

# MINUTES

of

## SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

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

Apologies: Cllrs Taffurelli and Small  
County Cllr Hart

5 members of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
151/18	<b>Open Forum</b>  Cllr Mrs Tyler referred to the death of a pony on the local roads earlier in the week. Although it was the view that speed of traffic was the most likely cause of the accident, this could not be confirmed. It was also highlighted that it was particularly foggy on the evening that the pony was knocked down and this could have been a factor. It was also suggested that too many ponies were being fed by local residents and becoming very tame. A local resident wished to express their thanks to the Chairman for his speedy response in arranging for DCC Highways to remove a tree which had been blown down.	
152/18	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  The Clerk confirmed that none had been received.	
153/15	<b>Police Report</b>  The Clerk mentioned that despite having received no report, no crimes had been reported for the month of November. Several Cllrs (and members of the public) made reference to the theft of machinery and trailers from agricultural outbuildings within	

154/18	<p>the local area. In particular a white van had been spotted driving around the area with the occupants acting suspiciously. An accident on the Cadover road on the 20<sup>th</sup> November had resulted in the road being closed temporarily due to the recovery of an overturned vehicle whilst there had also been 2 significant incidences of fly-tipping (one being on Dragons Hill).</p> <p><b>County and District Cllrs Report</b></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 the waste and cleansing contract was about to be awarded, both of which were outside contractors. This was expected to save £250k per year over the lifetime of the contract and that there would be a guaranteed improvement in the service. Cllr Mrs Tyler raised a query regarding the collection of black bags next to her bin which were not hers. Cllr Hitchins suggested her speaking to SHDC direct.</p> <p>A review of the closure of those public toilets still maintained by SHDC was currently underway, with 14 proposed for closure. SHDC are currently looking into the benefits of a South West mutual bank being proposed by Devon and Somerset whilst the recent peer review has not been completed and the outcomes of this review were very positive. There had also been a recent ministerial visit which focused on issues relating car parks and public toilets.</p>	
155/18	<p><b>DNPA Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Hitchins gave an update on DNPA matters which was as follows:</p> <p>The Postbridge Visitor Centre had now received formal backing from the Duchy of Cornwall. A response to the Glover Review of protected landscapes was currently being compiled. Issues of democratic balance across the Authority was one of the issues being considered in further detail.</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins was due to attend a meeting of the Dartmoor Steering Group where one of the matters for discuss was the military's plans for the use of the moors over the next couple of years.</p> <p>The Authority recently won a gold tourism award for its' visitor centres which was the third in a row whilst it also won a Park Protection Award. The scheme Donate for Dartmoor has raised £18k over the past year which much of the funding coming from parking charges.</p> <p>A film is currently being made about medieval Dartmoor whilst a consultation on the review of the Dartmoor Local Plan is currently underway. A drop-in session has been arranged for the 11<sup>th</sup> December at Yelverton. A world war one phone box is currently being considered for use as a micro-heritage centre whilst more volunteer weekends are being planned next year. Finally, 2019 will be the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first National Parks.</p>	

156/18	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the draft minutes circulated to Cllrs were an accurate record of the minutes of the November PC meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.</p>	
157/18	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
8/18(a)	<p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that despite sending the plans to Cllrs he had received no feedback on the Wotter Traffic Calming Scheme Options. He also confirmed that he had asked for an updated plan from BradleyTech providing humps (as it was agreed that these would be the most effective in slowing down traffic speeds). This plan would then be shared with DCC.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed he had raised the issue of reducing the 40mph speed limit on the section of road between Lee Moor and Cornwood with DCC Highways. The response received suggested that the costs of such may be prohibitive and that Cllr Hart would have to raise this with the Policy Team at DCC. It was suggested that the Clerk should raise this matter with Cornwood PC to see if they also supported such.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed he had looked at the gate next to the cattlegrid at Kneele Gate and whilst the lock is ok the gate does need replacing. The Clerk agreed to raise this with DCC Highways along with the issue of a blocked grain near Hartstone Farm.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
8/18(b)	<p><b>Newnham Solar Fund</b></p> <p>Dawn Johnson the Clerk of Sparkwell Parish Council is the new administrator for the community benefit scheme. She confirmed to the Clerk that there were still no financial regulations in place so grant payments could not yet be paid (even though there was a considerable amount of funding in the account). Cllr Spiers mentioned that the next meeting of the board would take place on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. It was agreed it was still the intention to make a grant application to this board for funding improvements to Lee Moor Play Area.</p>	
8/18(c)	<p><b>Broadband</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had emailed Matt Barrow as a result of the lack of feedback received on emails submitted by parishioners. Matt confirmed to the Clerk that he was waiting to receive information from third parties before he was able to respond to the various queries that have been raised.</p>	
8/18(e)	<p><b>Lee Moor Play Area Improvements</b></p>	

