

MINUTES
of
SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting
Held on
Wednesday 5th April 2017
at
Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

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

Apologies: County Cllr Hart

4 members of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
34/17	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Annie Bent of Wolf Minerals gave an update on all matters relating to the Tungsten Mine. The Blasting Impact Minimisation and Monitoring Scheme had now been submitted to DCC and is out to consultation whilst schemes for noise, dust and water management were each in preparation. The works to divert Lee Moor Road had now been completed and the new section of road was due to open on the 10th April. A total of 18 blasts had been carried out during the past month using both electronic and non-electronic detonators (information on blasting can be found on the community website – www.dm-community.co.uk).</p> <p>Wolf is continuing to work with consultants on the Low Frequency Noise and is currently in communication with GWP who have been assisting as mediators between Wolf and the local community (primarily residents of Sparkwell). Further information will be provided to the 3 Parish Councils in due course. Finally the Local Mining Liaison Group meeting is due to meet again on the 17th March. If any residents have any concerns regarding the operation of the mine then could they please forward these through to your Local Parish Cllr so they can be raised and discussed at this forum. Copies of the minutes from the Local Liaison Group meeting will be placed on the community website in the future.</p>	

	<p>A local resident raised a couple of highway issues for attention (the sign by the cattle grid at the Bowling Green and the gate next to the cattle grid). The Clerk confirmed that both of these items had been raised with Nick Colton of DCC Highways and he agreed to chase Nick for a response.</p> <p>Julia Sanders asked if the Clerk could minute an expression of thanks to both Cllrs Hitchins and Hart for the grant payments received from both for Dartmoor Animal Road Safety Group which will help fund new signs.</p>	Clerk
35/17	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None were received.</p>	
36/17	<p>Police Report</p> <p>In the absence of PCSO the Clerk read out the crime report for the past month and confirmed that there had been 2 reported incidents, one relating to a case of harassment and the other for sending indecent images. Both were currently under investigation. Julia Sanders mentioned that PCSO Jim Brokensha had now left his post and that Tamsyn Dingley is now our Police representative. With regard to the Dartmoor Animal Road Safety Group, 2 sheep (that were in lamb) had been killed during the past month on the section of road between Lee Moor and Wotter whilst a further 2 lambs were killed on the section between Lee Moor and Dragons Hill.</p>	
37/17	<p>County and District Councillors Report</p> <p>In Cllr Hart's absence, there was no County Cllr Report.</p> <p>District Cllr Hitchins started by apologising for not being available to attend the last few PC meetings as a result of some family health issues.</p> <p>The Joint Local Plan has now been signed-off by Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon Councils and is currently going through one last public consultation period before being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The greatest impact upon the Parish of Shaugh is likely to come as a result of the extra housing proposed at Bickleigh which will necessitate improvements to the A386. A JLP consultation event held at Bickleigh wasn't very well attended which was slightly disappointing. Bill confirmed that Bickleigh PC will support a reduced amount of development at Woolwell and there were concerns over the loss of farmland.</p>	
38/17	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>Bill mentioned that there had been some major staffing changes at DNPA with the Head of Planning Stephen Belli having left his post. One of the Forward Planners has also been on leave for a considerable period of time. Interviews for 2 Secretary of State Appointees are due to take place shortly. A review of DNPA</p>	

