

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 6th April 2016

at

Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

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

District Cllr Hitchins

Apologies: Cllr McIver

5 members of the public in attendance along with PCSO Jim
Brokensha

Minute Number		Action
36/16	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Julia Sanders raised some concerns regarding anti-social behaviour taking place at the car park at Leighbeer. Cllr Hitchins confirmed that Bickleigh PC had raised this matter with the National Park. PCSO Jim Brokensha mentioned that the Police were aware of the issues occurring in this car park but confirmed that the Police can only intervene if a criminal act has taken place.</p> <p>Claire Oatway from the Beacon Medical Practice gave a detailed presentation on the changes proposed at Wotter Surgery. She mentioned how the medical practice now has control over its' own budget and the benefits this delivers in terms of providing healthcare. Several Cllrs raised concerns regarding the constant changes to GP's. Claire confirmed that many of these issues were down to recruitment but going forward there will be 2 constant GP's (a male and female doctor) for Wotter Surgery on a Monday and Thursday. She also confirmed that the linked surgery (which patients should attend if Wotter is closed) has been moved back to Plympton from Ivybridge. Cllr Mrs Tyler also raised a concern with</p>	

	<p>regard to the pharmacy and lack of cover when the pharmacist is on holiday. Claire agreed to look into this.</p> <p>John Briggs of Wolf Minerals gave a brief update on matters relating to the Tungsten Mine. The one millionth ton of ore had now gone through the plant which is still not yet at full output. Blasting has now started which should reduce the amount of noise associated with ripping. In terms of the noise issues in the neighbouring parish of Sparkwell, a mediator has been brought in. It is hoped that alterations currently taking place on the processing building (installation of supporting columns) will help address the low noise frequency problems that have been experienced. The planning application for extending the life of the mine has been subject to a further period of consultation and works to divert Lee Moor Road are still on-going.</p> <p>At the previous meeting Cllr Small raised concerns about sheep on the main road and if they were getting through Wolf's boundary fence. John confirmed that the issue was caused as a result of the existing cattle grid at Browns Wood being full of mud, allowing animals to cross over it. This issue has been raised with Nick Colton of DCC Highways.</p> <p>Finally Jeff Harrison confirmed that he would be retiring at the end of July. The PC thanked Jeff for all of his help and assistance over the past few years and wished him a long and happy retirement.</p>	
37/16	<p>Declarations of Interest None received.</p>	
38/16	<p>Police Report</p> <p>PCSO Jim Brokensha gave the Police Report for the previous month which was as follows:-</p> <p>3rd March – A public order offence was reported with no lines of enquiry. 11th March – A red plastic barrier was stolen. No lines of enquiry. 23rd March – A battery for temporary traffic lights was stolen from traffic works taking place on the highway. No lines of enquiry. 30th March – Report of a caravan damaged at Lee Moor. Enquiries are still on-going.</p>	
39/16	<p>County and District Councillors Report</p> <p>County Cllr John Hart's absence there was no County Cllr Report although Cllr Hitchins confirmed that DCC have managed to agree their budgets for the forthcoming financial year and that some additional funding had been found by Central Government for pothole repairs.</p> <p>With regard to the District Council, Cllr Hitchins mentioned that SHDC had approved their budget and that work was still progressing on Our Plan. The District is also currently reviewing the role of the Locality Officers in the area and that SHDC are looking to start investing in various initiatives. Finally in respect of</p>	

