

# MINUTES

of

## SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017

at

Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Wassell  
Cllr's Spiers, Norman, Mclver, Small and Mrs Tyler  
District Cllr Hitchins  
County Cllr Hart

Apologies: Cllrs Taffurelli, Stone and Mrs Burkill

2 members of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
68/17	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>It was highlighted by a local resident that there were bags of unused rock salt in some of the villages in the Parish which needed collecting. The Chairman agreed to look into this. Julia Sanders reiterated the on-going concerns of bikers using the new section of Lee Moor Road for time trials and the associated noise relating to such. She has told local residents to contact the Police. The Clerk mentioned he had raised this issue with Devon Highways and that it was an issue that they will have to address.</p> <p>Several Cllrs wished to thank Julia Sanders and the local artist for the painting of the bus shelter at Wotter. The shelter looks great now it is finished and Julia confirmed that she hoped to paint the inside shortly. The Clerk stated that it was only fair that Julia be reimbursed for the cost of the paint and this was agreed by all.</p> <p>A public meeting to discuss the Low Frequency Noise issues associated with the Tungsten Mine has been arranged for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 starting at 7pm at Sparkwell Hall. It was agreed that several Cllrs should look to attend on behalf of the PC.</p> <p>Finally Cllr Mclver mentioned that Norman Holt had recently</p>	Cllr Wassell

69/17	<p>passed-away. Norman played a key role in terms of setting-up the Parish Magazine and dedicated a lot of time to the Parish.</p> <p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None were received.</p>	Cllr Hart
70/17	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>Whilst there was no representative from the Police at the meeting, the Clerk confirmed that he had received a report through Julia Sanders and that no crimes had been reported for the previous month.</p>	
71/17	<p><b>County and District Councillors Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Hart started by thanking everyone who voted for him in the County Council Elections and that he had been voted Leader of DCC for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row.</p> <p>He highlighted that lots of road re-surfacing was due to take place over the coming month and that the Council's finances were still in the black. With all of the recent upheaval within Central Government there is a case of letting the dust settle before seeing what impacts the results of the General Election will have.</p> <p>The Clerk highlighted the on-going broadband issues and how some residents in the same road can now receive superfast broadband whilst others are facing a wait until 2019. Cllr Hart agreed to raise this with Matt Barrow at DCC. He also reiterated the issues raised above in the Open Forum regarding the use of the new section of Lee Moor Road.</p> <p>Finally Cllr Hart wished to express his thanks to Cllr Norman for all his hard work as Chairman of the Parish Council over the past few years</p> <p>District Cllr Hitchins mentioned that it was currently a bit of a quiet time at SHDC. A new Chairperson of the Council Kathy Cuthbert was now in office and the review of waste services was now on-hold. There have been a number of fly-tipping incidents reported recently and there have been some successful prosecutions through the courts. Bill mentioned that due to personal circumstances he is spending increased time away from the office so if anyone does have any issues then either contact him by email or phone. He also mentioned that the planning application submitted by Taylor Wimpey for residential development on land at Allen Lane, Tamerton Foliot was going to South Hams Planning Committee this week.</p>	
72/17	<p><b>DNPA Report</b></p> <p>The launch of the Moor Cotters Campaign took place recently which involves models of otters painted by local artists and then located in various places throughout the Moor. It was hoped that the Otters would be sold at the end of the campaign (end of September) and this would generate some significant income for</p>	

	<p>the National Park. Carla McKechnie of the Dartmoor Livestock Preservation Society came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a recent Award Ceremony celebrating those people who make a substantial contribution through the work they undertake within the National Park. Bill stated that this was very well-deserved. There are now 2 new heads of state for the DNPA and on Saturday Bill will be attending a memorial for Ian Mercer. The Head of Planning vacancy within the DNPA has still not been filled and at present resources are being shared with Teignbridge. Speeding traffic on the Moors was also highlighted as an on-going issue.</p>	
73/17	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b></p> <p>Cllr Spiers wished to clarify some of the procedural matters regarding how the vote was undertaken for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair which was noted and clarified by the Clerk. The minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were then agreed and accepted. The Clerk also confirmed that Cllr Taffurelli had withdrawn his resignation from the PC.</p>	
74/17	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
8/17(a)	<p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that he had met with Nick Colton on-site to discuss the issue of the speeding traffic along the 30mph section of road which passes through Wotter. Whilst Nick confirmed that DCC could commence the SCARF process, there was currently no spare funding available for providing new highway works and he suggested that any potential scheme may have an improved chance of delivery if the PC could arrange for a scheme to be drawn-up by external consultants. The Clerk confirmed that he could arrange for a cost estimate to be obtained based upon consultants he has worked with previously. It was agreed that such an estimate would be presented at the next PC before deciding whether or not to proceed with a scheme design. Such a scheme would be based upon reducing traffic speeds and improving the environment for pedestrians, particularly children accessing the bus stop.</p> <p>The Clerk also confirmed that remedial works identified at the last meeting (depressions in the road near Huxton Farm and the Primary School as well as those close to Herreschoff Kilns) were under investigation by DCC. Also the Chairman agreed to cut back the existing vegetation which is obscuring the 40mph sign on the main road near the Lee Moor junction.</p>	DCC Highways/ Clerk
8/17(b)	<p><b>Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid</b></p> <p>It was reported that the rubber safety surfacing had still not be laid despite the Clerk having chased Playdale several times to establish when these works would be completed. He agreed to chase Playdale again in order to ensure that the play area was</p>	

