

# MINUTES

of

## SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

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

Apologies: County Cllr Hart, District Cllr Hitchins (via Cllr Small)

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

Minute Number		Action
131/17	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>A local resident from Wotter raised concerns about missing health and safety signs relating to the China Clay operations and the damaged fencing alongside the main road as you travel up towards Dragons Hill from Lee Moor. It was agreed that Cllr Taffurelli would raise these matters with Imerys at the next Local Liaison Meeting with a possible follow-up letter from the PC depending on their response to Cllr Taffurelli.</p> <p>It was also noted that the issue of the barking dogs for residents in Wotter had been much better as of late and thanks were expressed by local residents to the Chairman for helping to address the problem.</p> <p>Whilst it was a matter on the agenda for discussion, Julia Sanders raised the issue of on-going problems with broadband and in particular the responses she has been receiving from BT where her neighbours have been able to secure superfast broadband but she has not. It was agreed that Julia would provide the Clerk with details of her complaint so that he can send it through to Matt Barrow of DCC to investigate.</p> <p>Elaine Budd from Wolf Minerals gave a brief update on matters relating to the Tungsten Mine. In order to support community</p>	<p>Cllr Taffurelli</p> <p>Julia Sanders</p>

	<p>groups/organisations and as Wolf does not have a 'product' it can donate for raffles etc, a new policy has been introduced where raffle prizes will be purchased from local businesses on a rota basis, thereby supporting the local economy. One such example is the White Thorn at Shaugh Prior and further ideas for other businesses in the area are sought. The Farmyard Café was suggested to Elaine and she agreed to look into this. One such recent example of this policy working in action was in relation to the raffle prize provided by Wolf for the recent Shaugh Prior Apple Celebration which was a meal for 2 at the Treby Arms. Elaine confirmed that she was happy for her details to be circulated to any local organisations who may be seeking raffle prizes etc.</p> <p>Elaine also mentioned that Wolf is introducing a 'Charity of the Year' for all fundraising on site by staff. Staff will put forward suggestions for charities they wish to support and a vote will take place in December when staff will vote from the list put forward for consideration (one of which will be a more local grassroots charity local to the area). If anyone has any suggestions on a local charity then please let Elaine know (<a href="mailto:ebudd@wolfminerals.com">ebudd@wolfminerals.com</a>). It was suggested that this should be included within the Parish Magazine.</p> <p>Finally, the new MD of Wolf Minerals Richard Lucas introduced himself to the Parish Council and outlined his plans in terms of improving community relations by addressing some of the longer-term issues surrounding LFN and blasting and moving forwards he looked forward to working with the PC.</p>	
132/17	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
133/17	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>Julia Sanders kindly provided the Neighbourhood Watch Report which was as follows:</p> <p>In October there were 4 crimes reported (3 arising from the same incident) which were as follows:</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> October – Incidents of Racial abuse, criminal damage and making off without payment in Wotter. Suspect was identified, arrested and interviewed. Charged to the court for racial abuse and criminal damage.</p> <p>19-24<sup>th</sup> October – Burglary to a caravan on Imerys land whilst the victim was on holiday. An investigation is on-going.</p> <p>PC Dingley is now back to full duties and will be stepping-up with the speed watch in Lee Moor and Wotter.</p>	
134/17	<p><b>County and District Councillors Report</b></p> <p>In the absence of County Cllr Hart and District Cllr Hitchins there were no reports.</p>	