40/16	<p>the noise complaints regarding dogs barking at Wotter, Cllr Hitchins confirmed that residents should write to SHDC Environmental Services individually as a group letter only counted as one response.</p> <p>DNPA Report</p> <p>As it covers two specific housing areas (Exeter and Plymouth), DNPA will no longer be submitting a joint plan although they will have a duty to co-operate with neighbouring authorities. The Tour of Britain will be coming back on the 9th September which will bring a massive economic boost to the National Park. A draft organisation development strategy is being produced to see if the organisation is performing as well as it can be.</p>	
41/16	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd March 2016</p> <p>The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd March 2016 were agreed and accepted. In terms of matters arising from those minutes that were not on the agenda, Cllr Small asked for an update on the broadband. The Clerk confirmed that he had received an update from Cllr Hart asking if we wanted a representative from Connecting Devon and Somerset to attend a future PC meeting (a possible joint meeting with Harford as they have similar issues). The Clerk responded to Cllr Hart confirming that this would be welcomed and is currently awaiting a response from Cllr Hart with regard to a date/time.</p> <p>With regard to the 1940's meeting, it was mentioned that there was a flower festival due to take place in the church and that Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall were also looking to hold an event (hopefully on a different day to the event taking place at Lee Moor).</p>	
42/16	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/16(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that all issues raised at the previous PC meeting had been passed onto to Nick Colton of DCC Highways for action. Cllr Norman requested that the potholes in the main road near Huxton Farm also be raised.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had not been able to ascertain who owns unused bus shelter in Lee Moor (where anti-social behaviour was reported as taking place). The bus shelter is not one of those maintained by the PC and consequently we cannot currently confirm who owns it. Cllr Small said he would respond to the person enquiring on this basis.</p>	Clerk
8/16(b)	<p>Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the funding bid for the sum of £10k had now been submitted to the National Lottery Awards for All and was now awaiting feedback on the success of that bid. It was also</p>	Cllr Small

8/16(c)	<p>confirmed that a sum of £17k had now been received from the Portworthy Solar Farm Community Fund Agreement along with a £6k donation from Wolf (with £4k being allocated from this overall sum).</p> <p>Wotter Kick-About Area</p> <p>Despite having made a payment for the cost of half of the works, none of the fencing had been installed yet. Cllr Mrs Tyler agreed to chase Dan Searle.</p>	Cllr Mrs Tyler
8/16(d)	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>Following the installation of the last defib at Wotter Surgery some discussion took place between Cllrs regarding the need for a sign directing people to it. Standing Orders were temporarily lifted to allow Claire Oatway to speak. She said she would raise this with the surgery to see if a sign was required and if so, where it would go.</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli confirmed that all defibs were up-to-date and it was agreed that the Clerk would register the final defib with the SW Ambulance Trust. A further training event on the use of the defib at Wotter was arranged for Thursday 21st April at the Moorland Hotel starting at 7pm.</p>	Wotter Surgery Clerk
15/16	<p>PROW – Diversion of Bridleway No. 44</p> <p>The Clerk read out letter received from Helen Clayton (PROW Officer at DCC) asking for the Parish Council's objection to the diversion of the Bridleway on the basis that all outstanding issues had been addressed.</p> <p>Cllr Stone confirmed that the Commoners were now happy to go along with the diversion subject to the majority of the fencing works having been delivered before the diversion comes into effect. It was also agreed that Sibilco should provide written confirmation that they would give up their mining rights to areas X, Y and Z as part of the deal to withdraw our objection. Finally it was suggested that the period of the diversion be reduced from 30 years to 15 years maximum. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to DCC on this basis.</p>	Clerk
43/16	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Chairman temporarily lifted Standing Orders to allow the applicants for the planning application for Fiddlers Inn Cottage to speak. They confirmed that the application had been withdrawn and that they would like to submit a new application in the future taking on-board any concerns that local residents may have. The Chairman confirmed that there were some issues with the previous application and hoped that these would be addressed in any future submission.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place on the old reservoir site at Portworthy</p>	

