MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 6th July 2016

at

Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Norman

Cllr's Small, Stone, Taffurelli, Mrs Tyler and Mrs Burkill.

PCSO Jim Brokensha

Apologies: County Cllr Hart

District Cllr Hitchins

Cllrs Wassell, McIver, Spiers

6 members of the public in attendance

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86/16	Open Forum	
	Dr Funnel from the Beacon Medical Practice gave a brief presentation on the changes proposed at Wotter Surgery. He mentioned that the Medical Practice had taken on-board comments made by patients and that they would be moving Wotter Surgery back to Plympton Surgery from Ivybridge. Dr's Mercer and Bruce will be the nominated GP's covering Wotter Surgery from September. It was also mentioned that patients will have a choice of where they want to be seen and that they were hoping to get holiday cover for the dispenser when she was on her holidays.	
	Cllr Small raised a concern about the fact that Wotter Surgery only gave out prescriptions for 1 month's duration when the surgery at Plympton was able to provide 2 month's medicine. Dr Funnell took note and confirmed that the practice would look into this.	
	The Chairman of Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall Committee David Compton gave a brief update on works planned to the hall. Scaffolding was due to be erected shortly to allow repairs to be	

undertaken to the roof which may cause some disruption at the September PC meeting. He also mentioned that the hall would be looking for guidance on any potential grant funding streams to help with the delivery of the various maintenance works that need to be carried out. The Clerk provided David with details of the 2016/17 Dartmoor Community Fund. It was also confirmed that an element of grant funding had been included within the annual PC precept for both Shaugh Prior and Lee Moor Halls.

Jeff Harrison of Wolf Minerals gave his last update as Mining Manager before his retirement. He confirmed that there were still a few issues to work through but many of the teething problems were now being addressed. The installation of the external steel uprights on the side of the processing plant had helped address the low frequency noise problems and consultants were still working on the issues associated with blasting (which he added were still within the permitted limits). The works to divert Lee Moor Road were continuing and due to be completed at the end of the year. A total of 200 people had been on the recent tours of the mine.

The Clerk enquired if Wolf Minerals would be able to assist the PC in respect of the large amount of hardcore needed for the base for the new climbing frame at Wotter Play Area. Jeff confirmed that Wolf would come back to the PC but was sure that they would be able to help out in some way. Finally, Jeff confirmed that either John Casey or Barnaby Hudson would attend future PC meetings on behalf of Wolf.

After presenting the PC with some very tasty cupcakes the Clerk wished to express his and the thanks of the PC to Jeff for all of his assistance and help over the past few years and wished him a long and happy retirement. These views were echoed by the Cllrs.

87/16 Declarations of Interest

The Chair declared a personal interest in respect of item 9 on the agenda (Planning) as the planning application known as 5 Acre Plot, Bragg Lane which was due to be discussed adjoined his own property. He therefore signed the register and took no part in the discussion on that matter.

Cllr Norman

88/16

Police Report

PCSO Jim Brokensha gave the Police Report for the previous month and stated that only 1 crime had been reported during the past month which related to damage to fencing at the China Clay Pits. He also mentioned that a colleague had prevented an attempted suicide at Blackaton Cross.

Jim referred to the on-going issues regarding sheep being killed on the main road and said that the recent meeting held on this matter had been very well attended. He mentioned that only 2 sheep deaths had been reported and that Police would be carrying out a greater amount of speed enforcement monitoring in the area. He also enquired if the 40 mph variable speed signs included the data chips which could then provide information on the speed of vehicles on the main road? The Clerk agreed to look into this.

Clerk

89/16 County and District Councillors Report

In the absence of both County Cllr Hart and District Cllr Hitchins there were no County or District Cllr Reports.

90/16 DNPA Report

In Cllr Hitchin's absence there was no report.

91/16 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st June 2016

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st June 2016 were agreed and accepted.

92/16 | Matters Arising

8/16(a) | Highway Matters

Several Cllrs referred to the recent meeting that had taken place on the 20th June 2016 in response to the large number of sheep being killed on local roads. After some detailed discussion it was agreed by Cllrs that whilst the PC should be actively involved in this matter, it should not be a further committee run and administered by the PC and should be separate to the PC and that the involvement of the Parish would be achieve through the involvement of local Cllrs. It was mentioned that Julia Sanders had agreed to act as a secretary to any committee formed.

It was suggested that perhaps a weight restriction should be considered on some of the roads as many of the livestock were being killed by larger vehicles. The Clerk commented that if a weight restriction were to be placed on the Cadover road for example then the length of the alternative route would be considerable. It was also mentioned that it wasn't just large vehicles that were responsible for the sheep deaths.

It was suggested that an increased effort in respect of cutting back the ferns could help and it was suggested that perhaps this was something that DNP could assist with as spraying the ferns was quite a costly exercise.

The Clerk confirmed that he was still waiting to hear back from NICK Colton on the issue of the installation of the No Parking-Bus Turning Area signs at Lee Moor. He was also waiting to hear back from Nick on the request from a local resident regarding the installation of a warning sign informing motorists of horses in the highway near the cattle grid at the Bowling Green.

Clerk/Nick Colton

8/16(b)

Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid

The Clerk confirmed that the PC's bid for £10k of lottery funding for improvements to Wotter play area had been successful and that he was awaiting receipt of the funds within the PC bank account. He also mentioned that he was in the process of securing quotations from ground works contractors for the earthworks required to provide the base for the new climbing frame.

