

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 4th October 2017

at

Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

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

Apologies: County Cllr Hart, District Cllr Hitchins and Cllr Taffurelli

4 members of the public in attendance (including 1 from Wolf Minerals)

Minute Number		Action
115/17	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Local Dartmoor Ranger Andrea Crisp gave an update on National Park matters. She mentioned that during the summer a lot of work had been undertaken with the Police in trying to catch speeding vehicles (which was referred to as Operation Granite). Over 200 motorists were caught speed during this exercise. A further event is due to take place in November with regard to the on-going problem of trail bikes using the moors. There has been a major problem with bikes using the Quick Bridge bridle path in order to access the moors. DNPA rangers have been working closely with Sibilco on this issue and have been using a drone to gather information on such activities. Andrea also confirmed that all rights of way should now have been strimmed and received their 2 yearly check. Cllr Stone referred to the broken gate on the path up to the moors from Shaugh Prior village (near Mount Clogg). Andrea agreed to look into this. Cllr Burkill asked how the public were being kept aware of these various initiatives that DNPA Rangers were involved with? Andrea confirmed that their FB page and Twitter feeds were regularly being updated.</p> <p>Elaine Budd from Wolf Minerals introduced herself and confirmed</p>	

	<p>that she was the newly appointed Community Relations Manager. Elaine was keen to understand the priorities of the Parish and particular issues they faced in respect of the Tungsten Mine. She also wanted to know if the monthly updates from Wolf were useful (which all Cllrs agreed that they were). Elaine also mentioned that the new Managing Director Richard Lucas hoped to be at the next PC meeting. The update from Wolf was as follows:</p> <p>A further 3 schemes required as part of planning conditions have now been approved by DCC and others are still being considered. Ore mining continues to take place in both the south and north of the pit in order to control the overall iron content in the feed to the processing plant. The mining of the 165m and 160m ore benches continued during the month.</p> <p>It is expected that the Mining Waste Facility (MWF) Stage 2.2 construction will be complete by mid-October 2017. The current progress measure for MWF Stage 2.2 completion is 99% complete. The bulk of the waste from the mine is now being placed into the next phase of the MWF construction – Stage 3.1 embankment. Enabling works on the western edge of the Stage 3.1 embankment have progressed well during September. During September there were 12 blasts and all information relating to such can be found on the community website which also includes feedback forms.</p> <p>Further recruitment continues to take place at the mine including apprenticeships in conjunction with Plymouth City College for 2018.</p> <p>Another public meeting relating to Low Frequency Noise has been arranged for the 18th October and this meeting will provide the public with a summary of the findings of the Environment Agency’s monitoring of the LFN generated by the mine at a number of local properties. Wolf’s new interim Managing Director Richard Lucas will also be in attendance.</p> <p>Wolf is now working in partnership with Plympton Academy and has sponsored a ‘Wolf Guild’ to support students with careers advice and guidance and provide support to the school with enterprise activity.</p> <p>The Hemerdon Geological Alliance was launched in September and is a collaboration of several different organisations and will use Drakelands Mine as a research base to develop scientific understanding of the South West Geology.</p> <p>Finally, the next Local Mine Liaison Group meeting will take place at 5.00pm on 14th December 2017. If you have any issues you want to be raised then please let your local Cllr know (which in the case of Shaugh Prior would be Cllr Wassell).</p> <p>Following a request, Cllr Wassell asked if Wolf would be willing to give a presentation to local farmers on what Wolf are currently doing at the mine? Elaine confirmed that this could be arranged and agreed to send her contact details to the Clerk. Cllr Mrs Tyler also raised concerns with Elaine regarding the bridleway which runs alongside the new section of Lee Moor Road. Elaine agreed to look into this and report back to Cllr Mrs Tyler.</p> <p>Marilyn Small raised concerns regarding the on-going issues with</p>	<p>Elaine Budd</p>
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	<p>broadband and she was pleased to see that this item had been included on the agenda for further discussion. It was generally agreed that broadband was now becoming a serious issue in the parish for both local residents and businesses alike which rely on the use of the internet. Marilyn also mentioned that as a result of them working in the Parish, that she was able to secure a grant of £12,000 from the National Grid through their Community Fund which will help cover the cost of upgrading some of the rooms in Lee Moor Hall.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Cllr Wassell for speaking to Mr Skelly with regard to the on-going issue of dogs barking and whilst the problem disappeared for a few days following this, it has started once again. Cllr Wassell mentioned that Mr Skelly was going to build a wall to try and provide a buffer to the noise and agreed to chase this up with Mr Skelly.</p>	Cllr Wassell
116/17	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None received.</p>	
117/17	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Julia Sanders kindly provided the Neighbourhood Watch Report which was as follows:</p> <p>In September there were 2 reported crimes which were as follows:</p> <p>01/09 – Misuse of communications at Wotter. Crime was filed and no further action taken. 08/09 – An instance of stalking at Shaugh Prior. Offender located and interviewed and case still under investigation.</p> <p>PC Tamsyn Dingley will be back on patrol in the next few weeks whilst a silver Ford Fiesta which has regularly been reported for speeding by Dartmoor Speedwatch in the Cadover area, has been caught by Police on the 20th September.</p>	
118/17	<p>County and District Councillors Report</p> <p>In the absence of County Cllr Hart and District Cllr Hitchins there were no reports.</p>	
119/17	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Hitchins there was no report.</p>	
120/17	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2017</p> <p>Apart from a small typo error raised by Cllr Mrs Burkill, it was agreed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the matters discussed and agreed at the September PC meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.</p>	

