

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr N Whatley

Councillors: Cllr M Pearce. Cllr J Stuppel. Cllr J Curtis. Cllr J Franklin.

Cllr Jax Curtis. Cllr J Quance.

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

AGENDA 2019.

Chairman's Opening Remarks.

At this Meeting, Vice Chairman Nicholas Whatley took the chair in the absence of our Chairman, Cllr Rich Clark, and welcomed all to the September Meeting.

084. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Clark (bereavement in the family). Cllr C Styles-Power (holiday). Cllr L Luxton (illness).

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

None.

086. 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.

087. Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday August 13th 2019 having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Joan Curtis, Seconded Cllr Stuppel, all in favour that the Minutes be signed as a true record of that Meeting.

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

Correction to the Minutes dated July 9th 2019.

Firstly, I have to apologise to Cllr Quance for the omission in the Minutes of July. Cllr Quance pointed out that it is illegal for farmers to cut hedges between 1st March and 31st August because this covers the period when the majority of birds can be expected to be nesting, **except for Health and Safety reasons.** I have corrected this with a true copy in the Minutes Book next to the signed copy, and also on the Notice Boards, Web Page, etc.

Dipper Mill Flood Warning System

Wrote to Hydro-Logic (Timeview) raising the issues in the Flood Warning Renewal Contract.

Councillor Training

After much too-ing and fro-ing with DALC, have arranged a Councillor Training Session for Tuesday 29th October 2019 here in Shebbear. The course includes Roles and Responsibilities. Powers, Duties and

Precepts. Management and Meetings. The Council and the Community. I am contacting adjoining Parish Councils to try to increase numbers.

Planning Applications

1/0642/2019/FUL. Little Ladford, Shebbear. Carport.

Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

1/0691/2019/FUL. 1 Coronation Place, Shebbear.

Removal of front garden to create a driveway including erection of wall and gates.

Responded to TDC that Shebbear Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Donation to Little Bears.

Delivered the cheque for £2,000 to Victoria Tonkin, Chair of Little Bears, who confirmed work on the new fencing was scheduled to commence after the Bank Holiday and should be completed by now.

Police Report.

Emailed PCSO Melissa Baker asking if we could receive the 'old fashioned' Police Reports as percentages tell us nothing.

First Aid Training.

Have spoken with Lorraine Butters, who will provide this training and said we would discuss this at the meeting this evening and agree a date.

Bank Signatories

Drove to Launceston to get a Bank Mandate form for signatories to be added and removed (there being a fault on line). Have completed this ready for the Councillors to sign subject to the necessary resolution to be taken this evening as the Mandate requires 'a Minute'.

Wayleave Payment.

We have received the Wayleave Payment from Western Power in the sum of £23.15, which has been paid into the Bank.

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

None.

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

(1) Flood Warning Renewal Contract.

This was discussed at length. Certain Councillors were of the opinion the scheme should be scrapped.

However, it was agreed that a survey should be conducted on Facebook and in Reflecting Shebbear as to how useful this early warning system is to the community and whether we should continue to pay the maintenance contract amounting to about £800 pa. Clerk to submit copy to Reflecting Shebbear, Cllr Jax Curtis to put notice on Facebook.

(2) Codes of Conduct (Chairman)

Due to the absence of the Chairman, this was passed over to be discussed at a future meeting.

(3) 'Being a Good Councillor' Course – Tuesday 29th October 2019, Shebbear (Trainer Jane Gillard).

Clerk to confirm details to Councillors and invite Councillors from neighbouring parishes to attend.

(4) CPR Training – Lorraine Buttery.

Cllr Franklin asked if this might include older pupils at the school. Cllr Franklin to discuss this with Lorraine Buttery and liaise with Clerk to agree a date.

Cllr Franklin asked the Chairman if he might report on his actions as Shebbear Footpath Warden.

Following the July Meeting, he had had a positive meeting with Ros Davies, Public Rights of Way – Parish Path Liaison Officer. He had agreed to walk the paths and she would re-visit later in the year to discuss any works that might be required.

091. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

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

None.

092. District Councillor's Report.

Brunswick Wharf

Contracts signed last week between TDC and Red Earth to develop Brunswick Wharf. This is a £20 million project and will comprise of apartments, shops and a Bistro pub and has been a long time coming. The site has been derelict for 60+ years.

Councillor Advocate for OPCC

Councillor Advocates are a link between the OPCC and the public. I attended my first meeting last week in Exeter and among the topics discussed were road policing and Crimestoppers. Crimestoppers is a charity that allows crimes to be reported anonymously and these are then forwarded to the police. Since being founded in 1988 they have received over 2 million calls. Their number is 0800 555111. Locally

Crimestoppers are asking for ambassadors to volunteer for their communities. Kate.Romo@crimestoppers-uk.org (Kate is regional liason for the charity)

The Superintendent who is head of roads policing then outlined **a number of policing initiatives which included the No Excuse team** – The policing team educates drivers and takes dangerous drivers and vehicles off the roads. In July alone officers in this team issued 192 traffic reports, made 13 arrests, took eight positive drugs wipes, four positive breath tests and seized 63 vehicles.

