

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 7th September 2016

at

Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Norman
Cllr's Small, Stone, Taffurelli, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Burkill, Mclver,
Wassell, Spiers

District Cllr Hitchins

Apologies: County Cllr Hart.
PCSO Jim Brokensha

3 members of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
101/16	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Matt Barrow from Connecting Devon and Somerset gave those present at the meeting an update on broadband. He mentioned that some areas of the Parish would not be included within the area being considered by BT and it is hoped that these areas would be addressed by an alternative provider (possibly Airband). He mentioned that broadband speeds start to drop depending on the distance from cabinet. The 'fibre to premise' would deliver broadband speeds of up to 300mb per second. Surveys are currently being undertaken by BT were expected by the end of September although he did mention that BT were carrying out some works regardless of the surveys not being completed as all works need to be completed by the end of the year. Cllr Mrs Burkill mentioned she had seen BT at work recently in the parish.</p> <p>Cllr Small raised a concern regarding a lack of communication for those households who won't be included under the BT scheme. Matt confirmed it was up to residents to contact their providers (which was the case for those residents in Shaugh Prior who now have improved broadband). Cllr Stone also made reference to a</p>	

	<p>recent reduction in broadband speeds following the completion of improved broadband in Shaugh Prior. Matt confirmed that this has happened elsewhere and there was the opportunity for residents to apply for a grant of £500 which covers the cost of network improvements in order to improve broadband speeds. It was agreed that a Connecting Devon and Somerset workshop would be useful at a later date in order to inform residents of the changes.</p> <p>John Briggs from Wolf Minerals gave an update on matters relating to the Tungsten Mine. John presented Annie Best who had recently taken up the position of Community Relations Officer. A trial on the use of electronic detonators for blasting had recently been completed although the results of the 20 trial tests were not clear and results from the independent audit were awaited. The works to the processing plant in order to address the low frequency noise problem had resulted in a reduction in the number of complaints although some were still being received. Further alterations/works are proposed through October. The works to divert Lee Moor Road continue and are due for completion at the end of the year. Wolf have now applied for the diversion of existing bridleways as part of the construction of the mining waste facility (the Clerk confirmed that an item relating to this was included on the agenda). Subject to approval these diversion works would be carried out during October/November. The planning application to extend the life of the mine had necessitated the submission of further information and DCC were currently consulting on that additional information and a new community based website for Wolf Minerals was due to go live shortly.</p>	
102/16	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllrs Small and Taffurelli both confirmed a personal interest in respect of item 12 on the agenda relating to the grant request from the Parish Magazine and therefore both Cllrs signed the register.</p>	Cllrs Small/Taffurelli
103/16	<p>Police Report</p> <p>In the absence of PCSO Jim Brokensha the Clerk gave the Police Report and mentioned there had been just 1 incident during the past month which involved road rage in the back lanes of Shaugh Prior. Words of advice were passed to both parties.</p> <p>The Clerk also mentioned he had raised with Jim the issue of an increase in motorbikes illegally using the moors. Jim confirmed that he was aware of the problem and asked if people could report this to the Police straight away. The increase in use is likely to be as a result of the improved weather.</p>	
104/16	<p>County and District Councillors Report</p> <p>In the absence of County Cllr Hart there was no County Cllr Report.</p>	