Clerk

8/16(c)

Wotter Kick-About Area

The Clerk mentioned that he was waiting to hear back from Dan Searle on the issue of the ball-catch fencing. Cllr Mrs Tyler agreed to try and chase Dan on this matter.

Cllr Mrs Tyler

8/16(d) **Defibrillator**

Cllr Taffurelli mentioned that he was yet to meet with Cllrs Mrs Burkill and Small to run through the monthly checks that need to be undertaken and reported back to the Clerk but he would arrange to sort this over the coming month. Reference was also made to the need to get a defibrillator sign for the surgery at Wotter.

Cllr Taffurelli

15/16

PROW - Diversion of Bridleway No. 44

The Clerk read out further letters received from Sibilco and DCC confirming that all of the works to divert the bridleway including fencing etc. would be completed before the diversion was implemented. Furthermore Sibilco confirmed in their letter that they would be content to agree to a period of 25 years for the diversion rather than the 30 years previously mentioned. There would also be an agreement in place under the ROMP that would prevent Sibilco from working areas X, Y and Z.

Following some discussion it was agreed by Cllrs that the PC had secured the best position it possibly could in respect of the diversion of the bridleway and that there would be little to be obtained in continuing to object to the proposal. Therefore it was agreed that the PC should now support the proposed diversion when formally submitted by DCC.

66/16 Website Representative

Following her kind offer the Clerk confirmed that he was still due to arrange to meet Julia Sanders to run through the process regarding updating the PC website.

93/16

Planning

The Clerk referred to receipt of a number of applications which had been considered by Cllrs and the recommendations were as follows:

Fiddlers Inn Cottage (0291/16) - recommendation of support

following revisions to the plans.

Land Adjacent to Montague Terrace (1398/16/FUL) – recommendation of refusal on the basis of the means of access and orientation of the property to the road.

Birdwood, Shaugh Prior (0273/16) – recommendation of support following a reduction in the size of the scheme.

Copperhayes, Shaugh Prior (0297/16) – recommendation of no objection/neutral view.

Oversound House, Shaugh Prior (0321/16) – recommendation of no objections/neutral view.

The Clerk also made reference to the receipt of a planning application for a new property on 5 acre plot on land off Bragg Lane, Shaugh Prior. The Chairman temporarily lifted Standing Orders to allow a local resident Mr Morris to express his concerns with the scheme which were noted by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the application site would be visited by Cllrs Wassell, Stone and Mrs Burkill and that they would report back to the Clerk. It was agreed that the Chairman should have no involvement in the determination of the application as he owned the adjoining property. However he would be able to send in his own representations to the Local Planning Authority.

Finally the Clerk made reference to the consultation that had commenced on the Plymouth Plan and agreed to email the documents to Cllrs and asked them to send any comments they have back to the Clerk. Of particular concern to Cllrs was the large area of proposed residential development on land at Woolwell which would have an impact upon traffic movements in the area. Cllr Mrs Burkill asked if there was a conflict of interests for the Clerk in respect of guiding the PC on this matter. The Clerk agreed to check with the monitoring officer at SHDC/WDBC.

Clerk

94/16 Chairman's Business

The Chair had no business to raise.

95/16 | Reports from Committees

Cllr Small confirmed that the latest meeting of the Imerys Community Liaison Group involved a visit to the china clay works. He also mentioned that work on the 9 new houses on land at the former School House at Lee Moor was nearing completion, with 6 of the units having been completed. Cllr Taffurelli confirmed that Imerys were in the process of obtaining quotations for the fencing works to the brake adjacent to the main road at Wotter.

Cllr Mrs Burkill confirmed that the HR Sub-Committee had met and this would be reported in Part 2.

96/16 Correspondence

During the past month the following correspondence has been received by the Clerk:-

- Email from Caroline Knott requesting the installation of a Horse Rider Warning Sign
- DALC July Newsletter (email)
- Letter from DNPA providing information on the Dartmoor Communities Fund
- Update on the meeting that took place at the Moorland Hotel regarding the livestock fatalities
- Minutes of the Wolf Minerals LLG meeting on the 25th May.
- Email from SHDC with guidance on writing Neighbourhood Plan Policies.
- Email from DNPA detailing member appointments following the annual meeting.

97/16 | **Finance**

The Clerk confirmed that on the 9th June 2016 there was £37,032.01 in the Treasurers Account.

98/16 Payments and Receipts

It was agreed to make the following payments:-

Payments

£120.00 cheque to SHDC (Insurance/inspection for Wotter Play Area)

£120.00 cheque to SHDC (Insurance/inspection for Lee Moor Play Area)

£450.00 cheque to Malcolm Norman (Chairman's Allowance 2016) £117.29 cheque to Scott Smy (second Clerks expenses payment) £21.00 cheque to Scott Smy (Reimbursement of Internet Security) £30.00 cheque to Lee Moor Hall (Hall boking for Audit Meeting) £885.71 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages and backpay as per Part 2 of the meeting).

Receipts

None

99/16 Works and Maintenance

Cllr Mrs Burkill stated that the National Trust were still to undertake the repairs at the gate on the footpath link from Shaugh Prior village up onto the Moors. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Pete Davies again on this matter.

Clerk

100/16 Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting

The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 7th September 2016 at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hal starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.
Signed:Chairman
Date: