

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 4th October 2023**

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Stone
 Cllrs Sims, Spencer, Chater, Mrs Francis-McLeod, Mrs Proctor,
 Mrs Boulting, Mrs Burkill and Mrs Tyler

PC Tim Wills

4 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr John Hart, Sgt Ryan Canning

Minute Number		Action
119/23	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>The Chair started the meeting by highlighting that the recent spate of livestock deaths was extremely sad to see and rather than this one item dominate the PC meeting, it was acknowledged that a wider meeting needed to be arranged to discuss this matter including DCC Highways, Commoners, National Park/SHDC and the Police.</p> <p>The Chair then invited comments from members of the public at the meeting, on this subject. In view of the large number of recent fatalities it was suggested that the media should be contacted to highlight this issue. Detailed discussion then took place on what measures other National Parks were taking in respect of this problem (such as the New Forest where reflective collars are used). Cllr Sims agreed to take this away as an action to determine how successful these measures were elsewhere.</p> <p>It was also noted that a wider meeting would also need to include adjoining Parish Councils as the HGV route through to Cadover Bridge extends into the adjoining Parish (Burrator). It was also noted that people needed a contact number for who they needed to speak to in order to report injured livestock. It was agreed that this matter was one that really needed to be taken forward by the Commoners with support from the Parish Council as well as other organisations.</p>	Cllr Sims

	<p>Mr Clewer asked if any of the dust reports for the Tungsten Mine had been supplied by TW? The Clerk confirmed that at the Sept PC meeting Andrew Nisbet of TW had confirmed that these reports would be supplied following the meeting but to date none had been received. The Clerk agreed to chase TW for these reports. Mr Clewer also wished to highlight that the previous month's Police Report had included no reference to issues raised regarding the use of the B3417 by motorcyclists. In relation to the same matter, Mr Clewer also wished to raise a concern in relation to the current S.73 application submitted by TW which includes further road widening of the B3417 and how this could lead to increased use of this road by motorcyclists travelling at high speed. It was agreed by Cllrs that this would be referred to in the PC's response to the application. It was also highlighted the use of the bridleway continues to be dangerous and that the speed limit of the road needs to be reduced to 40 mph.</p> <p>Julia Sanders confirmed that the road sign at the Bowling Green had now been repaired and that she was continuing to provide David Pocock with information in relation to broadband coverage in the area. She also asked if the PC would be willing to provide funding towards the Xmas Tree at Shaugh Prior. After some brief discussion this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	Clerk
120/23	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that none had been received.</p>	
121/23	<p>Police Report</p> <p>PC Tim Wills read out the monthly Police Report provided by Sgt Canning:</p> <p>There were 8 calls for service via 101/999 during September:</p> <p>11/09- Report of a domestic incident. 24/09 – RTC involving a car and cow between Beatland Cross and the Moorland Hotel. Cow as killed as result of the impact. 25/09 – RTC involving a car and horse (100m from the cow). Driver failed to stop and report. Due to level of injury, horse was put to sleep. 25/09 – Neighbourhood dispute being dealt with by PC Tungate. 26/09 – Recurrence of neighbourhood dispute above. 26/09 – Further call relating to recurrence of neighbourhood dispute. PC Tungate hoping to resolve at a meeting on 01/10. 26/09 – RTC involving a car and cow. Driver failed to stop as was in shock. Farmer attended and recovered the cow. Farmer has insurance details of driver responsible. 30/09 – RTC involving a car and cow reported by Karla McKecnie. Incident happened overnight. If farmer requires insurance details then please get them to contact me.</p> <p>The only crimes recorded for the month are 3 in number associated with the neighbourhood dispute. There is a major concern regarding the increase in the number of RTC's involving livestock (the figures are unacceptable) and I'll ask our colleagues in Roads Policing if they</p>	

	<p>can undertake some spontaneous speed detection with the speed gun. If people do see any such incidents, then please make sure that they are reported to the Police.</p> <p>The new measures on the B3417 appear to be making a slight difference with less reports however, far from fixed. The reduction in the speed limit from 60 mph to 40 mph would of course have our full support as this section of road is categorised as a 'High Harm Route' given the number of serious collisions.</p>	
122/23	<p>County and District Councillor Reports – SHDC Changes to Refuse Collections</p> <p>In Cllr Hart's absence there was no County Cllr Report.</p> <p>In Cllr Oram's absence there was no District Cllr Report.</p> <p>Some discussion then took place between Cllrs regarding the changes proposed to the waste collection service, moving from the recycling sacks to the plastic boxes, sack and plastic caddies which isn't due to come into operation until November. Concerns were raised about the possibility of animals getting into the various containers due to the use of dedicated pick-up points whilst some residents will struggle with getting their recycling to the collection points. It was noted that if required, residents who would struggle with such could request the assisted collection service from SHDC (which go to the nearest kerbside collection point). Cllr Mrs Burkill suggested that the PC did need a dedicated point of contact for waste enquiries to come through if people are struggling. It was also suggested that it may be worth seeing how the new service operates and 'beds-in' before then going back to SHDC with the various issues. It was noted that something should go in the next version of the Parish Magazine regarding these changes.</p>	
123/23	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that there was still no update on the Parish Link Member from DNPA.</p>	
124/23	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2023</p> <p>All Cllrs agreed that they had received a draft copy of the minutes of the September meeting and resolved that they were an accurate reflection of the minutes of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Chater and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler.</p>	
125/23 8/23(a)	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Highway Matters – Livestock Fatalities</p> <p>It was agreed that this item had been discussed at length during the Open Forum and that a meeting would need to be arranged between the respective parties on what could be done.</p>	Clerk

	<p>An issue with the cattlegrid at the top of Purps Lane was raised. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with DCC Highways.</p>	Clerk
8/23(b)	<p>The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Oram had kindly agreed to provide the PC with a grant payment of £300 from his Locality Fund to install the solar conversion kit for the 20 mph speed activated sign in Shaugh Prior village. It was agreed that the Clerk would check the prices with Stocksigns and get a cheque raised at the November PC.</p> <p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>No applications for grant funding have been received this month. It was noted that if grants were required for Xmas events, then these would have to be submitted at the November PC meeting in order to ensure payment was received for such.</p>	Clerk
8/23(d)	<p>Tribute to Cllr Norman</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had consulted the National Trust (Peter Davies) and was waiting to hear back from them.</p>	
8/23(e)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change and Biodiversity Group</p> <p>A meeting of the group took place on 20th September 2023 and minutes of the meeting (kindly produced by Lidia Pearce) were circulated to Cllrs prior to the PC meeting. It was suggested that perhaps these should be uploaded onto the PC website?</p>	
112/23	<p>Emergency Plan</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that his grant application to Devon Community Resilience Fund had been successful and that the PC now had a fund of £200 which could be used for meeting room hire (for emergency plan meetings) etc. It was agreed that a suitable date be identified for mid/late November. It was also noted that we would need representatives from both Halls to act as coordinators as well as the Primary School. The Clerk agreed to circulate to Cllrs the template being used by other PC's in our area who are also revisiting their EP's.</p>	Clerk
126/23	<p>Planning – Hemerdon Mine S.73 Application (DCC/4365/2023)</p> <p>Prior to the meeting all Cllrs were provided with a copy of the Transport Statement submitted in support of this Section 73 application which seeks to remove the tonnage caps in relation to the material which can be exported off-site from Hemerdon Mine (secondary aggregate). As a result of HGV's running full loads the Clerk confirmed that there would be a slight uplift in HGV movements compared to the current situation. Following some detailed discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a draft response on behalf of the PC including specific reference to the following:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to a concern over larger articulated vehicles being used as opposed to smaller rigid lorries (as the tonnage cap would be removed), it was suggested by Cllrs that a condition should be attached relating to the size of HGV's exporting material from the site. - Provision of a CCTV camera at the junction of the site access in order to monitor the fact that all HGV's should be travelling back towards Plymouth and not through Lee Moor etc. - Highlight concerns over the further proposed widening of the B3417 and how this could lead to higher speeds along this route. On this basis it is recommended that the development fund a power supply in the public highway which would allow DCC to install some potential speed reduction/monitoring measures (average speed camera etc) <p>It was agreed that the draft response would be circulated to Cllrs for approval prior to being sent to the DCC Planning Officer.</p>	Clerk
127/23	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>There was no business from the Chair.</p>	
128/23	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>There were no committees to report back on. The Clerk highlighted that the latest meeting of the Hemerdon Mine Local Liaison Group had been cancelled and that no date had been set for a future meeting.</p>	
129/23	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month the following correspondence had been received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trethewey Gardens – Cllr Mrs Tyler wished to raise an issue regarding the sale of one of the bungalows at Trethewey Gardens and how she was under the impression that there was a restrictive covenant in place preventing this. The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Live West and received a response confirming that the sale was going ahead due to the natural end of an existing tenancy and how the property was no longer considered necessary to retain. It was agreed that the Clerk would check to see if any such covenant is in place. • E-Bulletin from DALC. • Email newsletter from NALC • Email newsletter from SLCC • Invitation to the AGM of the 4 Rivers Dementia Alliance on the 5th October 2023. • Email from Karen Dent of Fusion re Devon Funding Ideas <p>The Clerk confirmed that a number of other emails received from DCC and SHDC had been circulated to Cllrs during the month.</p>	Clerk
130/23	<p>Finance</p>	

