

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 7th November 2018

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

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

Apologies: Cllrs Taffurelli and Small
County Cllr Hart
PC Holly Lynch

3 members of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
134/18	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Julia Sanders mentioned that the speedwatch team had recently carried out some enforcement action and a total of 18 drivers had been caught speeding. One of the biggest culprits were the HGV's associated with the China Clay Works. Concerns were also raised regarding the lack of visibility for drivers emerging from the Moorland Hotel access. It was also highlighted that a cow had been killed by a vehicle near Cadover although it would appear that this was a genuine accident and was duly recorded as such.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler raised an issue regarding bits of rubber being left on the moor which seems to be associated with clubs running on the moors (marking the trail runners need to follow). There was a concern that these small bits of rubber could pose a threat to animals. Cllr Hitchins agreed to look into this and report back.</p>	Cllr Hitchins
135/18	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>As a result of discussing the planning application submitted</p>	

<p>136/18</p>	<p>for Hartstone House (minute no 141/18 below) Cllr Stone declared a personal interest in this matter and duly signed the register.</p> <p>Police Report</p> <p>The Clerk read out the crime report for October during which there were 5 reported crimes:</p> <p>07/10/18 – Person in charge of a dog worrying livestock – under investigation. 03/10/18-08/10/18 – Theft of a motor vehicle. Investigated and no suspect identified. 18/10/18 – Dog not under control, complaint only which is under investigation. 26/10/18 – Use of threatening/abusive/insulting words/behaviour with intent to cause fear or provoke unlawful violence – under investigation. 25/10/18-26/10/18 – Theft of conveyance other than motor vehicle or pedal cycle – under investigation.</p> <p>Patrols along the new road continue to take place although nobody has recently been caught speeding here. On-going visits to the Tungsten Mine continue after its' closure whilst all safety procedures have now been completed following an illegal rave in the quarry. Police managed to move them on as quickly as possible and vehicle registrations were recorded.</p>	
<p>137/18</p>	<p>County and District Cllrs Report</p> <p>In the absence of County Cllr Hart there was no County Cllr Report.</p> <p>On District Council matters Cllr Hitchins mentioned that SHDC met with the NFU to ascertain how the District could assist them in respect of various matters such as planning etc. The Drug and Alcohol Task and Finish Group recently met to discuss issues in the District. There are currently budget pressures for the coming financial year, with a shortfall of around £800k needing to be found. This will involve cutting-back in all non-essential areas. Of particular concern was the future of South Hams Council for Voluntary Service. A recent meeting of the Devon County Pension Fund revealed that SHDC was in the upper table in terms of subscribers. The Deputy Leader and Sophie Hosking held a meeting with Suella Braverman to Brexit Minister to discuss the possible outcomes of Brexit and how they may impact upon SHDC.</p> <p>Finally whilst it is a matter being dealt with by DCC, the closure of Hemerdon Mine does have a potential impact upon local employment within the area and could give rise to landscaping issues. It is noted that there is a Bond in replace for reinstatement works which can be called-upon.</p>	

138/18	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins mentioned that one of the main areas of focus for the National Park was the start of consultation on the review of the Dartmoor Local Plan. A consultation event was due to take place at Yelverton War Memorial Hall on the 11th December between 3pm and 6pm. A meeting of the National Park Forum will be taking place on Friday 23rd November which Cllr Mrs Burkill will be attending on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Julian Glover review of the National Park is still on-going and feedback on it is expected in late Spring. John Parkinson is the new Secretary of State Member for the National Park (he is known for spending a lot of time on Dartmoor which can only be a good thing).</p>	
139/18	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018</p> <p>It was agreed that the draft minutes circulated to Cllrs were an accurate record of the minutes of the October PC meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman. Reference was made to the fact that there is no longer a summary of PC-related news in the Parish Magazine. It was highlighted that this had now been the case for a number of years and that the minutes were published on the PC website every month and that parishioners could come to the monthly meetings if they wished to know what was happening.</p>	
140/18	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/18(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the plans for the speed reduction scheme at Wotter had finally been drawn-up and presented them to Cllrs for their consideration. He highlighted that BradleyTech had drawn-up a range of different options (5 in total) and that the final scheme could be a combination of different measures. It was likely that some options (such as the removal of the centre carriageway markings) would not be supported. It was mentioned that the provision of humps would be the most-effective in terms of reducing traffic speeds. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate electronic copies of the plans to all Cllrs and ask for their comments before sending the agreed plan to DCC Highways.</p> <p>As part of the works Cllr Mclver asked if the 40 mph speed limit could be extended from Lee Moor through to Cornwood? The Clerk agreed to raise this with DCC Highways. It was also mentioned that the road required re-surfacing in some locations.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