135/17	<p>Cllr McIver had several questions relating to the ownership of both the Waste Recycling Centre at Ivybridge and the Power Station at Langage. It was agreed by the Chair that these were not matters for discussion at the PC meeting and that Cllr McIver should write to District Cllr Hitchins direct with these questions.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill expressed concerns over the fact that whilst many residents in the South Hams had been against the One Council proposal (merger of WDBC and SHDC), many of the Cllrs in SHDC actually voted in support of the merger and therefore were not representing the views of their electorate. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would send an email to Cllr Hitchins highlighting the concerns of the PC on this matter.</p> <p><b>DNPA Report</b></p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Hitchins there was no report.</p>	Clerk
136/17	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the draft minutes circulated to Cllrs were an accurate record of the minutes of the October meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.</p>	
137/17	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
8/17(a)	<p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <p>The issue of the potholes reported in Lee Moor at the last PC meeting were being investigated by DCC Highways although it was suggested that at present they probably were not large enough to warrant further attention (although a cold winter could increase the size and depth of them). A further depression in the road has emerged just down from Shaugh Primary School and it was agreed that the Clerk would report this to DCC Highways along with the request for the outstanding livestock warning sign.</p> <p>Several concerns were raised by Cllrs regarding the new surface water drainage system in place on the main road near Huxton Farm as the new guttering draws vehicles into it. However, it was agreed that there was a careful balance to be struck between road safety and drainage of the highway.</p> <p>Cllr Stone reported an issue with Japanese Knotweed encroaching into his field from the public highway just below Kneele Gate. The Clerk agreed to raise this issue with DCC Highways. It was also highlighted that the gate at the cattle grid at Kneele Gate needed some attention and that this should also be reported. This was noted by the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk read out an email received from Brixton PC regarding Quiet Lane Status and it was agreed that Shaugh Prior shares a number of the concerns put forward regarding the speed of traffic</p>	Clerk          Clerk

	<p>using rural lanes in the Parish. It was therefore agreed that the PC would support such an initiative and the Clerk agreed to respond to Brixton PC on this basis.</p> <p>A lock has now been placed on the grit bin at Wotter Surgery and Cllr Wassell has the key. The Chair agreed to fill the bin in due course and asked for the next delivery of rock salt to also include some bags being dropped-off at Cllr Norman's.</p> <p>Cllr Wassell referred to an email he had received regarding HGV's continuing to avoid the weight restriction on Shaugh Bridge and accessing the various china clay pits/works via Bickleigh rather than using the defined HGV route through Plympton. It was noted that this was a long standing problem that has no easy answer. It was agreed that Cllr Taffurelli would raise this with Imerys at their next Local Liaison Meeting and that the Clerk would also write to Sibilco on the matter.</p> <p>Finally, the Clerk confirmed that he was still waiting to hear from Nick Colton on the outcome of the SCARF meeting in relation to the traffic calming scheme proposed for the 30mph section of road through Wotter.</p>	Clerk
29/17	<p><b>Newnham Solar Panels Community Benefit Scheme</b></p> <p>After a considerable period of inactivity Cllr Spiers confirmed that the first meeting of the Community Interest Company is due to take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and that he should have something to report back on at the next PC meeting.</p>	Cllr Spiers
58/17	<p><b>Broadband</b></p> <p>It was agreed that this item had been discussed in detail during the Open Forum (Minute 131/17 above). It was suggested that Matt Barrow of Connecting Devon and Somerset should be invited to a PC meeting early in the new year in order to give an update and respond to the concerns of residents and Cllrs alike. It was noted that it would be helpful if Cllr Hart was attend our next PC meeting so some of the broadband concerns can be raised with him direct.</p>	
138/17	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had responded to the consultation from Bickleigh PC on the draft Neighbourhood Plan submitted for the Parish following a review of the document by Cllrs. In general, there were no over-riding objections to the plan and the policies contained within it.</p> <p>A newsletter had been received from Dartmoor National Park outlining the review of the Local Plan which will go out for public consultation in the summer of 2018, with meetings being arranged for some of the larger settlements during the next few months.</p>	
139/17	<p><b>Chairman's Business</b></p>	