8/17(e)	<p>open for the summer holidays. Once this has been done then replacement fencing would need to be erected and a general tidy-up. New play area signs would also be required which the Clerk agreed to organise with SHDC.</p> <p>Cllr McIver raised some concerns about the lack of use of the Kick-About Area at Wotter and suggested that perhaps it would be better for the fencing to be taken away and leaving the area to revert back to moorland. It was suggested that the lack of use over the past few months may have been down to the weather and the warmer summer months should see increased use. Also the Clerk confirmed it would not be a good use of PC funds to remove fencing that was only installed less than 18 months ago.</p> <p><b>White Thorn Inn – Value to the Community</b></p>	Clerk
29/17	<p>Cllr Mrs Tyler confirmed that this matter continue to moves along and that she had been in contact with several landlords to establish if they would be interested in running the pub on behalf of the community group. She agreed to provide a more detailed update at the next PC meeting when Cllr Taffurelli is also in attendance.</p> <p><b>Newnham Solar Panels Community Benefit Scheme</b></p>	Cllr Mrs Tyler
58/17	<p>Cllr Spiers confirmed that he had contacted Cllr Ruth Pearson-Bunt from Sparkwell PC but had not heard anything back from her so there was no further update and that he was still waiting to attend the first meeting of the Community Interest Group. If there was any update prior to the next PC meeting then he agreed to let the Clerk and Cllr's know.</p> <p><b>Broadband</b></p> <p>It was agreed that this had been discussed during the County Cllr Report (Min 71/17 above) and that Cllr Hart would chase Matt Barrow of DCC for a response on the various emails raised recently with him.</p>	
75/17	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>A planning application for a single storey rear extension at 2 Overdale Villas, Shaugh Prior was received for consideration by the PC (app no 0237/17/FUL). It was agreed that Cllrs Wassell, Small and Norman would visit the site in the next few days and report their findings back to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk also confirmed that the PC had been consulted by DCC on details submitted for the discharge of conditions relating to Noise Management and Monitoring at the Tungsten Mine. The Clerk confirmed that he would review this information and respond to DCC.</p> <p>Details of on-going planning enforcement cases in the Parish had</p>	<p>Cllrs Wassell, Norman &amp; Stone</p> <p>Clerk</p>

76/17	<p>been received from SHDC whilst confirmation was received from DNPA that the application submitted for the rear extension at Grey Rocks, Shaugh Prior (app no 0197/17) had been withdrawn.</p> <p><b>Chairman's Business</b></p> <p>The Chairman had nothing new to report.</p>	
77/17	<p><b>Reports from Committees</b></p> <p>Cllr Small and the Clerk attended a recent Parish Cluster Meeting which primarily focussed around the LFN and Blasting issues associated with the Tungsten Mine. It was agreed that matters now had to be brought to a head as the mine was operating in breach of the Environmental Permit issued by the EA. It was agreed that Sparkwell (who are impacted most significantly by LFN and Blasting) draft a letter to the EA on behalf of the 3 Parish Councils requesting what action will now be taken as all remedial works undertaken by Wolf to address the problems had clearly not been successful. On-going highway matters were also discussed at length, with the number of pot holes being a major area of concern.</p>	
78/17	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>During the past month, the following correspondence has been received by the Clerk: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email from SHDC confirming adoption of the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site SPD.</li> <li>• Invite to the Community Energy Revolution Evening Event at Ivybridge on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017.</li> <li>• Email Newsletter from Dartmoor titled Bikers and Blogs.</li> <li>• Development Management Briefing Paper from SHDC.</li> <li>• Email from DNPA regarding the state of consultation on the Draft Settlement Profiles.</li> <li>• Email from SHDC inviting Cllrs to a planning workshop on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017.</li> <li>• Monthly Newsletter from DALC.</li> </ul>	
79/17	<p><b>Annual Return – Annual Governance Statement</b></p> <p>Following a review of the various questions raised in Part 1 of the Annual Return it was agreed that the Annual Governance Statement be signed by the Chair and minuted.</p>	
80/17	<p><b>Annual Return – End of Year Accounts</b></p> <p>The Clerk produced the Bank Reconciliation and Explanation of Variations for the Annual Return. Following a review of these documents by Cllrs it was agreed that Part 2 of the Annual Return be signed by the Chair and minuted.</p>	
81/17	<p><b>Finance</b></p>	

82/17	<p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 there was £23,402.82 in the Treasurers Account. Cllr Mrs Tyler confirmed that she was yet to purchase a new wheelbarrow and Cllr Norman agreed to contact TSB Bank with a view to making the new Chairman a cheque signatory.</p> <p><b>Payments and Receipts</b></p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u>  £180.00 cheque to IAC Audit and Consultancy (internal audit)  £640.00 cheque to Eric Palmer (routine maintenance and works)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u>  None</p>	Cllr Norman
83/17	<p><b>Works and Maintenance</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that all of the benches had now been moved from Cllr Norman's to Shaugh Prior Hall. The Clerk agreed to email Mr Palmer and ask him to collect one of the benches from the hall and install it at the Bowling Green, replacing the existing bench there which is damaged and beyond repair.</p>	Clerk
84/17	<p><b>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the next monthly meeting will take place after the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.00pm at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall. The July PC meeting will take place immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date: .....</p>	