<p>39/17</p> <p>40/17</p> <p>8/17(a)</p>	<p>revealed that finances are sound and systems are good. The Moor Artist Scheme is likely to be getting much more publicity over the coming months and Bill also congratulated Cllr Stone on being appointed to the Dartmoor Access Forum.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler asked if any progress was being made in respect of the fly tipping issues we seem to be experiencing on a regular basis? Cllr Mrs Burkill referred to a recent incident where a member of District Council was seen taking pictures of fly-tipped rubbish but several days later the rubbish was still there. Cllr Hitchins noted this and agreed to look into it.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill also enquired about DNPA's approach to new housing in the National Park and was the Park under the same pressure as SHDC to approve housing 'at all costs'. Cllr Hitchins confirmed that DNPA didn't face the same pressures as PCC/SHDC in terms of approving new housing in the National Park.</p> <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st March 2017</p> <p>The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st March 2017 were agreed and accepted.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Highway Matters</p> <p>As per the comments raised during the Open Forum, the Clerk agreed to chase Nick Colton on various issues relating to damaged signage and gates adjacent to the cattle grids.</p> <p>The Clerk read out a response received from DCC on the request for traffic calming along the section of road near the Moorland Hotel. The general response was that there was little spare funding for the installation of traffic calming and sites are only usually considered once accidents have taken place (rather than trying to prevent them in the first place). However DCC were willing to put the road through a SCARF (Speed Complaint Action Review Forum) process which is made up of the Local Neighbourhood Team, DCC Road Safety Team and the area Police Road Casualty Reduction Officer. Data from recent speed enforcement has been provided which will determine what further action may be necessary (such as education, enforcement by the Police, traffic calming or potentially no further action at all). It was suggested by Nick that a site-meeting with interested parties be arranged and the Clerk has since responded to Nick agreeing to meeting on-site at a suitable date/time. It was also highlighted that the costs associated with the installation of traffic calming measures would be considerable and something that the PC would be unlikely to be able to afford with further funding support.</p> <p>The Clerk read out an email received from the Dartmoor Animal Road Safety Group requesting permission from the PC to paint a speed reducing/livestock safety sign on the side wall of the bus shelter near Moorland Hotel which is owned by the PC. It was</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
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8/17(b)	<p>confirmed that a local artist would be used to paint the signs (which it was suggested should go on both side of the shelter) and on this basis it was agreed that there would be no objections to such from the PC.</p> <p>Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the climbing frame was now in place and that the rubber safety surfacing will be going down shortly once some minor earthworks had been undertaken by Chris Rollings. The section of fencing that was taken down in order to get access would then have to be replaced and a further working party may be necessary for a general tidy-up of the area once the works have been completed.</p>	
8/17(d)	<p>Defibrillators</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli confirmed that he was happy to keep carrying out the monthly checks for the defibs at Wotter and Lee Moor whilst Cllr Mrs Burkill was happy to do the same for the defib at Shaugh Prior. It was therefore agreed to remove this item from future agendas.</p>	Clerk
8/17(e)	<p>White Thorn Inn – Value to the Community</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli gave a brief update on how matters had moved forward since the last meeting. A total of 3 local members of the community were currently involved and both a bank account had been opened and a business plan drawn-up. It was agreed that a sizeable sum of money would be required to run the pub on an annual basis and that at present the owners of the premises seems reluctant to sell it.</p>	
8/17(f)	<p>Wotter Post Office</p> <p>Following an initial trial period the Post Office has now successfully relocated to the Moorland Hotel and the only outstanding matter relates to the location of the existing PO signs directing people to Wotter. The Clerk agreed to raise this matter with DCC Highways.</p>	Clerk
29/17	<p>Newnham Solar Panels Community Benefit Scheme</p> <p>David Cobbold of the Newnham Estate gave an update on the Solar Panels Community Benefit Scheme and firstly apologised for the lengthy delay in putting the scheme into place which was largely caused by Solarplicity (who own and operate the panels). However he confirmed that the scheme was just weeks away from receiving the first payment of £33k which is based upon a sum of £11k per year for the past 3 years in which the panels have been operational. Sparkwell PC are being used as the delivery vehicle in terms of the management of the funding and David was keen to stress that he wanted to see the money being used to deliver real benefits within the local community (rather than being left unspent). The Community Interest Company is now in the latter</p>	

