

# MINUTES

of

## SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

at

Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

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

Apologies: County Cllr Hart  
Cllr Stone  
Andrea Roberts (Dartmoor Ranger)

3 members of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
85/17	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler raised concerns about the amount of rubbish being left at Cadover Bridge as a result of increased visitors to the area during the warmer weather. Concerns were also raised regarding the safety of children jumping in off the road bridge. Peter Davies of the National Trust confirmed that they had been undertaking litter picks every couple of days and recently collected 65kg of rubbish in one day. He also mentioned it was all about educating people and had recently involved local schools in clear-up operations. The issue of large tents being erected was also raised and it was confirmed that only wild-camping was permitted on Dartmoor and not the larger family tents that have currently been seen at Cadover which are contravening bye-laws.</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli mentioned that people were using salt bins for rubbish and that it may prudent to consider putting locks on them. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Mr Palmer on this matter. Cllr Taffurelli also raised some concerns regarding the growth of the trees and vegetation within the break at Wotter</p>	Clerk

86/17	<p>(which had been established was owned by Imerys) and how some of it now needs to be cut-back. It was agreed that Cllrs Small and Taffurelli would raise this at the next Imerys Local Liaison Group meeting.</p> <p>Finally Mrs Tyler gave an update on some concerns which come to light recently regarding the use of the track to Dartmoor Cottages by refuse vehicles and that the Dartmoor Cottages Residents Association have agreed to repair the track if it gets damaged as a result of its' use by refuse vehicles.</p>	Cllrs Small/Taffurelli
87/17	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>As an application for grant funding had been received from Lee Moor Hall, both Cllrs Mclver and Small declared a personal interest in this item and signed the register.</p>	
88/17	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that for the second month in a row no crimes had been reported. The Local Neighbourhood Watch Report kindly provided by Julia Sanders highlighted that there had been a slight reduction in complaints received regarding bikers using the new section of Lee Moor Road and that the Dartmoor Speed Watch had recently had some success in deterring motorists from speeding on local roads.</p>	
89/17	<p><b>County and District Councillors Report</b></p> <p>In County Cllr Hart's absence there was no County Cllr Report whilst the District Cllr Report from Cllr Hitchins was addressed during the Annual Assembly of Electors meeting held prior to the monthly PC meeting.</p>	
90/17	<p><b>DNPA Report</b></p> <p>The DNPA Report was given by Cllr Hitchins during the Annual Assembly of Electors meeting held prior to the monthly PC meeting.</p>	
91/17	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill clarified a slight amendment to the minutes in that they should have stated Norman Holt, not Norman Hall. The Clerk agreed to make this amendment and on this basis it was agreed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the matters discussed and agreed at the June PC meeting.</p>	Clerk
8/17(a)	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had now received an estimate regarding the cost of carrying out the design works for a</p>	

	<p>Casualty Reduction Scheme for the 30mph section of road through Wotter where the existing speeding problem exists. The estimate received from BradleyTech was £2100 + VAT. After some discussion it was agreed that the PC should proceed with this quotation but only on the basis that additional grant funding can be secured to help reduce the overall financial burden on the PC. The Clerk agreed to contact Cllrs Hart and Hitchins to ascertain if they had any funding in their Locality Budget which could be used towards such. It was also highlighted by Cllr Mrs Burkill that the PC had £400 allocated in the budget towards signing which could be used towards this scheme as signs would be likely to form part of the final scheme.</p> <p>The Clerk also confirmed that Nick Colton of DCC Highways had instructed the SCARF process and that the boxes which gather the necessary data (speed and volume/type of vehicles) would be installed on-site shortly.</p>	Clerk
8/17(b)	<p><b>Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler confirmed that all of the turf land been laid and noted that one of the bolts had come out of the new climbing frame. The Clerk agreed to report this to Playdale.</p> <p>Some concerns were raised by Cllrs regarding the gate to the play area being left open (resulting in sheep and horses going in there) and it was suggested that consideration should be given to the installation of a kissing-gate. The Clerk agreed to ask Dan Searle to provide the PC with an initial costing for such when he undertakes the replacement fencing works which were now a priority.</p>	Clerk
8/17(e)	<p><b>White Thorn Inn – Value to the Community</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler mentioned that the lease to the pub had now been sold to a local folk band and that they had major plans for the pub. However this did bring into question the purpose of the process relating to making the pub an Asset of Community Value as the local community, it would appear, were not given the opportunity to purchase the lease prior to the new buyer. It was confirmed that several emails were sent to the agent but no responses received. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the relevant officer at DNPA on this matter.</p>	Clerk
29/17	<p><b>Newnham Solar Panels Community Benefit Scheme</b></p> <p>Despite several emails having recently been received on this subject, Cllr Spiers confirmed that there was no further movement on this and that the paperwork for the Community Interest Company had been sent back to the solicitors. Hopefully by the next meeting there will be something to report on. He also mentioned that consideration should be given to thinking about those projects we may want to put forward for funding.</p>	

