

SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Dungate.

Councillors: J Franklin. A Maidment.

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

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

AGENDA. 2019 .

125. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Gliddon (Flu). Cllr Clark (Flu). Cllr Quance (Working). C Cllr Parsons (Recuperating).

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

(a) Lorraine Buttery – Community Aid Defibrillator.

Community Aid rent the defibrillator located outside Keith's shop from South West Ambulance Service Trust, the current contract ends in February and to renew this the cost will be £1,800.00 + VAT over 4 years (paid in advance). To purchase one from them will cost £1,405.00, and PC can reclaim VAT. It might be possible to obtain one free of charge from the British Heart Foundation for a donation of £600.00, Lorraine to make enquiries.

Community Aid have asked if the Parish Council would be willing to take over the continued admin of the defibrillator; the current bank account balance in excess of £1,000.00 would be transferred to the Parish Council. There would be no maintenance for 7 years, replacement pads are £40.00 and Lee Duckworth is prepared to continue inspecting the defibrillator weekly.

Chairman proposed the Parish Council take over the financial responsibility of the defibrillator, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour. Clerk to liaise with Lorraine regarding the purchase of the defibrillator. Clerk to contact Peter Tiner to ask if the defibrillator might be included in the Tiner Legacy account.

Being a qualified senior tutor, Lorraine would be available to train and update all in the use of the defibrillator and train persons in CPR. A training session to be organised.

127. 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.

128. Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 8th 2019 having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Whatley, approved by all that the Minutes be recorded as a true record.

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

Dr's Surgery

Talking with Dr Brown about a meeting in February, he has suggested Thursday 28th but waiting for confirmation from Jane Wells.

Jobs Done.

New dog waste bin has been supplied and erected at Church Fields.

Light on Dr's house is now back up and working.

The Village Hall seat has been sited by the swings and fitted.

Verge master posts have been supplied and erected on the ditch between Berry Barn and Ruxhill Corner.

Village Spring Clean 27th April

Put notice in Reflecting Shebbear and have booked Village Hall from 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

Parish Projects.

I'm sure you have all noticed the sparkling signs around the parish. Adrian Caudwell has cleaned Village signs with fungicide wash, then pressure washed with clean water. 10 directional signs, 5 sets of 30mph signs, Stop and Give way signs, 3 Welcome to Shebbear signs and all other Council awareness signs around the parish of Shebbear.

Seating around War Memorial.

Met with two metal fabricators, Ollie Copplestone from Chawton and Steve Harris from Paddon Farm, Shebbear and discussed seating around the war memorial. Asked each to provide a rough sketch and indicative price as a starting point. Later on in the meeting I will show you what they have come up with.

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

None.

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

(1) Dr's Surgery.

(a) Meeting with RCMG.

Clerk confirmed the meeting with RCMG had been scheduled for Thursday 28th February at 1.00pm Ruby Country Medical Centre. Councillors drew up a draft Agenda for further discussion.

(b) Free Patient Bus Service.

Deferred to the next meeting following meeting with RCMG.

(2) Template for Council Grants (Cllr Franklin).

Cllr Franklin produced a template for future Grant Applications. After a few amendments, Cllr Whatley proposed this Application Form be implemented, Seconded Cllr Stupple, all in favour. Clerk to put notice in Reflecting Shebbear.

(3) Template for Planning Applications (Cllr Clark).

Deferred until the March meeting.

(4) Donation for Parishioners in the Lands Charity Trust.

Chairman raised the question of the Lands Charity Trust and the small return for the beneficiaries. Discussion as to how the Parish Council might help to increase these donations as the Lands Trust cannot receive donations from us for this purpose. Cllr Franklin to make further enquiries.

132. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.

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

None.

133. District Councillor's Report.

Balleroy Close

Last month Shelley Fleming mentioned planning issues at Balleroy Close, in particular the siting of a lamp post in such a way that a parking space could not be used. Contacted the Live West Neighbourhood Officer as to what the present situation was with regard to the planning stipulations. The reply was that there was no change as to the situation one year ago. The builder had been offered a small patch of land to buy (the parking space) and had declined the offer. After I was kindly supplied with a couple of images of the location I contacted the Live West officer again (11th January) and sent her the image of the parking space and lamp post and suggested that the Live West legal team may well be interested as the builder had illegally constructed a parking space, albeit unusable at present, on land that didn't belong to him. No response as yet.

Drains in Village

Well done to Mary for her correspondence with Vicki Braddon (Highways Manager) with regard to getting

the blocked drains in the village cleared. Vicki seems to respond well with Parish Clerks as I have witnessed in a couple of other Parishes.