<p>105/16</p>	<p>Cllr Bill Hitchins gave an update on District Council matters. He mentioned that SHDC were currently testing their new phone system which, it was hoped, would operate better than the last. Works were progressing well in respect of the Plymouth and South Hams/West Devon Joint Local Plan. This had big implications for the Woolwell area.</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins made reference to the increase in fly-tipping in the area, with the car park at Emmets Post being a particular problem area. Cllr Hitchins asked if incidents of fly-tipping could be reported to him straight away. Several Cllrs also commented upon the fly-tipping problems in the Parish and suggested it may be down to the increased fee's applied at Civic Amenity sites for the disposal of building waste (as most fly-tipping waste seemed to as a result of building work). Cllr Hitchins confirmed that this was an issue for DCC to consider as they set the charging fee's within the Civic Amenity sites.</p> <p>Finally Bill confirmed that a number of new planning officers had joined the District Council and that he had agreed to Chair the new Sheep Safety Group that had been set-up. Julia Sanders asked if all sheep deaths could be reported to her.</p> <p>DNPA Report</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins mentioned that a very successful exhibition had been held at Princetown by the Dartmoor Trust. Various bracken cutting events had taken place which included identifying potential uses for it. A new ministerial team was in place for the National Parks and it wasn't clear how Brexit would impact upon the National Parks. Finally the Tour of Britain was due to take place on Haytor on Friday.</p>	
<p>106/16</p>	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th July 2016</p> <p>The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th July 2016 were agreed and accepted.</p>	
<p>107/16</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
<p>8/16(a)</p>	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had received a quotation for the installation of the new sign at the bus turning area at Lee Moor (in order to keep it clear of parked vehicles) and that he was currently awaiting permission from Imerys as the sign would be located on their land. Cllrs agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the sign subject to approval from Imerys.</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli raised concerns about the use of the road linking Shaugh Prior to Yelverton (via Cadover) by large HGV's and enquired if the PC should be pursuing a weight restriction on this road. Several Cllrs commented that the alternative route included a lengthy detour which would impact upon Imerys etc. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Buckland Monachorum Parish Council to see if they have experienced such problems as</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

8/16(b)	<p>HGV's would have to use a traffic calmed section of road through Yelverton as part of this route.</p> <p>Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed the PC had now received the £10k from the National Lottery and that he was awaiting further quotations for the undertaking of the required earthworks associated with the installation of the new climbing frame (with one estimate having already been received).</p>	Clerk
8/16(c)	<p>Wotter Kick-About Area</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler mentioned she had spoken to Dan Searle re the ball-catch fencing and that Cllr Stone was also going to speak to Dan to explain exactly what was required.</p>	
8/16(d)	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli mentioned that he had checked all of the defibs and all were in order. He was still yet to meet with Cllrs Mrs Burkill and Small in order to run through the required monthly checks for the defibs at Lee Moor and Shaugh Prior.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed he was still to register the defib at Wotter Surgery with the SW Ambulance Trust but would arrange to do so without further delay.</p> <p>The Chair mentioned how a recent injury to a horse rider resulted in them waiting for 1 hour for an ambulance to arrive and this justified the Parish Council's initiative to install a defib in each village.</p>	Cllrs Taffurelli/ Small/Mrs Burkill Clerk
66/16	<p>Website Representative</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned he had sent the necessary instructions to Julia Sanders who kindly volunteered to update the local news items on the website and that Julia had agreed to work through the instructions and come back to the Clerk if necessary.</p>	Clerk/Julia Sanders
108/16	<p>Planning</p> <p>Following a site visit concerns (scale and massing) were raised by Cllrs in respect of a planning application received for the property Eriador in Shaugh Prior (app no 0393/16). It was also noted that the applicant had removed a section of hedgerow which may have required planning permission. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with DNPA.</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to an outline application received for the erection of 49 dwellings on land off Pinewood Drive, Woolwell. Whilst it was agreed by Cllrs to recommend in support of this application it was also their view that the Clerk should make reference to increased traffic on the A386 and possible rat-running</p>	Clerk