58/17	<p><b>Broadband</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had received no response from Matt Barrow to the recent emails that had been sent to him from local residents. It was agreed that the Clerk would chase Matt Barrow and copy in Cllr Hart.</p>	Clerk
92/17	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>A further planning application (no. 2112/17/FUL) for a new residential unit at Portworthy Storage Tank had been received. As the application did not vary a great deal from what was considered by Cllrs several months ago, it was agreed that a site visit would not be necessary and that Cllrs Wassell and Norman would review the revised plans and respond to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk also confirmed that he had received a letter from SHDC stating that a planning enforcement case for a property in Dartmoor Cottages had been closed and that following the last PC meeting no objections were made to the planning application submitted for No 2 Overdale Villas.</p>	Cllrs Wassell/Norman
93/17	<p><b>Chairman's Business</b></p> <p>The Chairman had nothing new to report.</p>	
94/17	<p><b>Reports from Committees</b></p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli mentioned that he had attended the public meeting arranged at Sparkwell to discuss the Low Frequency Noise issues associated with the Tungsten Mine. He said it was very well attended with a number of very unhappy residents there. It was revealed during the meeting that the Environment Agency will now take over all monitoring associated with the mine and that if people have complaints then they should contact the EA as without complaints they cannot act. So far it would appear that there has only been 1 compliant from Lee Moor.</p> <p>Another LFN meeting is due to take place on Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7pm. It was also mentioned that many of the monitoring surveys will need to be carried out again but this time by the EA.</p>	
95/17	<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 regarding the launch of the fly tipping campaign.</li> <li>• Monthly email newsletter from DALC.</li> <li>• Email from Devon Communities Together regarding training courses (the Training Hub).</li> <li>• Email from DALC regarding Local Governments Pay Claim.</li> </ul>	

<p>96/17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Resilience Newsletter from SHDC.</li> <li>• News Release from SHDC – How your council spends its' money.</li> <li>• Email from SHDC regarding views on Neighbourhood Policing.</li> <li>• Booking form from Lee Moor Public Hall for monthly meetings. It was mentioned that the Hall was already booked on the date for the December PC meeting (6<sup>th</sup> Dec). It was therefore agreed to move the December meeting to Shaugh Prior Hall instead.</li> </ul> <p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 there was £21,760.97 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had received a grant application from St Edwards Church to help with the annual cost of grass cutting. All necessary financial information had been submitted with the application which clearly demonstrated that the Church did not have a surplus of funds available for such. It was proposed by Cllr Small and seconded by Cllr Mrs Burkill that the grant for £400 be accepted and this was agreed by all.</p> <p>A further request for a grant of £1,000 was received from Lee Moor Hall for the installation of LED lighting. Whilst this amount of funding being sought was in excess of the £400 allocated in the budget for such, the Clerk referred to the £6000 received from Wolf Minerals in 2016 which was provided to the PC to support various organisations within the Parish. Whilst £4000 had been allocated to Wotter Play Area, there was a further £2000 remaining. Therefore the additional funding being sought from Lee Moor Hall was £600. On the basis that the PC still held funding received from Wolf which was to support organisations in the Parish it was proposed by Cllr Taffurelli and seconded by Cllr Mrs Burkill that this grant application be approved. However it was also agreed that in terms of fairness, a similar amount should be made available to Shaugh Prior Hall, if requested.</p>	
<p>97/17</p>	<p><b>Payments and Receipts</b></p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>£156.00 cheque to SHDC (Lee Moor Play Area Inspection/Ins)</p> <p>£156.00 cheque to SHDC (Wotter Play Area Inspection/Ins)</p> <p>£735.50 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months clerk's wages)</p> <p>£183.80 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months wages)</p> <p>£5253.54 cheque to Playdale Playgrounds (final payment for Wotter Play Area)</p> <p>£120.00 cheque to Shaugh Prior Hall (room hire for meetings)</p> <p>£30.05 cheque to Scott Smy (admin/postage expenses)</p> <p>£19.00 cheque to Scott Smy (reimbursement of laptop security)</p> <p>£400.00 cheque to Shaugh Prior PCC (grant for grass cutting)</p>	

