

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 1st March 2017

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

Present: Vice Chairman Cllr Small
Cllr's Stone, Spiers, Wassell, Mrs Tyler and Mrs Burkill

Apologies: Cllrs Norman, McIver and Taffurelli
County Cllr Hart
District Cllr Hitchins
PCSO Jim Brokensha

2 members of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
18/17	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Annie Bent of Wolf Minerals gave an update on all matters relating to the Tungsten Mine. The Unilateral Undertaking relating to the new planning permission was signed on the 16th Feb and planning permission issued on the same day. A scheme to minimise the impacts and monitor blasting was due to be submitted to DCC in the next few days. Schemes for dust, noise and water management are in preparation. An Order has now been submitted to the DoT for the Stopping-Up of the section of Lee Moor Road which is due to be diverted and the new road should be open on the 14th March. A total of 16 blasts were carried out during the past month and the use of electronic detonators continues to be trialled. All information for daily blasts and weekly schedule is on the community website – www.dm-comunity.co.uk. The final remedial works to address the LFN have now been completed although it is not currently known if these final works have been successful in terms of addressing the noise problems. Wolf's Blasting Technical Consultant and Senior Community Relations Officer continues to visit local residents to answer concerns over blasting and LFN. Following the receipt of concerns</p>	

	<p>over blasting, a structural surveyor will be visiting some properties in mid-March to carry out an assessment. A meeting of the Local Mining Liaison Group took place on the 22nd February whilst recruitment continues to take place within the Engineering Department. Cllr Mrs Tyler was concerned that the loss of all of the existing trees as part of the Lee Moor Road works could lead to an increase in dust problems in the Parish. This concern was noted by Annie Bent although she did confirm that Wolf do a considerable amount of dampening-down during dry weather conditions.</p> <p>Patty from the Moorland Hotel raised serious concerns about the speed of traffic on the main road through the Parish and in particular the section of road between the Moorland Hotel and the Bowling Green. She stated that many children walk along this section of the road in order to catch the school bus at the existing bus stop near the top of Collard Lane and the combination of a lack of footways and speeding traffic could lead to a child being struck-down. Some cars were recently recorded travelling at 49 mph even though the speed limit is only 30 mph. It was agreed that the Parish Council should formally write to DCC Highways to request traffic calming measures along this section of highway in order to ensure that traffic speeds are kept down to 30 mph.</p> <p>Finally, the Clerk made reference to changes at Wotter Surgery with one of the nurses leaving the surgery and it was disappointing that the Practice Manager at the Ridgeway had not informed the Parish Council of this change much earlier.</p>	Clerk
19/17	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None were received.</p>	
20/17	<p>Police Report</p> <p>In the absence of PCSO Jim Brokensha the Clerk read out the crime report for the past month and confirmed that there had been no reported incidents. There had however been a road traffic accident on the 11th Feb, with no reported injuries. There had also been 2 reports of boy racers on the 18th and 27th Feb. It was also highlighted that Dartmoor Speedwatch Forum had its' own page on Facebook.</p>	
21/17	<p>County and District Councillors Report</p> <p>In Cllr Hart's absence, there was no report. However, the Clerk gave a brief update provided by Cllr Hart on broadband issues. It was highlighted that those properties in the Parish which can't order superfast broadband should be in a position to do so in the next 2-3 weeks. It is recommended that customers should contact their current broadband suppliers in the next 2-3 weeks as it can take several weeks for records to be updated. Whilst most properties in the Parish will have access to superfast broadband and there will be a limited number who won't have access to a fibre service. These properties should be able to secure an</p>	

