

MINUTES
of
SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting
Held on
Wednesday 5th October 2016
at
Lee Moor Public Hall

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

County Cllr Hart
District Cllr Hitchins

Apologies: Cllr Taffurelli
PCSO Jim Brokensha

2 members of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
120/16	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Our local Dartmoor Ranger Andrea Crisp gave a brief update on matters relating to the moors. She mentioned that a recent increase in the use of the moors by trail bikes had necessitated a meeting with the Police who are taking the matter very seriously and more agencies are now getting involved. If you do see trail bikes using the moors in areas where they shouldn't be then please call 999 immediately. It was agreed that the Clerk would send an email to Cllr Hitchins outlining the concerns of the Parish Council on this matter.</p> <p>Barnaby Hudson of Wolf Minerals gave an update on the Tungsten Mine. The results of the use of electronic detonators for blasting were currently inconclusive and further analysis on this was required in order to help reduce the number of complaints received.</p> <p>There are still problems regarding the low frequency noise and</p>	

	<p>additional works are proposed to the process plant (additional support beams for the roof). It was also highlighted by the Clerk that Sparkwell PC have sent out questionnaires to residents in the area to establish the extent of the problem and these included residents affected in the Parish of Shaugh Prior.</p> <p>The works to divert Lee Moor Road are on-going and due for completion at the end of 2016. The consultation on the proposed diversion of bridleways has been completed and it was noted that Shaugh Prior PC raised no issues in respect of such. As a result of low tungsten prices and the plant producing less, Wolf Minerals have suspended their shares whilst finance is re-structured which will result in additional cash being injected into the business. This is a short-term measure and Barnaby confirmed that Wolf were still fully committed to the Hemerdon Mine. Finally, Barnaby confirmed that Annie Bent was in the process of setting up a community website which should be up and running shortly.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler raised a concern about how some of our recycled rubbish was being collected, with separate waste streams being combined together. It was highlighted that this was a normal practice as the waste recycling bags were separated after collection.</p>	
121/16	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None received.</p>	
122/16	<p>Police Report</p> <p>In the absence of PCSO Jim Brokensha the Clerk read out the Police Report for the past month where there had been one incident of harassment in Wotter between 29th August and the 25th September 2016. This was currently being investigated.</p>	
123/16	<p>County and District Councillors Report</p> <p>Cllr Hart made reference to the elections taking place in May 2017 and confirmed that there was still some funding available from his Locality Budget. It was suggested that the Parish Magazine may want to consider submitting an application for a grant. Some discussion also took place regarding the funding for speed roundels on the main road in order to reduce traffic speeds and reduce livestock fatalities. Cllr Hart suggested that this would be a matter that the livestock protection group would have to take-up with DCC Highways.</p> <p>A Peer Review of Children's Services provided positive feedback which was encouraging in view of the large number of staff reductions that had occurred at DCC (2,000 full time staff). Whilst a number of properties have been sold by the County (thereby reducing the maintenance backlog) the County has managed to keep hold of its' farms. The review of health services within the County by the NHS continues as does the Devolution process,</p>	

	<p>with one such benefit of this process now being improved cross-boundary working.</p> <p>In respect of the District Cllrs Report, Cllr Hitchins confirmed that work on the Joint Local Plan was progressing which he highlighted did not include Dartmoor National Park.</p> <p>SHDC had recently experienced some major disruption with their phones/IT and were looking to address these issues asap.</p> <p>Whilst not impacting upon the Parish of Shaugh Prior, reference was made to a potential review of the Ward Boundary at Ivybridge/Ugborough. SHDC currently have a fleet of 4 mechanical road sweepers and Bill suggested letting him know of any locations in the Parish which require a visit from such.</p> <p>Finally, on the issue of fly tipping 2 prosecutions were coming forward and Bill reiterated the point to let him know of any instances of fly tipping as soon as possible.</p>	
124/16	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins confirmed that visit of the Tour of Britain to Dartmoor had once again been a great success. He mentioned that the third appeal of the sustainable community development at Steward Wood had been upheld by the Planning Inspectorate and that the applicant was now seeking to take the case to the High Court. Finally, Bill mentioned that Lord Gardiner had been appointed as the new Minister for National Parks.</p>	
125/16	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th September 2016</p> <p>The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th September 2016 were agreed and accepted.</p>	
126/16	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/16(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>On the issue of HGV's using the road between Shaugh Prior and Cadover, the Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the Clerk for Buckland Monachorum PC and she confirmed that their PC have reported no issues in respect of HGV's using the roads through Yelverton (which form part of the route through to Cadover and beyond to Shaugh Prior). It was therefore agreed that there was nothing further to say on this matter.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had instructed SW Highways to install the sign at the bus turning area in Lee Moor and was hopeful that the works would be completed shortly.</p> <p>Finally, reference was made to a recent meeting of Dartmoor Farmers Action Group where it was suggested that the group should speak to other Parish Council's both on Dartmoor and other National Parks in the UK to see if they have any issues with livestock fatalities and what measures they have implemented to reduce them.</p>	

