

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 6th September 2017

at

Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

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

Apologies: County Cllr Hart
Cllrs Norman and Mrs Burkill

5 members of the public in attendance (including 2 from Wolf Minerals)

Minute Number		Action
100/17	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Annie Bent of Wolf Minerals provided the Clerk with an update on matters relating to the Tungsten Mine. A number of schemes required by the 2017 planning permission have now been submitted to DCC for approval which includes Noise, Blasting, Dust, Lighting and Water.</p> <p>As required by a legal agreement, the Minerals Planning Authority and SHDC have agreed to appoint Wardell Armstrong as an Independent Reviewer. Whilst they will report directly to the MPA, they are funded by Wolf and will provide an independent auditing function to ensure that Wolf is meeting its' environmental requirements.</p> <p>During August there were a total of 15 blasts and all were initiated by electronic detonators. All information for the daily blasts and weekly schedule is updated on the community website – www.dm-community.co.uk. A year long research project on the impacts of blasting is now being progressed by the blasting consultants and a group of residents in Sparkwell have kindly allowed the installation of monitoring equipment on their properties. Updates on this</p>	

	<p>project will be provided at LLG meetings, to Parish Councils and on the community website.</p> <p>Wolf is continuing to work with technical consultants, contractors and the EA with regard to the impacts of Low Frequency Noise. Three projects are simultaneously being carried out and are at various stages. Updates are provided to subscribers and the local Parish Councils and can be found on the community website. Cllr Wassell confirmed that he had recently met with a local resident living in Portworthy who was greatly affected by the LFN and was therefore hopeful that it would get resolved sooner rather than later. Annie also confirmed that she was planning to arrange another LFN meeting in October.</p> <p>John Briggs also of Wolf Minerals gave a brief presentation on a planning application due to be submitted for a new explosives store. At present explosives arrive on the day of blasting which has resulted in some blasts being cancelled due to the explosives not arriving in time by road. By retaining such provision on-site, the process would be much more efficient for Wolf Minerals.</p> <p>Some concerns were raised by Cllrs regarding the close proximity of the store to Lee Moor Road and how it was quite a long way from the existing plant meaning it wasn't well over-looked. John confirmed that all security matters will be determined through HSE legislation and that CCTV cameras and motion sensors would be installed. There will also be a 2m earth bund around the store.</p> <p>A local resident raised concerns about the lack of response they had received regarding the request for a horse rider warning sign close to the Bowling Green where the existing bridleway crosses the main road. The Clerk gave an update stating that the PC was looking at a speed reduction scheme along the 30 mph section of the main road and that this scheme would also look at the adequacy of all existing signing for all road-users It was also acknowledged that the PC could not erect signing on the public highway without authorisation from DCC Highways.</p> <p>Concerns regarding the emergence of an area of fly-tipping near Portworthy was raised and photos were produced which were passed to District Cllr Hitchins to investigate.</p> <p>Cllr Spiers referred to the on-going issues with dogs barking associated with one of the local farmers who breeds sheep dogs. Several residents confirmed that the problem was so bad during the summer that they could not open their windows. Guests in the Moorland Hotel were also complaining about the noise. Before formally writing to SHDC on this matter, Cllr Wassell agreed to speak to the farmer in question to see if he could help address the problems before taking the matter further.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler raised concerns about an increase in the level of dust in the village of Wotter and Cllr Small expressed the same concerns in Lee Moor. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Imerys on this matter and copy in the Environmental Health Officer</p>	<p>Cllr Wassell</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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101/17	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>As an application for grant funding had been received from Shaugh Prior Parish News, Cllr Taffurelli signed the register.</p>	
102/17	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Julia Sanders kindly provided the Neighbourhood Watch Report which was as follows:</p> <p>In July there was one reported crime of a burglary from a shed in Shaugh Prior which is still under investigation.</p> <p>During August 3 crimes were reported. On the 4th August there was a theft from a vehicle parked in Shaugh Prior Bridge Car Park (laptop, jewellery and glasses were stolen) and on the 6th August a burglary at The Farmyard Café where several items were taken including charity money and some expensive tools. The suspect's car was caught on camera and traced to their home. Investigations are on-going. Finally on the 24th August an incident of a vehicle being driven dangerously through Wotter was reported and is currently under investigation.</p> <p>The Clerk also confirmed that DCC were investigating the serious accident which occurred on the 10th August involving a biker on the new section of Lee Moor Road.</p> <p>Julia also mentioned that more sheep/livestock had been killed on our local roads than on any other part of Dartmoor (the total is now 30).</p>	
103/17	<p>County and District Councillors Report</p> <p>In County Cllr Hart's absence there was no County Cllr Report.</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins gave a brief update on the consultation that had just commenced on One Council which involved the merger of WDBC and SHDC in order to save costs as the Local Government grant was being removed totally by 2020, increasing the budgetary gap. He mentioned that both authorities currently shared resources and staff so this would see this arrangement being formalised. As a result of the proposed merger there could be an increase in Council Tax for SHDC residents whilst the number of Cllrs at WDBC would reduce down to 10. There were a number of consultation events taking place over the next few weeks on One Council and it was suggested that Cllrs should try and attend one of these events before forming any sort of view on the merger.</p>	
104/17	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins mentioned that he had recently spent some time with the new Secretary of State Michael Gove and he was impressed</p>	