	<p>alternative solution via fixed wireless by the end of March. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward these details on broadband updates to Marilyn Small for inclusion in the next edition of the Parish Magazine. This would also be included on the website.</p> <p>The Clerk also confirmed that on the issues surrounding fly-tipping, Cllr Hart stated that there were no easy answers and it really depended on people being vigilant and noting the details of anyone or vehicles associated with such acts. The only deterrent would be prosecutions against people involved in such acts.</p> <p>In Cllr Hitchin's absence, there was no District Cllr Report.</p>	Clerk
22/17	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Hitchins there was no DNPA Report.</p>	
23/17	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st February 2017</p> <p>The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st February 2017 were agreed and accepted.</p>	
24/17	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/17(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>Concerns regarding the speeding traffic and the safety of children walking to and from the bus stops on the main road at the top of Collard Lane was discussed during the Open Forum and it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to DCC Highways on this matter.</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that he had received a further email regarding the request for Horse Rider Warning Signs where the existing bridleway crosses the road that leads down to Elfordleigh. It was agreed by Cllrs that the need for such signing should form part of a wider signing strategy which looks at all livestock on the roads and not just horses. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the signing request on this basis.</p> <p>Finally, Cllr Mrs Tyler mentioned that there was a problem with the gate next to the cattle grid at the top of Purps Lane (it couldn't be opened). The Clerk agreed to raise this with DCC Highways.</p>	Clerk Clerk
8/17(b)	<p>Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that the works to provide the base foundations were due to take place on the coming Friday and that Playdale were due to start the installation of the climbing frame on the following Weds (8th March). He asked if Cllr Stone could be on-hand with a tractor and loader on the basis that tipper lorry couldn't back into the play area and would therefore have to drop the aggregate in the parking area serving Dartmoor Cottages. The Clerk also mentioned that he had met David Cobbold on-site and that he was generally happy with the works that are proposed to</p>	

8/17(d)	<p>the play area.</p> <p>Defibrillators</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill confirmed that she had checked the defib at Shaugh Prior Hall and all was ok. On the basis that Cllr Taffurelli would be able to check the defib at Wotter, the Parish need to find someone to check the Lee Moor Hall defib. It was suggested that perhaps Andy Vincent could be asked? It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Colin on this matter.</p>	
8/17(e)	<p>White Thorn Inn – Value to the Community</p> <p>Although he wasn't at the meeting, Cllr Hitchins had mentioned to the Chairman that the White Thorn Inn had now been registered as an Asset of Community Value and that the group involved in its' potential purchase should consider starting to move matters forward at a greater pace. Cllr Mrs Tyler agreed to look into this once Cllr Taffurelli was back from his holidays as they needed to set up a bank account. The Clerk mentioned that the Parish Council could also assist in obtaining grants although he could only really help once the works to Wotter Play Area had been completed.</p>	
8/17(f)	<p>Wotter Post Office</p> <p>During the Open Forum part of the meeting it was confirmed by Patty that the Post Office had agreed in principle to move the facility from Wotter Methodist Church to the 'snug' in the Moorland Hotel. A trial run was due to take place shortly and subject to this going well the PO would then arrange for further communication lines to be installed. Until that happens they would only be able to run a limited number of services. In view of the PO moving to the Moorland Hotel it was agreed that this further supported the need for traffic calming on the main road as many parishioners that use the PO are elderly. It was also suggested that the existing road sign directing people to the former PO location in Wotter should be removed. The Clerk agreed to raise this with DCC Highways.</p>	Clerk
25/17	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that conditional planning permission had been granted for the application submitted for alterations to Rondmoor Lodge in Shaugh Prior.</p> <p>Reference was also made to the receipt of confirmation from DCC to the adoption of the Devon Minerals Plan on the 16th Feb 2017. Copies of the plan were available to view on line on the DCC website.</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to an email received from SHDC outlining changes to how Parish Councils would be consulted upon planning applications. The new procedures (which involve Clerks being sent an electronic consultation request at the same time that</p>	

