objections as this would not have a significant negative impact on Shebbear parish.

Item 113(c)(3). 1/0654/2013/FUL. Erection of 45m wind turbine at Langtreemoor Lane, Langtree.

Agreed. Objection on a number of grounds, details of which Clerk will register with TDC Planning.

127. Finance.

(1) Approval of Items for payment

Proposed Councillor Clark, seconded Councillor Wells, with all in favour, that agenda items (a) and (b) together with recently received invoices from Cumbria Clock Co £156.00 (Annual church clock service) and TDC £138.60 (New dog bin), be paid.

Bank Balances to September 30th 2013.

Current account - £11,078.32 Reserve account - £15,536.43 Received by the Councillors.

128. Correspondence.

(1) *Councillor H Davis.* Resignation from the Parish Council. Councillors heard that Howard was shortly to move to another area and was resigning as a result of that. Clerk to notify TDC for the arrangements to be put in place to fill the vacancy. Councillors agreed that the election of a new Chairman should be put on hold until a full complement of members is re-established particularly as Councillor Lomax indicated that he too was hoping to move out of the area when his house sale was successful which would result in another vacancy.

(2) *Lake Methodist Chapel Cemetery.* Thank you for the support grant. Received by the Councillors.

Councillors Circulation Received by the Councillors.

129. Items for the next Council Meeting Agenda which will be held on Tuesday November 12th 2013, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairmans discretion.

(1) Release of Twinning Funds to the Village Hall.

(2) Identify a new P3 co-ordinator to take over from Peter Lomax who wishes to stand down and arrange an orderly hand over.

There being no other Business the Meeting ended at 9-16 pm.