

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Cllr Dungate.

Councillors: J Franklin. R Clark. A Maidment.

J Curtis. J Stupple. N Whatley. P Isaacs.

D Cllr D Hurley. 2 Members of the Public. Clerk: M Whatley

AGENDA. 2018.

112. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Gliddon (another commitment). Cllr Quance (working). C Cllr Parsons (committed elsewhere).

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

SSSG Application for Parish Council Grant – Leanne Marshall.

Three representatives from Shebbear Community School Council, Cora-May, Lexi and Emily, gave a presentation to support the development of a reading garden. Considerable works are required to clear the site, put down a hard surface, planting, new fencing to secure the area and seating. During Question Time, Leanne confirmed the site to be approximately 1/3 of that of the Church Room, and that they had no ball-park figure in mind but would start looking at costings in the New Year. To date they had £800 in the kitty, with a further £1,200 expected to be raised at the Christmas Fayre, with other fund raising activities planned later in the year.

Chairman thanked the girls for their excellent presentation.

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

(a) Discloseable pecuniary interests (Prejudicial).

A number of Councillors stated that when Local Grants were to be decided at 122 (3) they would not participate in any debate or discussion where their interests in individual organisations were relevant, and would leave the room whilst the Grants were discussed.

(b) Registerable Interests.

None.

© Any variations of Registerable Interests.

None.

115. Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 13th 2018 having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Curtis, that the Minutes be recorded as a true record.

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

Parish Project.

Put a small piece in Reflecting Shebbear that the PC is in possession of funds to spend on projects within the village and is earnestly requesting suggestions from the readership as to how they would like to see the money spent.

Reported dangerous ditch between Ruxhill and Berry Barns, Caute, to Vicki Braddon of Highways and asked the cost of verge master posts. She asked for photos and then confirmed she would

supply 5 no. from her local signing budget as the cost is quite low, her contractors to erect, at no cost to Shebbear Parish Council.

Dr's Surgery

Wrote to the parishioner sympathising on her bereavement.

Wrote letter to Jane Wells of RCMG in an effort to set up another meeting as agreed at the Sub-Meeting in September. Received no response. Wrote second letter asking for an update on Shebbear and Hatherleigh surgeries.

New Dog Waste Bin for Church Fields. Ordered new dog waste bin for Church Fields and asked Planning, Southcombe, Shebbear. Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this application.

Grants. Chased late applicants and collated applications to be discussed this evening.

Budget Precept. Prepared draft budget for consideration by the members.

Tap Fund.

Prepared Tap Fund in liaison with Buckland Filleigh ready for submission.

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

None.

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

(1) Parish Projects.

(a) Dr's Surgery.

Chairman invited Cllr Hurley to up-date Members on the outcome of his and C Cllr Parsons's meeting with Dr Brown of RCMG.

Cllr Hurley confirmed that what they had learned was confidential, and they understood why the surgery has not been re-opened, and what had been going on and all would come to light in the fullness of time.

With all the rumours abounding, Members instructed Clerk to write to RCMG to arrange a meeting to gain some clarity on what services are to be delivered to Shebbear.

(b) Light on Dr's House – Failing, Convert to LED

Cllr Dungate reported that following reports he had investigated the sodium Halide lamp and light sensor and found to be malfunctioning. Suggested we convert to LED with warm light. Cllr Franklin proposed that John Dungate look into this, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour.

(c) Secure Fencing for Little Bears Pre-School.

It had been decided by the School Governors not to proceed with the fence project at this time, to be put on the 'back burner'.

(d) Ditch from Ruxhill to Berry Park Corner.

Councillors were unanimously in favour of verge master posts being installed to denote the presence of the ditch. Clerk to instruct Vicki Braddon of Highways to continue.

(e) Drains along front of houses adjacent to Pub and down Pitt Hill. The blocked grids outside the houses adjacent to the pub and the blocked gullies running down Pitt Hill

are the responsibility of Highways. They need flushing right through. Clerk to contact Highways and offer some financial assistance or other. Could a local farmer suck out the grids with a slurry tanker and another farmer use a jetter to jet spray the pipes and clear the problem.

(f) Cleaning out of gullies and drain system at Ruxhill and between Caute Bungalow and Caute.

Once again the responsibility of Highways.

(g) Feature posts and chain around War Memorial.

It was suggested that rather than post and chain, stone walling be built around the war memorial and capped on top, which would look impressive in the centre of the village. Clerk to obtain three quotes for stone walling.

(h) Notice board by bus shelter.

The question of notice boards around the village was raised and it was unanimously agreed that one should be placed inside the bus shelter, one by Meadow Park and a third at the end of the footpath by Rich Clark's house. Clerk to obtain quotes.

(i) Wash Village signs.

Clerk to ask Adrian Caudwell to wash the dirty village signs.

(j) Village Tidy-up.

Councillors agreed a 'Spring Clean Village Day'. This was set for Saturday 27th April 2019, community to be asked to attend with strimmers, garden clippers, gloves for picking up litter. Refreshments to be provided at the Village Hall. Clerk to put a community invitation in February and April editions of Reflecting Shebbear.

(k) New Planters.

Unanimously agreed new planters be sited around the village.

(l) Flooding at Dipper Mill. **Received after the Agenda was circulated.**

Jo Williams suggested as a project for the parish council funding if dredging the river at Dipper Mill had been considered.

Clerk to respond to Jo that this had been considered in the past.

119. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

(1) Any matters raised during the Public Participation period.

None.

120. District Councillor's Report.

Illegal Fly Tipping

Illegal fly-tipping has never been condoned by Torridge or by residents as a whole. However it has, and is, always difficult to catch perpetrators. Torridge have started to use covert cameras to video these law breakers in action. Fines have been increased to the maximum allowable by law, £300 to £400...£180/250 if paid within 10 days. Littering fines also increased to between £50 and £150. Non payment can result in a court appearance with a possible max fine of £2,500.

Litter from cars..until now difficult to prove who had disposed of litter. Law changed to make the driver responsible. Fine £150 to be paid within 28 days. £100 if paid within 14 days.

Annual Parking charges review

No change to parking fees. Some parking m/c's to be fitted with new front panel to enable credit/debit cards to be used. Four in Bideford, one in Westward Ho!, Manor car park in Holsworthy and Sydney House car parks. Minimum charge £3. This will cover transaction charges and hopefully encourage people to stay in town for longer periods.

Christmas Refuse + Recycling collection Dates

Christmas collection times of both refuse and recycling available to view on TDC website. (Two printed copies handed to PC.)

Highways

Although not strictly a District responsibility (Highways) I feel that you should be made aware that DCC Highways have been awarded an extra £18.75 million this year to help repair our roads. Half this figure has been allocated to bridge repair/maintenance as DCC have over 800 bridges in their estate.

Riverbankhouse

The refurbished RBH was officially opened on 20th November by Chairman of the Council Cllr Simon Inch. The obligatory tree was duly planted to mark the occasion.

London Meeting

Last week I travelled to London to attend a meeting of the Coastal Special Interest Group at Smith Square in the Headquarters of the Local Government Association. This committee, of which Torridge are part, consists of Elected Councillors and Officers from a variety of Councils up and down the Country who are concerned with matters coastal. As Lead Member for Internal Resources I attended with an interest on an agenda item regarding landfill sites near the coast. In this instance Northam Burrows. An interesting update was given including the fact that moving the present landfill from its present location to another site inland would incur a Landfill Tax of £86 per tonne.

121. Planning.

(1) New Applications.

(a) **1/1220/2018//FUH. Greenfield, Shebbear, Devon.**

Ground Floor Extension.

Clerk to respond to TDC - Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Received after the Agenda was circulated.

(b) 1/1244/2018/FUH. 2 Green Lane Bungalows, Shebbear, Devon.

Erection of Garden Shed.

Clerk to respond to TDC - Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

(2) Applications Granted.

None.

(3) Applications Refused

None.

(4) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

122. Finance.

(1) To Agree the provisional Precept for the 2019-2020 Financial Year.

Chairman proposed the Precept for the year 2019-2020 be set the same as the previous year in the sum of £13,480, Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour.

(2) Chairman proposed that in view of all the additional work involved with meetings with RCMG, taking Minutes, etc, the Clerk's wages be increased from £3,669.12 pa to £4,000 pa, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour.

(3) To Consider Applications for Grants for payment in May 2019.

Little Bears, Shebbear Shooters, Shebbear Football Club. Shebbear Youth Club, History Group, Citizens Advice Bureau £650. History Group £100. Lake Chapel Graveyard, St Michaels Church Graveyard. Shebbear School Support Group. Shebbear Lunch Club. HRCT. Rowden Graveyard. Chairman suggested the Grants paid be the same as the previous year.

Little Bears £550. Shebbear Football Club £400. Shebbear Youth Club £650. History Group £100. Cit Adv Bureau £500. Lake Chapel Graveyard £150. School Support Group £800. Shebbear Shooters had not requested a Grant and it was agreed this be divided between St Michaels Church Graveyard and Rowden Graveyard Field.

Proposed by Chairman, Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour.

Following the presentation by SSSG, **Cllr Franklin left the room whilst this was discussed.**

It was agreed that SSSG be awarded £1.00 for every £1.00 they raise for their project up to a ceiling of £5,000, to be paid as and when.

Donations

It was further agreed to donate £500 to Holsworthy Rural Community Transport and £500 to Shebbear Lunch Club to be paid in January 2019.

Proposed by Chairman, Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour.

(4) Approval of Items for Payment.

(a) Shebbear Lunch Club – Donation towards Armistice Catering - £80.00 (See Mins 105 (3).

(b) RBL includes Donation to Salvation Army - £34.00

© Re-imburse Cllr Whatley for Christmas Tree Lights - £42.00.

(d) Grasscutting Adrian Caudwell - £161.00

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Curtis, all in favour that item (a, b, c, and d be paid.

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £9,938.80

Reserve Account: £19,747.50

123. Correspondence.

(a) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.

Crimes - 1 burglary dwelling, 1 sexual offence, 1 harassment without violence and 1 possess a controlled drug of class B – Cannabis.

Logs - 2 highway disruption (pot and road closure), 1 abandoned call, 1 burglary, 1 domestic related, 1 sexual offence, 1 concern for welfare, 1 suspicious circumstances and 1 drug related.

Received by Councillors.

Circulation File.

Council Planning Lists. Police Report. Clerks & Council Direct Magazine.

- 124. Agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday January 8th 2019 at 7-30 m,** and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.
Template for Grant Agenda (Cllr Franklin). Dipper Mill (Cllr Isaacs). Surgery. Parish Project April 27th 2019. Parking in Balleroy.

There being no other business, Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

Signed

Dated