8/18(b)	<p>The replacement Lee Moor village sign has now been ordered by DCC Highways and the Chairman recently took delivery of 2t of rock salt for the Parish for the winter period.</p> <p>Finally Cllr Mrs Tyler raised an issue with the catch on the gate at the Kneele Gate cattlegrid. Rather than refer this to DCC Highways, Cllr Wassell confirmed he would have a look at it in the first instance.</p> <p>Newnham Solar Panels Community Benefit Scheme</p> <p>Cllr Spiers mentioned that there was nothing further to add since the last update as no meeting had taken place. It was hoped that the next meeting would take place on the 31st January 2019 and to date no applications for grant funding had been received.</p>	Cllr Wassell
8/18(c)	<p>Broadband</p> <p>Following Matt Barrow's attendance at the last PC meeting, the Clerk provided a detailed update on broadband issues which was both sent to Julia Sanders and included in the minutes of the October PC meeting. Both Julia and Cllr Mrs Tyler reported that despite having emailed Matt Barrow (as he suggested) on the various issues that they were facing on broadband that none had yet received a response. The Clerk agreed to chase Matt on this. It was suggested that it would be useful if the PC could identify a point of contact within BT as most of the issues seem to be related them. Cllr McIver mentioned that he was currently experiencing issues with BT.</p>	Clerk
8/18(e)	<p>Lee Moor Play Area Improvements</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that he had now met both Sovereign and Sutcliffe Play companies out on-site and had received draft proposals from both for the play area improvements. A final meeting had been set-up with Rhino Play in order to ensure that there are 3 different proposals. A meeting of the Play Area Sub-Committee will then be arranged to agree on which design/company to proceed with.</p>	Clerk
50/18	<p>Stan Finemore Memorial</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins confirmed that another stonemason was now looking at the memorial stone and that it should be ready for the next PC meeting in December.</p>	
65/18	<p>GDPR</p> <p>The Clerk reminded all Cllrs of the need to set-up their Shaugh Prior email addresses as agreed. If anyone was having any difficulty in setting-up the email then they should let the Clerk know so that he can arrange for assistance to</p>	