121/17	Matters Arising	Clerk
8/17(a)	Highway Matters <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had received a response from Nick Colton of DCC Highways confirming that the next SCARF meeting would take place sometime in November and that we would have to wait until after that meeting before determining whether or not there was a need for speed reduction scheme along the 30mph section of road through Wotter (the design of which the PC have agreed to fund).</p> <p>It was also highlighted that the works to replace the damaged livestock warning sign outside David Skelly's farm had been instructed but the works were still yet to be undertaken.</p> <p>Cllr Small raised concerns regarding the creation of several large potholes on the main road through Lee Moor village close to its' junction with Recreation Way. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with Nick Colton.</p>	
8/17(b)	Shaugh Prior Play Areas Lottery Funding Bid <p>Following a recent play area inspection by SHDC, the Clerk mentioned that there some remedial works that needed to be undertaken which would be discussed and agreed in Minute 129/17 below (Works and Maintenance). It was agreed by Cllrs that as this project was now substantially complete it could be removed from the agenda for the next PC meeting.</p>	
29/17	Newnham Solar Panels Community Benefit Scheme <p>Following a period of inactivity Cllr Spiers confirmed that the first meeting of the Community Interest Company would be taking place shortly (although arranging the meeting had been hampered by the use of an incorrect email address for Cllr Spiers). It was noted that there should be more to report on at the next PC meeting. It was also mentioned that the Parish should start thinking about potential projects/schemes which could potentially be funded by grant requests submitted to the CIC (such as improvements to Lee Moor Play Area).</p>	
58/17	Broadband <p>Unfortunately, in the absence of Cllr Hart there was no further update although the Clerk had made Cllr Hart aware of the issues surrounding broadband prior to the PC meeting. Some discussion then took place regarding the possibility of setting-up an action group on the broadband problems and it was agreed that a number of individual emails to DCC/Cllr Hart on this matter would be more effective than just 1 collective email.</p>	
122/17	Planning <p>The Clerk made reference to receipt a request from Bickleigh</p>	

	<p>Parish Council for comments on their draft Neighbourhood Plan. He mentioned that he had requested an extension to the initial deadline of early October. It was agreed that the document would be reviewed by Cllrs Mrs Burkill, Wassell and Taffurelli and that they would report back to the Clerk prior to the next PC meeting.</p> <p>Conditional planning permission has been granted for application no 0388/17 for a rear extension at Grey Rocks, Shaugh Prior.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had also reviewed the draft Mineral Safeguarding SPD which DCC has gone out to consultation on and confirmed that there were no issues for the PC to directly comment upon.</p> <p>An updated list of planning enforcement cases in the Parish had been received from SHDC.</p>	<p>Cllrs Burkill, Taffurelli and Wassell</p>
123/17	<p>Chairman's Business</p>	
124/17	<p>The Chairman had nothing new to report.</p> <p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill gave an update on the National Park Forum meeting she attended in August 2017 (a prior report having been sent through to the Clerk). One of the updates from the meeting was that the National Park will now alert PC's on planning applications received for a particular Parish rather than the PC's having to hunt around for it. The Moor Otters Scheme has been very successful whilst the first draft of the review of the Local Plan should be available by summer 2018. The assumption that small villages can now longer take extra housing is no longer the case. It was also mentioned that the impacts of Plymouth urban extension will need to be adequately mitigated in terms of the physical and visual impacts upon the National Park and its' setting.</p> <p>Cllr Small gave an update on the IDALC meeting that he and Cllr Taffurelli attended. He mentioned that the meeting was not well-attended and the main area of discussion was in relation to this year's TAP Fund where a wide variety of applications had been received. Gill Davies also gave an update on matters relating to SHDC.</p> <p>Whilst not necessarily a Report from a Committee, Cllrs Taffurelli and Small attended several of the recent One Council consultation events relating to the merger of SHDC and WDBC. At the above-mentioned IDALC meeting there was strong support for the merger which would reduce the overall number of Cllrs from 62 to 48. The Clerk confirmed that whilst the PC had been asked to respond to the consultation as a Council they had no obligation to do so and that residents and Cllrs could respond individually if they so wished? It was highlighted that if the merger were to go ahead then we could expect a Council Tax increase of £63 per year. On this basis it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Burkill that we respond to</p>	

