

## **SHEBBEAR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30 pm.

in the Church Room. Shebbear.

Chairman: Councillor J Dungate

Vice Chairman: J Franklin. R Clark. G Quance.

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

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

### **AGENDA. 2018.**

#### **73. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Isaacs (holiday). PCSO Melissa Baker (working).

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

None.

#### **75. 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.

#### **76. Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 having been previously circulated, to be approved and signed.**

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

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

##### Dr's Surgery

Wrote to Jane Wells and invited her to attend a Special Sub Group Meeting and received a response asking that 4 Councillors should attend at the Surgery. Responded that the Sub Group had been formed specifically to accommodate her, that it was a closed meeting and there would be no others present. The non-councillors had been asked to formulate a list of questions for me to forward to Jane.

##### Memorial Celebrations.

Informed Martin Warren of Lorna Wyard's kind invitation to provide hot soup and crusty rolls at the Centenary Celebrations.

##### Flood Warning System

Wrote to Hydro Logic and DCC that Shebbear Parish Council had agreed to abandon the signs despite Mr Burton's offer of totally overhauling them and re-installing with a one year Warranty. It was felt that should the Council take ownership of the system and the signs failed yet again, at a cost of £3,000 each to repair this would be non-viable for the Council. Agreed to retain the detection system and review in one year's time once it had been established that the system was of benefit to

the community. There was no commitment or implied commitment to accept transfer of ownership of the system at this time. Received two further emails from Hock Lee urging us to take over ownership and with our Chairman and Vice Chairman's approval responded that we would not do so at this time.

Planning – 1/0973/2016/OUTM – Pitt Hill Development

Sent email to Helen Smith of Planning Department informing her that the current access to the site is for agricultural purposes only and that the strip of land it crosses is owned by Shebbear Parish Council. No permission has been sought or given for access across this land. Received a response. "What you describe seems to be a legal landownership matter that could affect the applicant's ability to implement the permission. Please do let us know if there are any concerns over unauthorised works and our enforcement team would be able to look into it.

Seat/Picnic Table for Village Hall.

Asked Lucy Luxton if the Village Hall still wanted the seat as it was stored at our house.

Local Grants.

Have written a piece for Reflecting Shebbear inviting local organisations to apply for Council Grants, to be awarded in December 2018 and paid in May 2019. Also sent out letter to all recipients of Grants this last year. Closing date for applications 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

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

None.

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

(1) Dr's Surgery.

(a) Freedom of Information Request.

Chairman read a copy of letter received from a resident of the parish addressed to NHS England requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

"1).What were the evaluation criteria and the weighting given to each factor in the bid evaluation process?

2) What did each bidder score (names can be with-held for confidentiality reasons)?

3) What premises did RCMG propose to use in their bid to deliver services in Shebbear?

4) What assurances did they give that they could secure these premises?

5) What due diligence was carried out by your team to check they could deliver on these promises?

6) What reasons have they given that make the use of such premises invalid?

7) What checks have been carried out to validate these changes?

8) What have you instructed RCMG to do in order to meet their obligations?

What time – frame have RCMG given to meet their obligations?

9) At what point do you consider that RCMG have not met their bid/contractual obligations and therefore you can move to the second placed bidder in the process?"

**NHS England responded all questions exempt under section 43 (2) of the FOI Act.**

Chairman informed those present that the Clerk had been corresponding with Jane Wells of RCMG in an effort to arrange a meeting between the Parish Councillors, 4 non-members and representatives from RCMG as agreed at the Parish Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Jane Wells had responded that she was still concerned that it might not be a constructive meeting with those who felt it appropriate to single her out and vilify her on public social media pages and if those individuals were at the meeting, she would not attend. At the Council Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September, it was agreed that Anita Collins and Mrs Geary from the gallery be asked to attend to represent the wider community as neither had made contributions on the public media, also that a second representative from RCMG be present. Jane Wells had accepted and suggested three alternative dates. She confirmed a clinical partner would also be attending.

**At this point, Chairman welcomed Cllr Parsons to the meeting and invited him to say a few words as he was aware Barry had another meeting to attend at St Giles on the Heath.**

Cllr Parsons congratulated Shebbear Parish Councils' approach to the Dr's Surgery crisis; as elected

representative of this parish people look to the Council for guidance.. Cllr Parsons offered his and Cllr Hurley's support. He went on to say there is a real health issue in the Torrington area with over 100,000 vacancies in the Health Service.