140/17	<p>The Chairman confirmed that he had attended the recent public meeting held at Sparkwell Village Hall on the issue of Low Frequency Noise associated with the Tungsten Mine. He mentioned that Wolf continue to work hard to try and resolve the problem which impacts upon a very small % of the local population (which is why it makes the problem so difficult to resolve) and that the EA were generally happy with what Wolf were doing in order to try and resolve the issues.</p> <p><b>Reports from Committees</b></p> <p>In the absence of any committees there was nothing to report.</p>	
141/17	<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 on the findings of a review on Neighbourhood Policing.</li> <li>• Email from SHDC outlining the results of the One Council consultation (which was rejected by WDBC Cllrs).</li> <li>• Email from DNPA confirming the next meeting of the Dartmoor National Park Forum.</li> <li>• Two email updates from Wolf Minerals on LFN along with the Autumn Newsletter.</li> <li>• Email from SHDC confirming the TAP Fund deadline of the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.</li> <li>• Email update from NALC.</li> <li>• Email from Andrew Deptford of AAD confirming that the battery pack and pads for the defib at Lee Moor are approaching their 'use by' dates and would need replacing at a cost of £90 + VAT. Wolf Minerals confirmed through the Chair that they would be willing to make this purchase on behalf of the PC and were duly thanked by the Chairman and Cllrs.</li> <li>• Email from a local resident regarding concerns on the new climbing frame installed at Wotter and how it cannot be used by younger children.</li> <li>• Email regarding DCC Highways Town and Parish Conference taking place at Rattery on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017. It was agreed that Cllrs Small and Taffurelli would attend on behalf of the PC and the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.</li> </ul>	Clerk
142/17	<p><b>Lee Moor Play Area Improvements</b></p> <p>With the improvements to Wotter Play Area now complete the Clerk included this item on the agenda as it was now time to start thinking about improvements to the existing play area at Lee Moor. He mentioned that funding for such improvements could possibly be secured from the community funds associated with the solar farms in the area which would mean that we wouldn't have to</p>	

<p>143/17</p>	<p>apply for funding from the National Lottery. It was agreed that the Clerk should put forward a date for a meeting of the Shaugh Prior Play Area Sub-Committee in the new year. It was also agreed by Cllrs that an application for funding should be submitted by the Clerk to this year's TAP Fund.</p> <p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 there was £17,949.20 in the Treasurers Account which didn't include a VAT Return of £3,145.71 received on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017.</p> <p>The Clerk referred to a request made for a poppy wreath which had a cost of £25.00. It was proposed by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Norman that this payment be made to the Royal British Legion and this was agreed by all.</p> <p>A further request for funding from South Hams CAB was also discussed by Cllrs. The Clerk confirmed that a sum of £25 had been allocated in the budget for such and it was therefore proposed by Cllr Mrs Burkill and seconded by Cllr Taffurelli that this payment be made and that we review this figure when we set the budget for next year.</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>Clerk</p>
<p>144/17</p>	<p><b>Payments and Receipts</b></p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>£45.00 cheque to Scott Smy (postage and admin reimbursement)  £25.00 cheque to the Royal British Legion (poppy wreath)  £25.00 cheque to South Hams CAB (grant payment)  £600.00 cheque to South West Surfacing Ltd (repairs to rubber surfacing at Wotter Play Area)  £550.00 cheque to Eric Palmer (maintenance works and repairs)  £500.00 cheque to B&amp;K Gent Bros (annual grass cutting costs)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u></p> <p>£3,145.71 VAT Return from HMRC.</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli asked if the PC would give permission for him to go ahead and purchase 3 Xmas trees (one for each village). This was agreed by all.</p>	
<p>145/17</p>	<p><b>Works and Maintenance</b></p> <p>Cllrs Mrs Tyler raised some concerns about the slate roof tiles on</p>	

<p>146/17</p>	<p>the Methodist Church at Wotter and how they could come down on patients walking to and from the surgery. It was however agreed that the surgery should really be writing to the new owners of the Methodist Church on this matter as it is about the safety of their own patients.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the repairs to the cradle swings in Wotter Play Area had been instructed and that the repairs to the rubber tile surfacing had been carried out by South West Surfacing Ltd. Also, Mr Palmer had now fitted the lock to the grit bin at Wotter Surgery and had repaired the timber edgings in the play area.</p> <p><b>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date: .....</p>	
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