105/17	<p>with his willingness to learn and understand the issues faced by the National Park. This view was shared by local sheep farmers who also met the minister.</p> <p>The Moor Otters Project continues to generate interest and some of the otters are due to go to auction shortly. All monies raised will go back into the National Park on various initiatives such as training rangers etc.</p> <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2017</p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the matters discussed and agreed at the July PC meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.</p>	
106/17	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/17(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>Cllr Wassell mentioned that the bracken spraying alongside the main road had now been undertaken and that this should help address some of the livestock fatalities as the sheep and lambs will be more visible.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that a bid for £1000 of funding from Cllr Hart's Locality Budget had been successful and therefore the PC was now in a position to proceed with the development of plans for a road casualty reduction scheme for the 30 mph section of road through Wotter (as agreed in principle at the July PC meeting). However the scheme could not be instructed yet until the next DCC SCARF meeting had taken place which was due to happen sometime in October. The Clerk also mentioned that the results of the on-site monitoring revealed that traffic speeds and volumes were not as high as expected, with the majority of vehicles recorded travelling between 30 and 40mph.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that the damaged livestock sign outside David Skelly's still hadn't been replaced and therefore agreed to raise this with Nick Colton again.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler commented upon the recently completed highway works that had taken place near Huxton Farm. Whilst she felt that the new drainage channel would make the highway more dangerous, other Cllrs felt that the improved surface water drainage for the road would ultimately help improve safety.</p>	<p>DCC Highways</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8/17(b)	<p>Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid</p> <p>As a result of a mix-up with the fencing contractor, there were still some outstanding fencing works that needed to be undertaken at the play area which had been highlighted during a recent inspection by SHDC. It was hoped that these works would be undertaken within the next week or so. The Clerk also noted that there would need to be a bit of a clear-up of the area in the coming</p>	