84/18	<p>be provided by Barry Isaacs of WesternWeb.</p> <p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that an application had been received from Lee Moor Hall for a grant of £200 towards the pensioners Christmas meal. The Clerk confirmed that an allocation had been made in the budget for this grant so it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Burkill and seconded by Cllr Spiers that the grant application be approved and this was agreed by all.</p>	
141/18	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the planning application submitted relating to extending the operating hours at Ocean Blocks and Aggregates Ltd at Lee Moor (app no DCC/4082/2018) had been approved but with the inclusion of rigorous noise monitoring conditions for evening and weekend working times. He also confirmed that no LOR's had been received by DCC.</p> <p>A householder application has been received for development at Hartstone House (app no 3336/18/HHO) with a response required by the 23rd November 2018. It was agreed that Cllrs Wassell, Norman and Mrs Burkill would carry out a site visit on Friday 9th November and report back to the Clerk.</p> <p>An application to vary one of the conditions attached to the grant of consent for the Portworthy Storage Tank development at Park Lane was referred to by the Clerk (app no 3483/18/VAR). The Clerk confirmed that the modifications/changes being sought were relatively minor and it was agreed by the Chair that a site visit would not be necessary after viewing the plans. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond on behalf of the PC recommending in support of the application.</p> <p>The Clerk highlighted receipt of a planning application for the strengthening of an historic granite bridge at Blackabrook Bridge near Cadover (app no 0524/18). As the works were relatively minor in nature and the visual appearance of the bridge would not change following the works, the Clerk responded in support of the application.</p> <p>The application submitted for a Certificate of Lawful Use at Oversound House, Shaugh Prior has been refused. It wasn't clear whether or not this meant that the utility room in question would have to be taken-down?</p> <p>Finally the Clerk referred to receipt of information relating to consultation on the Main Modifications which have now been published on the Plymouth and South West Devon JLP. The</p>	<p>Cllrs Wassell/Norman/Mrs Burkill</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Clerk confirmed he had reviewed the information and that there was very little which impacted upon the Parish (with many of the changes impacting upon the larger growth areas as opposed to the smaller villages). Cllr Mrs Burkill referred to receipt of notice for the start of consultation on the Plympton St Mary Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk confirmed that this plan covered the historic area of Plympton closer to Sherford and therefore is not something for concern for the PC.</p>	
142/18	<p>Hemerdon Mine</p> <p>All Cllrs expressed their concerns at the recent closure of the Tungsten Mine and how a large number of people would have lost their jobs. The Clerk mentioned that the Wolf website made reference to the possibility of the mining rights being sold and that there was a financial Bond in place to carry out restoration works if all mining were to cease.</p>	
143/18	<p>2019 Parish Council Elections</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that the elections taking place in May 2019 also include PC elections and therefore the Parish need to start thinking about how this will be advertised (around early February). A notice about the elections in the Parish Magazine and on the PC website was discussed. The Clerk also mentioned that Cllrs need to think about whether or not they wish to stand again as this will determine whether or not the election is contested.</p>	
144/18	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The Chairman had nothing to report.</p>	
145/18	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
146/18	<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 highlighting current planning enforcement cases in the Parish. • Email from SHDC regarding consultation on Main Modifications to the JLP. • Email from DNPA regarding a survey on proposed changes to the Dartmoor National Park Management Plan. • Letter from Ivybridge Ring and Ride requesting consideration for grant funding from Parish Councils. It was highlighted that this service is used by some local parishioners and should therefore be 	

	<p>considered when setting the annual budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the latest I&DALC Clerks meeting. • Latest email update from DALC. • Email from Joanne Vincent regarding a potential application to the Shaugh Prior Community Fund. • Email invitation from DNPA to a Local Plan and Development Management Workshop on Weds 5th December at Parke. Cllr Mrs Burkill said she would check her diary to see if she could attend. • Email invitation from SHDC to the Town and Parish Council Event taking place at Follaton House on Monday 10th December. Cllr Wassell confirmed he would attend along with Cllr Norman. • Invitation from SHDC to attend a Peer Challenge. 	
147/18	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed on the 26th October 2018 there was the sum of £22,767.70 in the Treasurers Account. This amount included a recent VAT Refund of £3,060.50 from HMRC.</p>	
148/18	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u> £25.00 cheque to Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreath) £520.00 cheque to Eric Palmer (maintenance and cleaning of bus shelters May-Oct) £2520.00 cheque to BradleyTech (Design fees for Wotter Speed Reduction Scheme) £100.00 cheque to Scott Smy (first Clerks mileage expenses payment) £200.00 cheque to Lee Moor Public Hall (Grant payment for pensioners Xmas Lunch) £105.60 cheque to WesternWeb Ltd (Security updates for PC website)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> £3,060.50 BACS payment from HMRC (VAT Repayment)</p>	
149/18	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>Although he wasn't present at the meeting it was agreed that Cllr Taffurelli could proceed with the purchase of Christmas Tree's for all 3 of the villages along with agreement to pay the electricity charges that apply at Wotter.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler raised a concern regarding the gate to the Doctors Surgery at Wotter and how it needed some attention. It was highlighted that the gate was likely to be in the ownership of the former Chapel and therefore it would be their responsibility to repair the gate.</p>	
150/18	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p>	

	<p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at Lee Moor Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.02 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	
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