	<p>stages of being finalised, with a total of 5 members each serving a 2 year period. Cllr Spiers has been nominated as the representative from Shaugh Prior PC. David was hopeful that the CIC would be meeting very shortly and bids for applications for funding would be invited soon after. The Chair thanked David for his update and was pleased to see that the scheme was now moving forward. It was noted that any schemes requiring funding would go through the PC via Cllr Spiers. It was also agreed that the Clerk would email a copy of the Legal Agreement for the Community Interest Company to all Cllrs as all outstanding concerns relating to the content of the document had now been agreed.</p>	Clerk
41/17	<p>Planning</p> <p>A planning application for the conversion and extension of a former water tank into a dwellinghouse at Portworthy Storage Tank, Park Lane (app no 0377/17/FUL) was received by the PC and following further consideration no objections were expressed by those Cllrs who reviewed the application.</p> <p>A consultation on the discharge of planning conditions 7 and 13 of permission DCC/3823/2015 relating to the Tungsten Mine was raised by the Clerk. Having looked at the documents in further detail it was revealed that the details (which relate to the Blast Mitigation and Monitoring Scheme) and the management of noise related to the Phase 2 works which was the extension of the mining waste facility following the diversion of Lee Moor Road. It was highlighted that this was not to be confused with the noise and blasting issues associated with the existing mining operations which were still causing issues for residents, particularly those living in Sparkwell.</p> <p>Finally the Clerk made reference to consultation events taking place regarding Neighbourhood Planning Sessions for the Joint Local Plan. The events are taking place on the 10th April (3-5pm) in Kilworthy Park, The Chamber, West Devon and April 12th (1-3pm) at Follaton House, South Hams.</p>	Clerk
42/17	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The Chairman had nothing new to report.</p>	
43/17	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to the next Cluster Meeting of Parishes which was due to take place on Thursday 18th May at Cornwood starting at 7.30pm. An agenda for the meeting would be sent out in due course. No other committee meetings had been held so there was nothing further to report.</p>	
44/17	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month, the following correspondence has been</p>	

	<p>received by the Clerk: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email update from National Grid regarding possible disruption at Drakeland Corner as a result of refurbishing existing power lines. • Formal Notices from DCC regarding the diversion of Bridleway No 57. • Email monthly news bulletin from SLCC. • Email News Release from SHDC regarding funding provided through the Community Reinvestment Scheme. • Email from SHDC regarding funding available through either the South Devon Coastal Local Action Group Funding Programme or the Greater Dartmoor Local Enterprise Action Fund. • Email monthly newsletter/update from DALC. • Minutes of the last Cluster Meeting held on the 16th February 2017. • Email from SHDC on Street Cleansing. • Email from Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall requesting support from the PC for a funding request for groundwork for a communal orchard at Shaugh Prior from the South Dartmoor Community Energy Fund (Portworthy Solar Array). The Clerk confirmed that he had now received confirmation from SDCE that bids for funding (which was discussed at a recent meeting) need to be made direct to that organisation and don't need to come through the PC. Therefore Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall can make their application direct to SDCE and funding application forms can be found on the SDCE web page. However the PC were happy to confirm their support to this project (if that was required). 	
45/17	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 16th March 2017 there was £29,201.45 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>It was also mentioned that the end of year accounts from Lee Moor Hall to support the application for the £400 grant made in February had now been received and all was in order.</p>	
46/17	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>£90.00 cheque to Steve Fedrick (Wotter Play Area Improvements) £120.00 cheque to SHDC (Annual Payroll Services) £184.63 cheque to DALC (Annual Subscription) £735.30 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages) £184.00 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months Clerks wages)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u></p> <p>None</p>	

47/17	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The Chair mentioned that he was still in receipt of the benches from Wotter Methodist Hall and that the PC needed to arrange for someone to collect them and install one of them at the Bowling Green. The Clerk agreed to raise this with Mr Palmer. He was also to enquire with Mr Palmer to see if the spring on the gate to the kick-about area had been installed?</p>	Clerk
48/17	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting (which is the AGM) would take place on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	