	<p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 1st October 2023 there was the sum of £19,992.80 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the blank bank mandate had now been received and almost completed and that a visit to the bank needed to be arranged with Cllrs Sims, Mrs Proctor and Mrs Francis-McLeod in order to confirm signature identities.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the bank statement for September, the Clerk agreed to provide a 6-monthly bank reconciliation for sign-off at the Nov PC meeting.</p> <p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:</p> <p>£17.00 direct debit payment to EDF Energy (electricity for Wotter defib) £937.40 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages) £234.40 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months Clerks wages) £420.00 cheque to BM Waste (removal of rubber safety tiles) £160.00 cheque to Carters Gardening Care (timber edging replacement for swings at Wotter play area) £118.80 cheque to J & MJ Widdicombe (Parish Lengthsman works)</p> <p>Receipts £300.00 cheque from Colin Taffurelli (ring-fenced for Wotter Phone Box works) £250.00 grant from DCRF (Emergency Plan) £2,510.19 BACS payment from HMRC (VAT Return for 22/23) £6,833.00 BACS payment from SHDC (second annual precept)</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
132/23	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the rubber safety tiles at Wotter play area under one set of swings had been removed and that the timber edgings around the toddler swings had now been replaced and these swings were once again in use.</p> <p>Following circulation to the Cllrs, it was agreed that the Clerk seek quotations from local printing companies for the play area consultation/questionnaires relating to the planned improvements to Wotter Play Area. Cllr Mrs Francis-McLeod agreed to assist with the formatting of the document. It was hoped to send this form out in either the November or December editions of the Parish Magazine.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the big gate into Lee Moor Play Area required a latch and lock. The Clerk agreed to look into this.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill raised an issue relating to tree works that had recently been undertaken on the existing area of Parish Council-owned land in Shaugh Prior. It was noted that the Chair had been made aware of these works. As a result of these works, it would appear that there are some trees in this area which are suffering from Ash Die Back and</p>	<p>Cllr Mrs Francis-McLeod</p> <p>Clerk</p>

133/23	<p>therefore will have to be removed (as they are in close proximity to existing powerlines). It was agreed that the Clerk would ask our Parish Tree Warden Peter Davies to take a look at the area. Finally, it was requested that some of the bus shelters needed cleaning. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask John Widdicombe if he could do this on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of Shaugh Prior Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 1st November 2023 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.05pm</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	Clerk Clerk
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