125/17	<p>the consultation on the basis that we don't agree with the merger and this was seconded by Cllr McIver and agreed by all. However Cllrs were keen to stress that they support the continued joint working of the two councils for the purposes of efficiency savings.</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 taking part in the forthcoming Local Plan examinations. • Letter from Lee Moor Public Hall thanking the PC for the grant for the new lighting. • Email from Wolf Minerals re LFN Public Meeting taking place on the 18th October 2018 at Hemerdon Hall. • Email from Wolf Minerals regarding an update on LFN. • Email from Devon Highways on the Parish and Town Council Conference on the 15th November 2017 (venue in South Devon TBC). • Minutes of the LLG meeting held on the 23rd August 2017. 	
126/17	<p>TAP Fund 2017/18</p> <p>Whilst not at the meeting Cllr Taffurelli asked for this item to be included on the agenda. Following the IDALC meeting it appeared to Cllr Taffurelli that the TAP Fund was being used to purchase or fund a host of different projects and asked if we could consider the TAP Fund to purchase a new mower for Lee Moor Hall? Despite the Clerk raising some concerns about using the TAP Fund to purchase something for what is an external organisation, it was confirmed that the Hall had already purchased a new mower.</p>	
127/17	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 25th September 2017 there was £19,213.74 in the Treasurers Account which included the second precept payment of £5299.00.</p> <p>A request for a grant payment of £200 for the annual Xmas Pensioners Lunch was received from Lee Moor Public Hall. As a result of the winding-up of the Woodland Trust the Clerk confirmed that funding was ring-fenced for such events and it was therefore proposed by Cllr Mrs Burkill and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler that we approve the grant request and this was agreed.</p> <p>Finally the Clerk confirmed that the Annual Return had been received from Grant Thornton LLP with just a couple of minor issues reported relating to the figures used in Boxes 2 and 3 which the Clerk noted. The Clerk confirmed that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been posted-up on the PC notice boards and on the PC website.</p>	Clerk
128/17	<p>Payments and Receipts</p>	

	<p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u> £36.00 cheque to DALC (Cllr Taffurelli attendance on planning course) £742.74 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages) £185.80 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months Clerks wages) £100.00 cheque to Scott Smy (first Clerks mileage payment) £200.00 cheque to Lee Moor Public Hall (grant payment for pensioners lunch)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u></p> <p>None</p>	
129/17	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>Following an inspection by SHDC a defect was reported with the 3 toddler cradle seats at Wotter Play Area. The Clerk confirmed that the cost of replacement and fitting would be £360 + VAT. It was agreed that the works had to be undertaken or the park could be closed on safety grounds and therefore it was proposed by Cllr Spiers and seconded by Cllr Stone that SHDC be instructed to carry out the works and this was agreed.</p> <p>In addition to the toddler seats, the Clerk confirmed that he had now received an estimate for the works required at Wotter Play Area to repair the gaps in the existing rubber matting under the swings. The quote received from South West Surfacing was for £500 + VAT. The Clerk confirmed that sufficient funding was available to do these works and that this was an item which had been raised on a number of inspections so would not simply go away. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Spiers and seconded by Cllr Wassell that we instruct South West Surfacing to undertake these works and this was agreed by all. It was also mentioned that perhaps Wolf Minerals could assist financially as a local community project?</p>	
130/17	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st November 2017 at Lee Moor Public Hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	