	<p>The Clerk reported back that he had now met with a third play area provider (Rhino Play) and he now has 3 quotations. He mentioned that Rhino Play were willing to come to a future PC meeting and give a presentation.</p> <p>In terms of moving forward and choosing a scheme from the 3 different options put forward, the Clerk mentioned that the long-term absence of Cllrs Small and Taffurelli meant there were now only 3 Cllrs on the Play Area Sub Committee. It was therefore agreed that the decision on which scheme to proceed with will be made during Part 2 of the February PC meeting rather than at a meeting of the Play Area Sub Committee.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he was currently in the process of submitting a bid for funding from the Tesco Bags of Help Fund. However, in order to proceed with this application he needed written confirmation from the landowners (in this case that being Lee Moor Hall) that they have no objections to the principle of the scheme. The Clerk confirmed he was in the process of writing to Lee Moor Hall Committee on this matter.</p>	
50/18	<p><b>Stan Finemore Memorial</b></p> <p>Cllr Hitchins presented to the Chairman the granite memorial stone that had been engraved in memory of Stan Finemore. It was agreed by all that the stonemason from DNPA had done a superb job and it was a very fitting memorial.</p> <p>The Chair asked Cllr Hitchins if he could pass the details of the stonemason to the Clerk so that the PC could express their thanks and he agreed to install the memorial stone at the tree (which had been planted in memory of Stan) within the next few days following the PC meeting. Cllr Mrs Burkill agreed to let Stella Tracey know of the proposed arrangements.</p>	Cllr Wassell
65/18	<p><b>GDPR</b></p> <p>The Clerk provided Cllrs with a further reminder of the need for them to set-up their dedicated Parish Council email addresses. If anyone was having any difficulty in setting up their email account then Barry Isaac's of WesternWeb would be able to assist.</p>	
84/18	<p><b>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</b></p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that he had received an enquiry from a local parishioner regarding making an application and had directed them to the on-line application forms but to date no application had been received. There was nothing further to report.</p>	
142/18	<p><b>Hemerdon Mine</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had received no further update on what was happening in respect of the future of the Tungsten Mine.</p>	
143/18	<p><b>2019 Parish Council Elections</b></p>	

158/18	<p>The Clerk mentioned that there would be further updates on elections at the February PC meeting. The PC will need to consider how the elections will be advertised in order to encourage people to apply for positions on the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>The Clerk referred to receipt of a planning application for the erection of 4 dwellings on land at Lee Moor (app no 3151/18). It was agreed that Chairman along with Cllrs Norman and Mrs Burkill would conduct a site visit and report back to the Clerk with their recommendation by the deadline of the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Cllr Hitchins mentioned that there could be the possibility of the application being considered at SHDC Planning Committee.</p> <p>The planning application referred to at the November PC meeting for the strengthening of the historic granite bridge at Blackabrook had received conditional approval by DNPA.</p> <p>Finally, the Clerk made reference to the consultation on the review of the Dartmoor Local Plan (mentioned above in the DNPA Report). Cllr Mrs Burkill agreed to review the revised plan (having been provided with a hard copy by the Clerk) and agreed to report back with any observations she may have from a PC perspective.</p>	Cllrs Wassell/ Norman/Burkill
159/18	<p><b>Chairman's Business</b></p> <p>The Chairman had nothing to report.</p>	Cllr Mrs Burkill
160/18	<p><b>Reports from Committees</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill reported back on the latest meeting of the Dartmoor National Park Forum which she attended on behalf of the PC. Reference was made during the meeting to the review of the Local Plan and Management Plan (the latter taking place during 2019). She mentioned that there were concerns expressed that representatives on the committee do not represent the views of local people on some matters. She mentioned that the development guidelines were very strict within the National Park, with around 65 dwellings per year being approved and a high percentage needing to be affordable. There was also discussion on a new policy relating to car parking and an interesting presentation on Parish Scapes which had received £2m of lottery funding.</p>	
161/18	<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>• Letter from DNPA detailing a Regulation 18 Addendum to the Local Plan First Consultation regarding Map 7.24 of Mary Tavy.</li> <li>• Letter from PCC regarding consultation on school</li> </ul>	

162/18	<p>admission arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from DNPA on the First Consultation (Regulation 18) on the Dartmoor Local Plan</li> <li>• Email News Bulletin from SLCC.</li> <li>• Email News Bulletin from NALC.</li> <li>• Email from SHDC detailing latest planning enforcement cases.</li> </ul> <p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 there was the sum of £19,527.70 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>The Clerk highlighted that the printer he had been using was no longer working correctly and that he had purchased a replacement for the sum of £149.99. It was agreed by Cllrs that the PC should reimburse the Clerk for the cost of the new printer as it was required for PC business.</p>	
163/18	<p><b>Payments and Receipts</b></p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u>  £149.99 cheque to Scott Smy (Reimbursement for purchase of new printer)  £782.41 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages)  £195.60 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months Clerks wages)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u>  None</p>	
164/18	<p><b>Works and Maintenance</b></p> <p>The Chairman mentioned that the batteries for the speed-activated warning signs on the link road were no longer holding their charge which meant the speed signs were not working. The Chair agreed to contact the manufacturer Solagen to get a quotation for a new set of batteries. It was suggested that the PC could apply for funding for a new set of batteries from the Newnham Solar Fund although the Clerk highlighted that the signs were not the property of the PC and were actually owned by the Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society.</p>	Cllr Wassell
165/18	<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> February 2019 at Lee Moor Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.46 pm.</p>	

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