#### Ditching

Cllr Parsons confirmed he had given the marked map of ditching around Shebbear to Vicki Braddon of Highways.

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

#### (2) Local Plan.

Agreed this be deferred until the Torridge Plan is in place.

#### (3) Remembrance Sunday Centenary Arrangements.

Chairman said there were five names on the War Memorial and perhaps we could research the history of these. Mrs Geary had book of poems produced in the December 1988 issue of Reflecting Shebbear, and suggested reproducing these. Cllr Whatley suggested some of the poems be read out at the Centenary. Cllr Clark suggested a peal of 11 bells followed by The Last Post. Cllr Quance said he would ask his brother Jason to do the ringing. Cllr Curtis asked to find someone from the college to play the bugle/trumpet. All in favour. Details to be finalised at the October meeting.

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

None.

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

##### Shebbear Surgery.

Recently Dr John Womersley, Chair of Northern Locality Commissioning Board came to meet the Leader, Cllr Jane Whittaker, HJOPS Jenny Wallace and myself to talk about developing a better relationship with the District Council. They talked about the Integrated Care System and went on to talk about Local Care Partnerships and how they might work should there be one or two across Northern Devon. Holsworthy Hospital and the possibility of reopening beds was also discussed and we were advised that the challenge continues to be staff recruitment. I took the opportunity to ask Dr Womersley what the present situation with the surgery in Shebbear was. He said that they were actively trying to locate new premises and did want a surgery in Shebbear.

##### Ken Carroll.

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the sad passing of Cllr Ken Carroll who represented Holsworthy. Ken had been ill for the past year and his condition rapidly deteriorated. His funeral is on Friday. Not sure if, or when, a by-election is to be held.

##### Road Initiative.

A list of local roads that needed attention has been compiled and presented, via Barry Parsons, to Vicki Braddon, the temporary Highways Area Manager. Well received, so if this PC can compile a list and let me have it I will pass it on hopefully, with some success.

##### Local Plan.

The Local Plan is now entering its final phase prior to being accepted. The Inspector is happy with what she has been presented with and we now wait. Torridge now adopting some aspects of the New Plan.

##### Boats at Brunswick Wharf.

Three boats with livaboards have started to be moved, taking advantage of the high tides, from Brunswick Wharf to Bank End. One last night on high tide, one tonight and the third will now have to wait until next month. This will mean that the Contractor, Red Earth, can progress the redevelopment of the area.

##### Bideford Cattle Market Site.

The buildings at the cattle market site are due to be demolished by December. The site has been vacated, apart from the occasional groups of G+T's, since 1994. The job is comparatively hazardous because of the asbestos contained in the building roofs.

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

#### (a) New Applications.

None.

#### (b) Applications Granted.

- (1) **1/0675/2018/OUT. Lake House, Shebbear.**  
Outline application for 1 dwelling (affecting Public Right of Way).  
Received by Councillors.

© Applications Refused  
None.

(d) Any relevant adjacent applications.  
None.

### **83. Finance.**

(1) Tap Fund.

Clerk reported she was working in conjunction with Buckland Filleigh and considering the Longhouse Hospice and Holsworthy Hospital. Funds to Beech House and top-up to Lands Charity Trust were put forward by the members. Clerk to liaise with Buckland Filleigh.

(2) Approval of Items for Payment.

(a) Muriel Johns – Flowers for War Memorial £8.00.

(b) The Cumbria Clock Co. – Annual Service of Church Clock £156.00

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

#### Bank Balances.

Current Account: £ 5,951.35

Reserve Account: 19,740.16

### **84. Correspondence.**

(a) PCSO Melissa Baker – Police Report.

Logs for the past two months – 3 missing persons, 5 concern for welfare, 1 highway disruption, 1 nuisance antisocial behavior, 2 violence.

Crimes for the past two months – 1 stalking without fear/alarm/distress, 1 persistently make use of public communication to cause annoyance/inconvenience/anxiety, 1 criminal damage.

(b) Thank You Letter – Little Bears.

Thank you Shebbear Parish Council for the Grant money Little Bears Pre School was given. The decking has been laid.

#### Circulation File.

Council Planning Lists. Police Report. Road Traffic Restriction (Hay Cross – The Square, Shebbear). DALC Annual Report 2017/2018. Devon Remembers. NHS Media Release.

**85. Agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 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 9.07pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....