<p>26/17</p>	<p>the plans are sent out) should help Clerks so that they are aware of what planning applications have been submitted whilst setting agendas for PC meetings. The email also confirmed that information on live planning enforcement cases should only be shared with those Cllrs who are involved in commenting upon planning applications on behalf of the PC. The Parish or Town Code of Conduct will apply to any member who mistreats or disseminates this information.</p> <p>Finally, a news release received from SHDC mentioned that the new joint Local Plan for Plymouth and South West Devon was due to go SHDC Full Council for approval on the 2nd March having already been approved by PCC and WDC at their respective Full Council meetings earlier in the week.</p> <p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The vice-chairman referred to the sale of Wotter Methodist Chapel and that there were 2 benches there being offered to the Parish Council. It was noted that both benches contained memorial plaques and that one of the benches could replace an existing bench at the Bowling Green which was in a bad state or repair. However, it was essential that any existing plaques are re-mounted onto the replacement benches (even if it meant more than one plaque on each bench).</p>	
<p>27/17</p>	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Cllr Small gave an update on the recent Parish Cluster Meeting held at Sparkwell to discuss the on-going problems surrounding the Low Frequency Noise associated with operations at the Tungsten Mine. Cllr Small mentioned that there were a considerable number of properties affected in Sparkwell and although there were just a handful of properties affected in Shaugh Prior we would still fully support Sparkwell in trying to get some further action to address these problems. The Clerk confirmed that a total of 12 responses had been received to the LFN surveys which went out before Christmas and around half of those responses were affected by LFN associated with the mine.</p> <p>It was agreed at the meeting that it would be helpful if Cornwood too could also send the survey out to its' residents in order to understand how many people were affected in all 3 parishes and that Sparkwell would draft a letter to the Environment Agency on behalf of the 3 parishes as it was the view that Wolf were in breach of its' Environmental Permit Regulations. This letter would be sent to the Clerk of each of the parishes for comment before being sent to the EA and Local Cllrs/MP's.</p> <p>In Cllr Norman's absence, there was no feedback from the recent Tungsten Mine Local Liaison Group Meeting. No further meetings had taken place.</p>	
<p>28/17</p>	<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 detailing the minutes and agenda for the next meeting of the I&DALC on the 15th March. • Email from National Grid regarding possible disruption as a result of refurbishing existing power lines. • Email from DCC Highways – Measuring Engagement Survey 2016/17. • News bulletin from DALC. • Email from DCC detailing 2017 Pick and Mix Social Enterprise Courses. • Email from SHDC regarding a consultation on proposed changes to Dog Control Orders. <p>In addition, Cllr Stone confirmed that he had been accepted onto the Dartmoor Access Forum.</p>	
29/17	<p>Newnham Solar Panels Community Benefit Scheme</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to correspondence received from Cllr Ruth Pearson-Bunt of Sparkwell PC regarding the creation of the local community benefit group that will administer the allocation of additional funding generated by the solar farm at Newnham. Having already previously agreed that Cllr Spiers would be the Shaugh Prior Parish Council representative, Cllr Spiers had some concerns about the fact that those on the board would be Directors of and the community trust board would be set-up as a limited company. In view of this he was concerned about potential personal liability. It was agreed that the Clerk would go back to Cllr Pearson-Bunt outlining our concerns.</p> <p>The set-up of the board includes a nominated representative from Lee Moor Village Hall. In view of Shaugh Prior being in a unique position in that it has two village halls, it was suggested that perhaps someone from Shaugh Prior Hall could be considered for one of the two extra positions highlighted on the Community Trust Board? Cllr Mrs Burkill agreed to speak to those on the board of Shaugh Prior Hall to ascertain if anyone would be interested. Cllr Small commented that it seems as though much of the discussions on the set-up of the Community Trust Board had taken place without our involvement which was concerning. These concerns were noted.</p>	Clerk
30/17	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 10th February 2017 there was £30,449.36 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the end of year accounts from Lee Moor Hall to support the application for the £400 grant which was agreed at the previous PC meeting were still to be received.</p>	Cllr Burkill Mrs

31/17	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u> £120.00 cheque to Scott Smy (final Clerks mileage expenses) £270.00 cheque to SHDC (repair to swings at Wotter Play Area) £260.60 cheque to SHDC (replacement toddler cradle swing seats at Lee Moor Play Area) £113.98 cheque to Scott Smy (reimbursement for purchase of 2t of stone infill from Travis Perkins for Wotter Play Area works) £160.00 cheque to Lee Moor Hall (room hire Oct – March)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> None</p>	
32/17	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that the spring to the gate into the kick-about area had yet to be installed and he therefore agreed to chase Mr Palmer on this matter. No further matters were raised.</p>	
33/17	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	