8/16(b)	<p>Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid</p> <p>The Clerk stated that he had received a response from Wolf Minerals confirming that as a company they don't produce the type of material needed for the base of the play equipment. However, it was suggested that Aggregate Industries may be able to help (as they have done in the past subject to haulage fee's being paid for) and consequently the Clerk confirmed he had emailed AI on this matter and was awaiting a response from them. He was also in the process of getting a cost for the storage units and port-a-loo required as the overall cost of the scheme needed to come down from the £29k cost currently outlined.</p>	Clerk
8/16(c)	<p>Wotter Kick-About Area</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler confirmed she had spoken to Dan Searle about the ball-catch fencing and had asked him to speak to Cllr Stone. She agreed to chase this up and speak to Dan again.</p>	
8/16(d)	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that he had now registered the final defib with the SW Ambulance Trust as a Community Access Defib and was waiting to hear back from them on this (which should occur prior to the next PC meeting). Cllr Taffurelli was still to run through the monthly check procedures with Cllrs Mrs Burkhill and Small.</p>	Cllr Taffurelli
101/16	<p>Broadband Update</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to the recent email received highlighting the areas of the Parish that had gone 'live' in respect of improved broadband connectivity. Cllr Small suggested that once the majority of the Parish had been covered by the improved broadband then perhaps a parish-wide meeting should be arranged to highlight the benefits of such to residents.</p>	
112/16	<p>White Thorn Inn – Value to the Local Community</p> <p>It was noted that there had been no further movement in terms of re-opening the pub which was disappointing for the local community and it was hoped that the pub would re-open soon.</p>	
127/16	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to the fact that an updated list of planning enforcement cases had been received which would be forwarded to Cllrs as they could not be disclosed during a public meeting. It was suggested that a number of enforcement cases have been on-going for some time now and therefore it was agreed that the Clerk would write to SHDC to establish what progress (if any) was being made on some of the older cases.</p> <p>The planning application submitted for the property Eriador (app no 0393/16) had been withdrawn and a fresh application had been</p>	Clerk

	<p>submitted which would be considered by Cllrs Norman, Stone and Wassell. It was mentioned that the removal of a section of hedgerow (as part of this development) without the necessary planning consent to do so was particularly concerning to the PC.</p> <p>The Clerk read out a response from DCC in respect of the concerns raised by the PC regarding the routing of HGV's associated with the composting operations application submitted by Imerys which was recently approved. The letter confirmed that hauliers would be made aware of the correct routes to use and asked residents to contact Imerys if there were any situations of HGV's not using the pre-determined routes.</p>	
128/16	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The Chairman raised concerns regarding the large depressions in the road forming once again outside the Primary School in Shaugh Prior and the larger sunken area just beyond the cattle grid near the Bowling Green. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Nick Colton on these issues and request a site meeting with Cllr Norman in order to run through these on-going highway issues.</p>	Clerk
129/16	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>As no external committee meetings, had taken place since the last meeting there was nothing to report.</p>	
130/16	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month, the following correspondence has been received by the Clerk: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from DALC re consultation on capping Parish Council precepts. • Minutes and agenda for the IDALC meeting that took place on the 29th September 2016. • Email from SHDC re Community Re-investment Projects • Email from DNPA on the consultation for the New Local Plan • Email from SHDC detailing Emergency Planning Newsletter • Email from SHDC detailing the conversion of Dog Control Orders to Public Space Protection Orders • Letter from Grant Thornton providing the Annual Return for 2015/16. 	
131/16	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 16th September 2016 there was £44,935.94 in the Treasurers Account.</p>	
132/16	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:-</p>	

133/16	<p><u>Payments</u> £400.00 cheque to Shaugh Prior Parochial Church Council (re-issue of cheque no 01790) £726.44 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages July-Sept) £181.60 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months Clerks wages) £360.0 cheque to Grant Thornton LLP (Annual Return 2015-16)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> None</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to a late email received by the Chairman from the headteacher of Shaugh Prior Primary School requesting a donation of £100 from the PC to help towards the cost of a KS2 trip to London.</p> <p>Following some discussion it was agreed that the request had been received too late as the trip was due to take place 2 days after the PC meeting and therefore it was assumed that all necessary funding was in place. On this basis it wasn't clear what the £100 would be used towards? However it was agreed by Cllrs that the monies held by the PC following the winding-up of the Woodland Trust could be applied for by the school in order to help run trips etc (particularly to help the children of less affluent families in the Parish attend such trips). It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the headteacher explaining this and how funding could be applied for in the future.</p> <p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler raised concerns about the length of the grass outside the surgery and how it needed cutting. However it was highlighted by several Cllrs that this area of land was in private ownership and therefore would not be an area that we, as the PC, could include within our grass cutting regime.</p> <p>A further concern was raised in respect of slates falling from Wotter Community Church and landing on the path that leads to and from Wotter Surgery. It was noted that the path was littered with debris of slates that had already fallen and that this was a major health and safety concern as it the path is well used by pedestrians walking to and from the surgery. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would write to Mrs Sellick on this matter.</p> <p>Finally some discussion took place on a proposed sign for Lee Moor Play Area and it was agreed to follow the basis of the sign that Cornwood Parish Council use but making the necessary changes with reference to Shaugh Prior.</p>	Clerk
134/16	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p>	Clerk

	<p>The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	
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