Poor state of road past the Pottery.

Recently had an email from a resident asking what was happening with regard to Highways repairing this road. Drove along it very slowly on Saturday afternoon to re-established my thoughts about what a poor state it is in. Having spoken with Vicki Braddon when she was first in post I was under the impression that remedial work was to be undertaken on half of this section of road prior to more extensive repairs this year. Barry Parsons and I were told this a couple of years ago and were totally surprised when the job was dropped from the schedule. I took images of the state of the road, spoke with Barry on Sunday, and have sent both Barry and Vicki Braddon the images together with quite a long email stating how important that road is to local residents travelling from Caute to Stibb. In addition it has been brought to my attention that ambulance crews no longer use that route as it is too damaged, resulting in around a 20 minute detour which may prove vital to the health and well being of a stroke or heart attack patient. I urged Vicki to fund repairs to this road in the near future even though I am aware of the acute financial pressure DCC are under. I await a response from Vicki. An update to above. Cllr Parsons was in a meeting with Head of Highways Meg Booth and mentioned this road. He also showed her my images of the condition of said road.

TDC Annual Budget

Last week Community and Resources Committee discussed the TDC budget for 2019/20. Having been told that the Government had reduced funding to Local Authorities by 37% over the period 2012/13 to 2019/20 and expect Local Councils to become more self financing. This would be by way of keeping more business rates, annual increase of Council Tax and car park contributions.

Doctors Surgery

Geoffrey Cox has said that he would be having a public meeting with residents in Shebbear to discuss the Doctors Surgery situation. I know no more than that. Barry and I have always striven to give our best for the residents that we represent. Geoffrey, for reasons known to himself, has chosen to break his agreement with RCMG to say nothing. That is his prerogative.

Refuse and Recycling Update

In January 2018 1723 tonnes of refuse was collected. In January 2019 there was a reduction of 580 tonnes to 1143 tonnes. Recycling in Jan 2018 saw 491 tonnes collected. In Jan 2019 this collection rate increased by 392 tonnes to 883 tonnes. Recycling rate in Jan 2018 was 30.6% Jan 2019 47.6%.

As a result of increased collections from 25th February an additional round will commence.

Elections 2019

Prospective Candidates Evening on Wednesday 6th March at Bideford Town Hall from 6 until 8pm. This session is open to all prospective candidates thinking of standing in District, Town and Parish Elections. There is no requirement to register in advance.

Chairman thanked Cllr Hurley for his very comprehensive report.

134. Planning.

(1) New Applications.

None.

(2) Applications Granted.

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

Erection of Garden Shed.

Received by Councillors.

(3) Applications Refused

None.

(4) Any relevant adjacent applications.

None.

135. Finance.

(1) To Ratify Clerks Wage Increase (See Mins 122 (2)).

Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Stuppel, that the Clerk's wage be increased in accordance with the

pay scales set by The National Joint Council for Local Government Services, all in favour.

(2) Communities Together Tap Fund Approval.

Clerk reported the Tap Fund Application had been approved in the sum of £972.00 and monies received.

(3) Approval of Items for Payment.

- (a) Re-imburse Cllr Franklin for photocopying - £4.00
- (b) Staceys Christmas Tree Farm, 2nd set of lights £42.00.
- (c) Clerk's & Councils Direct – Subscription Renewal £12.00
- (d) Longhouse Hospice (Tap Fund Donation) £829.00.
- (e) Buckland Filleigh Parish Council (Share of Tap Fund) £143.00.
- (f) Fairold Marine Ltd - To lay plinth for Village Hall seat, locate and bolt in position £350.00
- (g) Fairold Marine Ltd – To convert Light on Dr's house to LED. £195.00
- (h) Adrian Caudwell – Power washing village signs £185.00

Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Stuppel, that items (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) be paid, all in favour.

Bank Balances.

Current Account: £9,515.10

Reserve Account: £19,754.20

136. Correspondence.

- (a) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.
None received.
- (b) Donation – Thank you letters from HRCT and Shebbear Lunch Club.
Received by Councillors.
- (c) Coombe Verge - Save Hatherleigh Market.
Clerk to send letter of support.

Circulation File.

Council Planning Lists. Police Report. Grant Application Letters. Geological Disposal of Nuclear Waste.

137. Agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday March 12th 2019 at

7-30 pm, and any other matters, for discussion only, at the Chairman's discretion.

Dr's Surgery. Planning Form. Lands Trust Charity (137). Memorial seating.

There being no other business, Chairman closed the meeting at 8.59pm

Signed

Dated