MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 1st June 2016

at

Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Norman

Cllr's Wassell, Small, Stone, Taffurelli, Spiers, Mrs Tyler and Mrs

Burkill.

County Cllr Hart PCSO Jim Brokensha

Apologies: **District Cllr Hitchins**

0 members of the public in attendance

Minute		Action
Number		
71/16	Open Forum	
	John Vine from Imerys gave a brief presentation on a planning application due to be submitted for an extension of time for the composting operation that currently takes place at Lee Moor pits. He confirmed that the operations would continue as existing and that Imerys were looking for a 5-year extension. Cllr Norman asked when areas that have now been mined will be reinstated and opened back up for public use/access. John mentioned that whilst some areas were no longer being worked there was still a considerable amount of activity in these areas (large plant moving around etc) and activities were being focussed around T2. However, he stressed that Imerys were looking to release areas of land as soon a practically possible.	
	Barnaby Hudson of Wolf Minerals gave an update on the Tungsten Mine. He confirmed that works on the mining waste facility were on	
	target as were the works associated with the diversion of Lee Moor Road, with culverts currently being installed. The external columns	
	on the processing plant were now almost all now installed and if	

people did notice an improvement in the issue of the low frequency noise issues that they should let Wolf know. There are still some on-going concerns from Sparkwell PC regarding blasting and the remediation is still on-going. Barnaby mentioned that Wolf were looking at an action plan to try and address blasting concerns (Blasting Minimisation Strategy). At present blasting takes place around 3.15pm around 2-3 times per week. During its' busiest period the number of blasts will increase to 6 times per week. Finally, it was confirmed that the plant had produced its' first consignment of tin concentrate for shipping.

72/16 Declarations of Interest

None received.

73/16 | Police Report

PCSO Jim Brokensha gave the Police Report for the previous month and stated that no crimes had been reported.

Cllrs Mrs Tyler and Stone raised concerns about the numbers of livestock that had recently been killed on the roads through the Parish and asked if the Police were able to carry out more enforcement? Jim confirmed that the Police would be carrying out more speed enforcement in the area. Members of the local Neighbourhood Watch were also looking for volunteers to assist in the undertaking of catching speeding drivers on the main road although motorists who are caught speeding by the neighbourhood speed watch only receive a letter rather than a fine. It was mentioned that residents who do volunteer for this should have good eyesight for recording registrations. Jim also mentioned that the Police have some notices that they will be placing on cars re speeding.

74/16 County and District Councillors Report

Despite having requested further information prior to the meeting, Cllr Hart said he had no further information in respect of broadband. He agreed to chase this and come back to the Clerk. He confirmed that the Harford broadband meeting had now taken place.

With regard to the request for the bus turning area Cllr Hart confirmed that he would be happy to provide the funding for such a sign subject to clarification from the Clerk on the associated costs.

Cllr Taffurelli raised a concern regarding the limited width of the existing Lee Moor Road just beyond the new section of road that was constructed by Wolf Minerals and asked if this narrowing could be looked into by DCC Highways?

In District Cllr Hitchin's absence there was no District Cllr Report.

75/16 **DNPA Report**

Cllr Hart

Clerk

	In Cllr Hitchin's absence there was no report.	
76/16	Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4 th May 2016	
	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4 th May 2016 (which included the AGM) were agreed and accepted. The Clerk did however apologise for putting the incorrect date on the agenda for the June meeting.	
77/16	Matters Arising	
8/16(a)	Highway Matters	
	It was reported that the resurfacing of Purps Lane had now been completed and this route was once again open to traffic.	
	Cllr Norman mentioned that the large depressions in the road on just beyond the cattle grid at the Bowling Green were starting to form once again and should be reported to DCC Highways.	Clerk
8/16(b)	Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid	
	The Clerk confirmed that he was still waiting to hear back from the National Lottery on the success of our bid for funding and was hopeful of being able to report something at the next PC meeting.	
8/16(c)	Wotter Kick-About Area	
()	Cllr Mrs Tyler confirmed that the fencing had now been completed and that a gate had been provided. Cllr Taffurelli mentioned that some concerns had been raised by children using the kick-about area regarding the fact that the levels meant that footballs were constantly going over the fence. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Dan Searle about the possibility of providing some ball-catch fencing.	Clerk
8/16(d)	Defibrillator	
	The Clerk confirmed he had spoken to the SW Ambulance Trust about getting the defib at Wotter Surgery registered.	
	Cllr Taffurelli agreed 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. Cllr Taffurelli confirmed that all of the checks for June had been undertaken and that there were no issues to report. Cllr Mrs Burkill passed on the thanks of Kathy Compton for the flowers that were presented to her on behalf of the PC.	
15/16	PROW – Diversion of Bridleway No. 44	
	The Clerk read out a further response letter received from Helen Clayton (PROW Officer at DCC) regarding the diversion of Bridleway No 44 and the legal processes that would follow in order	

to allow the mining rights to areas X, Y and Z to be removed.