8/17(e)	<p>months once the bracken has died down.</p> <p>White Thorn Inn – Value to the Community</p> <p>It was noted that works to the pub were continuing and that it was due to open on the 23rd September which was good news for the Parish. It was agreed by Cllrs that this item could be removed from the agenda for the next PC meeting.</p>	Clerk
29/17	<p>Newnham Solar Panels Community Benefit Scheme</p> <p>Cllr Spiers confirmed that the Community Interest Company (CIC) had now been formally set-up and registered with Companies House and that he was awaiting the date of the first meeting of the group. The scheme administrator will be Sally Fairman and she will be arranging the meetings of the group. Cllr Spiers suggested that we may want to start thinking about the scheme(s) that we may want to consider putting forward for funding?</p>	
58/17	<p>Broadband</p> <p>It was noted that there were still some major issues in the Parish regarding broadband (and the lack of it in some locations) and in Cllr Hart's absence it was agreed that this should be included on the agenda for the next PC meeting.</p>	
107/17	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk referred to the consultation document he had sent around to Cllrs on the proposed Settlement Profile prepared for the village of Shaugh Prior by DNPA. It Was agreed that the responses provided by the Clerk to the questions posed were acceptable and that the reply should be sent on that basis.</p> <p>A further consultation by DCC was in relation to the SPD on Safeguarding Mineral Protection Areas. This document would need to be referred to when commenting upon planning application which fall within Mineral Safeguarded Areas (which includes part of the parish of Shaugh Prior). The deadline for responding to the consultation is Friday 16th October 2017 so it was agreed that the Clerk would send this document around to Cllrs for comment before the next PC meeting and will be included on the agenda for that meeting.</p>	Clerk
108/17	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The Chairman mentioned that he had attended the most recent LLG meeting for the Tungsten Mine and was surprised by the amount of monitoring Wolf were doing and the works they were undertaking to try and resolve the blasting and LFN problems.</p>	
109/17	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Cllrs Taffurelli and Small attended the most recent meeting of the</p>	

<p>110/17</p>	<p>Imerys Local Liaison Meeting which involved a tour around the China Clay Workings. As a result of this there weren't able to raise with Imerys issues relating to the overgrown vegetation on the break (next to the main road at Wotter) along with the damaged fencing leading up to Dragons Hill. It was noted that these points would be raised at the next meeting with Imerys.</p> <p>As mentioned above, Cllr Wassell also attended the latest LLG meeting for the Tungsten Mine (which is referred to in Minute 100/17 above.</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 from SHDC regarding dates for the One Council consultation events. Further emails were received from SHDC during the past month regarding this matter. • SLCC Newsletter. • Email from Wolf Minerals re LFN. • Email of the monthly Newsletter from DALC. The Clerk referred to a planning course taking place in Exeter on Monday 12th September. Cllr Taffurelli confirmed he wanted to attend on behalf of the PC and this was agreed by all and the Clerk agreed to make the necessary arrangements. • Email from SH CAB re a Landlord Forums • Minutes of the LLG meeting held on the 23rd August 2017. 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>111/17</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 15th August 2017 there was £14,529.54 in the Treasurers Account. He also reported that an application for a grant of £1000 from Cllr Hart's Locality Fund had been successful and was included in this amount.</p> <p>Reference was made to a request for a grant of £100 from Shaugh Prior Parish Magazine. The Clerk confirmed that the necessary end of year account information had been provided in support of the application and it was therefore proposed by Cllr Spiers and seconded by Cllr Stone that the grant payment should be approved and this was agreed by the remaining Cllrs (with Cllr Taffurelli abstaining). The Clerk also confirmed that the payment would be for a total of £170 (not £100) as the Parish Council had recently received a payment of £70 from Wolf Minerals on behalf of the Parish Magazine which was intended as a grant towards the cost of producing the magazine.</p>	
<p>112/17</p>	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u> £30.00 cheque to DALC (short chairmanship course)</p>	

<p>113/17</p>	<p>£300.00 cheque to Dan Searle (Wotter Play Area fencing works) £78.00 cheque to SLCC (Annual membership renewal) £36.00 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for Clerks additional hours) £170.00 cheque to Shaugh Prior Parish News (grant for 2017/18 including £70 payment received from Wolf)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> £1000.00 payment from Cllr Hart Locality Fund (Traffic Calming Design Works) £70.00 payment from Wolf Minerals for Shaugh Prior Parish News</p> <p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>It was confirmed that Mr Palmer had been asked to put a lock on the salt bin at Wotter Surgery. Cllr Taffurelli passed on a message from the Gent Bros (who currently undertake grass cutting in the play areas) enquiring if the PC were happy with their work? The Clerk confirmed that he had no issues reported to him in terms of grass cutting and that the Gent Bros were doing a very good job. It was also noted that Cllr Mrs Tyler was to purchase a new wheelbarrow!</p>	<p>Cllr Mrs Tyler</p>
<p>114/17</p>	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th October 2017 at Lee Moor Public Hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	