109/16	<p>through the parish in the response back to SHDC.</p> <p>The following planning decisions had been received during the month:</p> <p>0321/16 – Oversound House, Shaugh Prior (refusal) 0291/16 – Fiddlers Inn Cottage, Shaugh Prior (approval) 0325/16 – 5th Acre Plot, East of Bragg Lane (refusal) 0273/16 – Birdwood, Shaugh Prior (approval) 0297/16 – Copperhayes, Shaugh Prior (approval)</p> <p>The Clerk also mentioned that the PC had been consulted upon proposed modifications to the Devon Minerals Plan and it was agreed that the Clerk would review those modifications and respond if necessary.</p> <p>Finally, the Clerk confirmed that information had been received from SHDC regarding on-going planning enforcement cases in the parish.</p> <p>Fly Tipping</p> <p>It was agreed that this matter had been discussed in detail under Minute 104/16 above.</p>	Clerk
110/16	<p>Diversion of Bridleway No 57</p> <p>The Clerk referred to a letter received from DCC requesting the views of the PC on the proposed diversion of Bridleway No 57 as part of the works associated with the construction of the mining waste facility serving the Tungsten Mine. The Clerk confirmed that a new section of Bridleway would be provided which would tie-in with the realigned section of Lee Moor Road. After having viewed the plans provided Cllrs agreed that there would be no in principle objection to any diversion order formally submitted and that the Clerk should respond to DCC on this basis.</p>	Clerk
111/16	<p>Grant Application from St Edwards Church</p> <p>A request for a grant of £400 towards the cost of grass cutting at St Edwards Church was discussed by Cllrs. The Clerk confirmed that all necessary information had been submitted to support the grant request as per the Councils financial regulations. It was proposed by Cllr Small that the grant should be approved and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Burkill and this course of action was agreed by all Cllrs.</p> <p>The Clerk also made reference to a further request that had been received for a grant payment of £100 to help support the Parish Magazine. With Cllrs Taffurelli and Small not taking part in discussions, it was proposed by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Spiers that the grant be approved and this was agreed unanimously.</p>	

112/16	<p>It was highlighted that Lee Moor Cemetery could apply for a grant of £400 to assist in the delivery of routine maintenance functions should they require it.</p> <p>White Thorn Inn – Value to the Local Community</p> <p>Several Cllrs raised concerns about the continued closure of the White Thorn had impacted upon the local community. It was suggested that the lease had now been sold and that a sale was in the process of going through. Whilst it was accepted that the PC wouldn't have the necessary finances to purchase the premises, it was hoped that the pub would open again shortly.</p>	
113/16	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The Chair had no business to raise.</p>	
114/16	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>It was highlighted that no meetings of external committees had taken place since the last PC meeting and consequently there was nothing to report.</p>	
115/16	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month the following correspondence has been received by the Clerk:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from DCC PROW including the Notice for the Temporary Public Path Diversion Order for Bridleway No 57. • Minutes of the Dartmoor National Forum Meeting on the 13th July 2016. • Notice from Wolf Minerals re Blasting Trials • Email from SHDC re the final report on the Planning Improvement Peer Challenge. • Update from Connecting Devon and Somerset broadband project. • Email from DNPA re Dartmoor Community Paths Scheme • Annual Report from DALC. • Agenda for SLCC Joint Meeting on the 13th Sept 2016. 	
116/16	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 29th July 2016 there was £45,288.01 in the Treasurers Account.</p>	Clerk
117/16	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:-</p> <p><u>Payments</u> £222.07 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for Clerks wages April – June)</p>	

<p>118/16</p>	<p>£50.00 cheque to Bigbury Parish Council (Internal Audit 15/16) £80.0 cheque to Scott Smy (First Clerks mileage payment) £400.00 cheque to St Edwards Church (grant for grass cutting 16/17). £100.00 cheque to Shaugh Prior Parish Magazine (grant 16/17)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> None</p> <p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli suggested that a 7ft gate should also be considered for access to the play area at Wotter and if we were considering the same for Lee Moor then it makes sense for all to be done at the same time.</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that SHDC had undertaken inspections of both Lee Moor and Wotter play areas and these had identified works in both play areas. It was agreed that SHDC be instructed to undertake the necessary repairs to the toddler swing which had been highlighted. The Clerk also mentioned that signs were required for both play areas and it was up to the PC to determine what they wanted to be included on such? It was agreed that the Clerk ask SHDC for examples of signs used by other parishes in the area (such as Cornwood etc). It was agreed that no sign be provided for Wotter play area until the new climbing frame has been installed.</p> <p>Finally Cllr McIver expressed his concern regarding an article in the Parish Magazine relating to the maintenance of the lane which leads up to Lee Moor Cemetery. He confirmed that the maintenance of the lane was not the sole responsibility of the Cemetery as it was considered to be 'no mans land' with no registered owner. A discussion then took place regarding the need to provide a fence around the Cemetery and it was suggested that an application could be made to the PC for a grant towards the cost of undertaking such works.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>119/16</p>	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	

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