

## **SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Dungate.

Councillors: J Franklin. R. Clark.

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

4 Members of the Public. Clerk: M Whatley

### **AGENDA. 2019 .**

#### **138. Apologies for Absence.**

D Cllr David Hurley (another commitment). Cllr A Maidment (ill).

**No Apologies Received.**

Cllr G Quance.

#### **139. Public Participation Period of 15 minutes.** For speakers registered in advance, with the Clerk. None.

#### **140. 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.

#### **141. Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.**

Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Clark, all in favour that the Minutes be recorded as a true Record.

#### **142. Any matters arising from the Minutes. Clerks Report.**

##### Defibrillator

Liaised with Lorraine Buttery regarding the purchase of a defibrillator. British Heart Foundation are no longer offering a free defibrillator for a donation of £600. Lorraine has obtained a quote from Medisave for £1138.79 inc VAT. Asked for a proforma invoice so that if members approve the purchase this evening, we can order with no delay as the current contract ended at the end of February. Lorraine will order the items and put in place, and Lee Duckworth will continue to check it weekly. Have received the cheque from Community Aid in the sum of £1509.43 being the balance of their account, which I have included in the Tiner Legacy account. This will pay for the defibrillator.

##### RCMG.

Councillors and residents met with Dr Brown and Jane Wells on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Good meeting when many of our questions were answered. Minutes are currently with Dr Brown and will be circulated shortly.

##### Drains.

Drains around the village have been cleared by Exjet, however, a problem has been identified at

Ruxhill Corner causing flooding to the adjacent cottage. Cllr Barry Parsons has been liaising with Highways and has his back behind this one. I have since received an email from Highways confirming they have carried out drainage investigation with the CCTV rig, and have found a collapsed drain on the corner. Have raised an order for their contractor to replace the collapsed section of pipe.

Coombe Verge

Sent letter of support to Coombe Verge regards the future of Hatherleigh Market.

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

None.

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

(1) Dr's Surgery.

(a) Report on Meeting with RCMG.

Minutes have been prepared and approved by PC, sent to RCMG for comment. Chairman had missed the meeting and asked for an update, and one or two items were confirmed with a nod from the public, who had been present.

(2) Purchase of Defibrillator and Training.

Proposed Cllr Curtis, Seconded Cllr Whatley, that we proceed with the purchase of the defibrillator in the sum of £1,138.79.

(3) Council Elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

Cllr Clark had obtained nomination papers from TDC for circulation. All Councillors present took away a set of nomination papers.

(4) Template for Planning Applications,

Councillors to fill in planning form, mark 'for' or 'against' sign and date and forward to TDC.

(5) Donation for Parishioners in Lands Charity Trust (Section 137 – Cllr Franklin).

Having considered how the Parish Council could support the funds for the Lands Charity Trust, it was agreed unanimously to abandon the idea.

(6) Decorative Seating for Memorial.

Councillors asked if the drawing could be enlarged to show how high the seat would be and confirmation that it would be powder coated.

(7) **Raised after the Agenda was circulated.**

Date of Annual Parish Meeting set for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Shebbear.

**145. Agenda items for Discussion and Resolution.**

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

None.

**145a. County Councillor's Report.**

**Chairman welcomed C Cllr Barry Parsons to the meeting, it was good to see he had recovered from his operation and was back in the fold.**

Cllr Parsons expressed his approval of the idea of seating around the memorial, and his offer to donate £500 towards it.

Council Tax.

TDC Council Tax is one of the highest in the country. The Council Tax on a seven bedroom house worth £17 million in Westminster is £1,400. In Torridge, a Band D property worth around £400,000 is £1,800. This is a real issue for me in terms of how much the amount of tax varies from area to area. This measure is in no way fair and I have raised it again, most recently, at DCC Cabinet's last meeting.

RCMG.

I understand you have had a meeting with RCMG and I look forward to receiving the Minutes in due course. Cllr Hurley and I attended doctor's meeting and wanted to support the people of Shebbear, but as the meeting was subject to Chatham House Rules, this was not possible.

Roads.

There are three additional streams of funding for our roads. £77,601.00 pothole fund. £172,507.45 Resilience Fund. Extra £6.5 million towards highway drainage, highway patching and pothole repairs.

#### Devon Health and Wellbeing Board.

12.4% of dwellings in Torridge suffer from fuel poverty. 26.27% category 1 hazards defined as serious and immediate risk to health. The Holsworthy Community Involvement Group continues to work with members of the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) in addressing local concerns related to our hospital.

**Chairman thanked Cllr Parsons for his report.**

#### **146. District Councillor's Report.**

##### **Chairman read out the report from Cllr Hurley.**

My report this month is extremely concise. Council Tax increased by £5 per Band D property. (3.15%) I have yet to read of a Council anywhere in the country that hasn't raised Council Tax. This is as a result of Government reducing funding year on year and Councils are increasingly dependent upon their own resources rather than Central Government Grant Funding. Remember that the Torridge share is less than 9% of the total Council Tax collected. DCC's share is 73%.

New Homes Bonus continues for possibly the final year. This money has been used to enable numerous projects across Torridge but it too has vastly reduced. In 2016/17 it was £2.028m. This year it is £1.189m.

Finally, I have lobbied Vicki Braddon (Highways Area Engineer) via Cllr Parsons to get some repairs done to the road between Rowden and Caute, something that I was assured was going to happen two/three years ago. As ever, Highways are constrained by lack of funds. I'm told that two other roads have priority (not in our area) but Rowden to Caute is third in line.

#### **147. Planning.**

##### (1) New Applications.

###### (a) **1/0093/2019/FUL. Gable End Barn, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon.**

Erection of Self-Contained Granny Annexe.

Councillors trialled the new planning form, and made a number of observations, i.e. rather large for a single person's retirement property; site access and parking now different to other property access; no local surgery or hospital beds; the appearance could be improved if single storey with slate roof. Proposed Cllr Stupple, Seconded Cllr Franklin, that Clerk respond to TDC to take into account our observations.

##### (2) Applications Granted.

None.

##### (3) Applications Refused

None.

##### (4) Any relevant adjacent applications.

Cllr Clark raised the question of the Meadow Park development as he understood a sale had been agreed. He suggested that the Council write to the Agents, Stags, to set up a dialogue with the new owner. Proposed Cllr Clark, Seconded Cllr Whatley, all in favour. Clerk to send letter.

#### **148. Finance.**

##### (1) Approval of Items for Payment.

(a) Medisave (UK) Ltd. -Defibrillator - £1,138.79.

(b) Clerk's Mileage (year) - £96.00.

(c) Clerk's Telephone / Broadband (year) - £247.50.

(d) Clerk's Stationery & Ink (year) - £58.25.

(e) Shebbear PCC – Hire of Meeting Room (year) - £81.00.

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

#### **Bank Balances.**

Current Account: £8,793.10

Reserve Account: 19,757.23

**149. Correspondence.**

- (a) Police Report Melissa Baker.  
No Report Received.
- (b) Jason Smith, Images by Hand – Illustrated Parish Map.  
Received by Councillors, no interest.
- (c) TDC Connecting Actively to Nature.  
Received by Councillors.

**Circulation File.**

Council Planning Lists. Police Report. TDC Connecting Actively to Nature. Clerk & Councils Direct Mag.

**150. Agenda items for the Annual General Meeting of Shebbear Parish Council, which will be held on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 at**

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

There being no other business, Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22pm

Signed .....

Dated .....