After some detailed discussion it was mentioned by the Clerk that the PC had done all it could in terms of agreeing a suitable way forward and recommended that the PC should raise no further objections to the proposed diversion of the bridleway. This was agreed unanimously by Cllrs on the basis that the PC should be kept regularly informed on progress relating to this matter by both Imerys/Sibilco and DCC. The Clerk agreed to respond to DCC on this basis.

Clerk

64/16 Annual Return – Approval of Accounts

As a result of our internal auditor recently being taken ill, the Clerk confirmed that he had arranged for the internal audit to be undertaken with the Clerks from the Parish Councils of Sparkwell and Bigbury (each auditing the accounts of the other parish). He confirmed that such an arrangement was considered acceptable by the Devon Association of Local Councils. This was planned to take place on Tuesday 7th June at Lee Moor Hall.

66/16 Website Representative

Cllr Taffurelli confirmed that Julia Sanders of Neighbourhood Watch would be willing to update the website in respect of local news items. Such an offer was gratefully accepted by the PC and the Clerk agreed to provide Julia with the necessary training. All formal news items relating to PC business would still be uploaded by the Clerk.

Clerk

78/16 | Planning

The Clerk referred to the receipt of information regarding some ongoing enforcement cases but no planning applications had been received.

79/16 Chairman's Business

The only business that the Chairman wished to raise was in respect of a planned visit to Imerys China Clay Works at Lee Moor taking place on the 16th June 2016.

80/16 | Reports from Committees

Cllr Taffurelli gave an update on the most recent meeting of the Tungsten Mine Local Liaison Group meeting that he had attended on behalf of the PC. He mentioned that Wolf had now planted 50,000 trees and that both Sparkwell PC and DCC were working together in respect of exploring issues associated with the mine. Local representatives had requested a dedicated website for the Tungsten Mine although the creation of such was not supported by Wolf Minerals. Concerns were also raised regarding the overflow of water although Wolf consider this issue to have been addressed following the construction of 2 reservoirs. Extra monitoring was

also taking place regarding dust and flags will now be put up when blasting takes place.

81/16 | Correspondence

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

- Draft minutes of the Tungsten Mine Local Liaison Group Meeting held on the 25th May 2016.
- Email from Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall thanking the PC for the £200 grant towards the Queens Birthday Celebrations.
- Public Notice from Wolf Minerals on Low Frequency Noise.
- Letter from Imerys detailing the Community Liaison Group Meeting Summer visit taking place on Thursday 16th June.
- Email and Notice from SHDC regarding the EU Referendum
- Email from Wolf Minerals providing a further update on Low Frequency Noise.
- Email from SLCC confirming the new Clerks pay scales for 2016-2018.
- Email from SHDC regarding fly tipping.
- May Newsletter from Wolf Minerals.
- May Newsletter from DALC.

82/16 Finance

The Clerk confirmed that on the 20th May 2016 there was £38,485.33 in the Treasurers Account.

83/16 Payments and Receipts

It was agreed to make the following payments:-

Payments

£17.29 cheque to Scott Smy (First Clerks expenses payment) £7.50 cheque to Sue Burkill (payment for flowers) £544.00 cheque to Dan Searle for final payment of fencing works £435.22 cheque to Zurich Municipal (Annual Insurance Renewal)

Receipts

None

84/16 Works and Maintenance

Cllr Taffurelli confirmed that the quotation received from the Gent Brothers for grass cutting included cutting the grass in the newly completed kick-about area. The Clerk confirmed that he has sent a letter to the Gent Brothers accepting their quotation for the grass cutting and instructing them to proceed with the grass cutting. It was also agreed to proceed with the weed kill which would cost £50 per year.

85/16	Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting	
	The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 6 th July 2016 at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall starting at 7.30pm.	
	The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.	
	Signed:Chairman	
	Date:	