Community Speedwatch – frustration at the delay in getting new Community Speedwatch schemes up and running was expressed and the Supt explained how his team had been clearing a backlog of sites so new ones could be assessed. There is overwhelming evidence that the 350 volunteers taking part in this scheme have a positive effect in reducing speeding so the police are very keen on getting more sites up and running. More information on this scheme can be found at <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/on-the-road/speed-watch/>

Operation Snap - Operation Snap is the web portal which allows people to simply upload video evidence of motoring offences. Since it launched in July many dozens of video files have been submitted by cyclists and drivers of which 50% have resulted in Notice of Intended Prosecutions being sent to the offenders. More info can be found on the DCC website.

Caute to Rowden

At last work has been completed on this road. It's 100% better than it was and at least it can now be driven at a safe speed without having to watch for potholes and badly damaged road surface.

Wall Damage at New Inn

I was informed that a wall is being damaged at New Inn when large lorries have to make a tight turn onto the Stibb Cross road. Have been in correspondence with the Area Highways Engineer Sam Williams and have not been encouraged with his reply as to any remedial action being taken by DCC. I have spoken with County Councillor Barry Parsons and have agreed with him to broach this topic with Highways Engineers when I attend the Highways Conference in October.

Finally I'm pleased to hear that the money given by this PC and by myself on behalf of TDC has been used and I'm informed that the new entrance for Little Bears is complete, both on time and on budget. It is proving a winner with staff and parents alike.

093. County Councillor's Report

094. Planning.

(1) New Applications.

(a) **10744/2019/LBC. Little Worden Farm Annexe, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.**

Installation of a 12 panel/4kw pv system to rear/south facing roof pitch of annexe
Within grounds of listed building.

Cllr Pearce, having considered the Listed status of the building, proposed there were no objections,
Seconded Cllr Joan Curtis, all in favour.

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

(2) (b) Applications Granted.

1/0588/2019/FUL. Little East Badworthy Farm, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.

Two Storey Extension to rear.

Received by Councillors.

(3) (c) Applications Refused

None.

(4) Any relevant adjacent applications. - None.

095. Finance.

(1) Formalise Signatories.

Proposed Cllr Stuppel, Seconded Cllr Joan Curtis, all in favour. It was resolved that a Mandate with National Westminster Bank Plc authorises Cllr Jax Curtis and Cllr Lucy Luxton to be signatories for the signing of cheques along with the two existing signatories Cllr Clark and Cllr Whatley. Clerk to obtain the necessary Mandate.

(2) Approval of Items for Payment.

(a) Cumbria Clock Co. – Service of Church Clock £192.00.

(b) Adrian Caudwell – Grasscutting £222.00.

Proposed Cllr Pearce, Seconded Cllr Curtis, all in favour that items (a) and (b) be paid.

Bank Balances:

Current Account: TBC

Reserve Account: £19,777.04

C Cllr Barry Parsons joined the meeting having attended another meeting at St Giles in the Heath, and apologised for his lateness. Chairman invited him to say a few words.

Highways

The Parish & Town Council Conference 2019 will be held at various locations during October. On 15th October, the event will be at the Clinton Hall, Merton, the format will be an exhibition style event with a number of teams, projects and initiatives having a display stand. Good if a representative from Shebbear could attend.

Roads

Cllr Parsons raised his pet subject of HS2 and the vast sums of money already spent on it. The cost of the project has escalated and we are now looking at 1.88 billion. There are relatively very few people who are going to use this train compared to people like us who use our roads daily, 8000 miles of roads in Devon, and I will raise this topic again in Chambers.

Population in Torridge

Last year, the population of 0 – 16 years increased by 5.2% (to 139,020). The largest decrease of 0-16 year olds in Torridge is -6.9%. It is important for District and County Councils to address this matter together and I have raised the matter already with respective officers and members.

Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for his attendance.

096. Correspondence.

(a) Police Report PCSP Melissa Baker.

None received.

Marilyn Pearce – Car parking at School Corner.

Cllr Pearce wished to bring to the attention of the Councillors the dangerous situation at school corner, which is an accident waiting to happen. The cars (and sometimes work vans) are parked outside Valley View with their tail end jutting into the carriageway, so that cars travelling east around a blind bend have to negotiate it on the wrong side of the road and those travelling west are likely to meet something coming head on. Not made any better by cars parked on the corner further reducing the width of the road. After discussion, Cllr Franklin proposed a letter be sent to the Housing Association along the lines of what they could do to make their trades people aware of the situation.

Seconded Cllr Pearce, all in favour. Clerk to send a letter to Westward Housing Association.

Circulation File

Council Planning Lists. Police Report. Devon Home Choice. Holsworthy Rural (Cllr Parsons).

097. Agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday October 8th 2019 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 8.44pm.

Signed

Dated