44/16	<p>which had been visited by Cllrs. Due to the elevated position of the site it was suggested that the most appropriate form of development in this location would be a bungalow.</p> <p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The Chairman had nothing new to raise.</p>	
45/16	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli mentioned that both he and Cllr Small attended the AGM of the I&DALC meeting. He said it was very well attended and most of the officers had been re-elected en-bloc. The greatest area of discussion was in relation to the TAP Fund.</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli also confirmed that he had attended the most recent Imerys Community Liaison Group meeting and at that meeting Imerys accepted that they owned the area of land adjacent to the main road at Wotter where the fencing has collapsed. Imerys agreed that they are responsible for this area and will remove the damaged fencing once the bird nesting season has passed. Cllr Small mentioned that the plant will be closed for a period of 6 weeks whilst some improvement works are undertaken. He also added that the China Clay industry was booming. It was also mentioned that the proposed concrete block manufacturing facility at the former Herreschoff Kilns had fallen through and that the land was once again up for leasing.</p>	
46/16	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month the following correspondence has been received by the Clerk:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan from Wolf Minerals detailing changes to Bridleway No 57 and changes to PROW on Crownhill Down. • March 2016 Newsletter from Wolf Minerals. • Update from Wolf Minerals on Low Noise Frequency Noise. • Email from South Hams AONB Partnership Meeting. • Email correspondence from Anesco re payment for Portworthy Community Fund Agreement • Email re application for works to TPO trees at The School House, Shaugh Prior (passed to Pete Davies). • Email correspondence on broadband matters. • Monthly news bulletin from SLCC. • Emergency planning newsletter from SHDC. 	
47/16	<p>Financial Restrictions</p> <p>As part of the Annual Return and Governance Statement, the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council needed to have an adopted set of Financial Restrictions which covered all financial matters relating to PC finances. A copy of the restrictions was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting and no issues were raised with them. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Mrs Burkill and</p>	

48/16	<p>seconded by Cllr Stone that the financial restrictions be adopted and this was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Risk Assessment</p> <p>As part of the Annual Return and Governance Statement, the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council needed an approved Risk Assessment. A copy of the draft Risk Assessment was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting and no issues were raised. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Taffurelli and seconded by Cllr Small that the Risk Assessment document be adopted by the Parish Council and this was agreed unanimously.</p>	
49/16	<p>Queen's Birthday Celebration – Grant Request</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had received a written email from Elaine Smerdon of Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall enquiring about the possibility of securing a grant of £200 to help towards an event being planned at the hall to celebrate the Queen's birthday. It was highlighted that whilst Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall did not receive the £200 allocated from the Woodland Trust funds for the children's xmas party (as it didn't go ahead), there was a sum of £200 allocated in the budget for Village Celebrations in any case. Therefore a bid for funding could be considered if a formal application were to be made for such. The Clerk confirmed that he would respond to Elaine on this basis.</p>	
50/16	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 24th March 2016 there was £51,701.43 in the Treasurers Account. However, this included a £17k over-payment in respect of the Portworthy Community Fund Agreement.</p>	
51/16	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:-</p> <p><u>Payments</u> £117.54 cheque to SHDC for 2015 election expenses £182.82 cheque to DALC (2016/17 annual subscription) £120.00 cheque to SHDC for 2015/16 payroll services £710.00 cheque to Mr Palmer (bus shelter cleaning and staining benches). £648.55 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months' clerk's wages) £162.20 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months clerk's wages) £54.00 cheque to Westernweb Ltd (renewal of web domain) £54.0 cheque to DALC (attendance at Highways Conference)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> None</p>	
52/16	<p>Works and Maintenance</p>	

53/16	<p>Whilst a number of them had now been completed, Cllr Small commented that some of the remaining benches need re-staining. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with Mr Palmer.</p> <p>Finally, Cllr Mrs Burkill commented that the broken gate on the path that leads up to the moors (which was the responsibility of the NT) had now been repaired and that the NT had done a very good job.</p> <p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting (AGM)</p> <p>The Clerk highlighted that the Annual Assembly will take place before the next Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th May 2016 at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall. The Annual Assembly of Electors Meeting will start at 7pm and this will be followed by the May PC Meeting which includes the AGM.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	Clerk
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