

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 4th September 2019

at

Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Wassell
Cllrs Norman, Stone, Taffurelli and Mrs Tyler
County Cllr Hart

Apologies: District Cllr Spencer, Cllr Mrs Burkill
PCSO Diana Summers

1 member of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
101/19	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Julia Sanders once again raised the concerns regarding dogs barking at Higher Bughill Farm and asked if the PC could intervene? The Clerk confirmed that he had been told by SHDC that residents experiencing problems should submit a formal noise complaint, the forms for which can be found on the SHDC website under 'Making a Noise Complaint'. He mentioned that the greater the number of complaints received, the higher the likelihood of enforcement action being taken. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise a complaint on behalf of parishioners and he advised all others to do the same. It was also noted that it was also have an impact upon guests staying at the Moorland Hotel.</p> <p>It was also highlighted by Julia that Dartmoor Speedwatch had been successful in their bid for funding to the Newnham Solar Fund (£525) for the replacement batteries and along with funding received from the Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society (£250), the speed-operated warning signs were now operational once more.</p> <p>Finally, it was revealed that after much effort superfast broadband had been installed by BT at the Moorland Hotel. Julia said that the</p>	Clerk

102/19	<p>Hotel wanted to pass on their thanks to everyone at the PC for all their efforts in relation to this.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that none had been received.</p>	
103/10	<p>Police Report</p> <p>In the absence of PCSO Diana Summers the Clerk read out the report kindly forwarded by Diana prior to the meeting which revealed there had been no crimes reported during August.</p> <p>The Clerk also mentioned that PC Glen Baird was the new Police Neighbourhood Beat Manager for Ivybridge Rural North which includes the Parish of Shaugh Prior. Glen confirmed in his email to the Clerk that he will be taking over from Tamsyn Dingley and hoped to attend a PC meeting in the near future.</p>	
104/19	<p>County and District Cllrs Report</p> <p>Cllr Hart mentioned that DCC were preparing for Brexit as DCC are the co-ordinators for the South West. A whole manner of issues were being looked at including potential fuel shortages for school travel. Cllr Hart gave an update on matters relating to Hemerdon Mine. He mentioned that Cllr Spencer was trying to arrange a meeting between the various parties and that he had visited the site during the recent period of strong easterly winds. He mentioned that not all of the dust issues were as a result of Hemerdon Mine and much of the dust was coming from within the bowl. He concluded that the current mine owners were doing all they could to address the dust issues and that the weather conditions during the last period of significant dust were extreme to say the least.</p> <p>Cllr Hart mentioned that a recent announcement by the Chancellor stating more money for schools was very much welcomed but this won't help this year. Adult care, children's services and schools is where most funding will be directed.</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli wished to thank Cllr Hart for the recent grant he provided to the Parish Magazine. He also asked Cllr Hart if the existing bus service (which is now run by Oakleys Travel) could be diverted to the Ridgeway at Plympton as this could result in a greater number of local people using it? Cllr Hart mentioned that this service was very marginal in terms of being financially viable and it was a case of 'use it or loose it'. He also mentioned that Ivybridge Ring and Ride could be an option for local people wanting to access The Ridgeway for shopping etc.</p> <p>Whilst he was unable to attend the meeting, the Clerk read out a report received by Cllr Spencer which was as follows:</p> <p>I had discussions with SHDC Environmental Health about the dust issues at the mine and about the prospects of arranging a joint meeting with SHDC, DCC, the Environment Agency, myself and</p>	

the Parish Council to discuss the general issues arising from the departure of Wolf and to ensure that everyone was fully informed as there seems to be a lot of conflicting information in the area. I am currently in touch with John Hart, SHDC and others with a view to arranging this meeting (hopefully) for early October; I will keep you advised. SHDC met with the on-site manager a few weeks ago to see what steps they were taking to mitigate the impact of the dust complaints. Since the last complaint was received, they have now installed a significant number of high-volume sprinkler heads which produce a wall of water to knockdown dust in the atmosphere. So far, I am unsure whether the sprinklers have had to be tested in anger, as we have had quite a wet August and the winds have been mainly from the west. SHDC have also made contact with the Environment Agency and they are now of the opinion that there does need to be some regulation of the tailings dam and as such conversations are being had on the best way to achieve this.

I understand that there have been ongoing issues with dog barking nuisance around the area of the Moorland Hotel and this was also mentioned at the last Parish Council meeting. I have spoken with SHDC Environmental Health who have confirmed to me that they cannot see any record of a complaint lodged with them and they have looked back through their records to 2017. Environmental Health have confirmed that this type of nuisance does fall within their remit so I would encourage either the Council or individuals (the more complaints the better) to complain to SHDC to get the ball rolling. The following link will take you to the appropriate SHDC page where details of what can be done are shown and where the complaint can be communicated to SHDC.

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3578/Making-a-Noise-Nuisance-Complaint>

I have had a meeting with the residents in St Aubyn Terrace as well as ongoing correspondence regarding their septic tank issues and have written to South West Water supporting their case. They have responded expressing sympathy with the residents and estimate that they are approximately half way through their process. They have also said that they expect to be able to complete their evaluation within twelve months of the receipt of the application, which was made in April 2019.

I have had discussions with Cllr Taffurelli about printing costs for the Shaugh Prior Parish Magazine and have agreed to assist with money from my Locality Fund.

I have had four meetings with Plymouth City Council and Barwood Land about the developments taking place on the western end of the Ward, including a tour of the area by Land Rover. Barwood have described their plans for a large development of possibly as many as 2,000 homes for the area over the next 20 years or so. It may seem miles away from Shaugh Prior but ignore it at your peril. If anyone has any contribution to make, please let me know? Whilst many at Follaton House are on holiday there has been plenty of activity, including the following

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first meeting of the Climate Change & Biodiversity Working Group was on 29 August. The meeting was largely to establish parameters for working but there is now much activity working towards a report by January 2020. This is likely to be a huge issue for the next few years • We may get a little more certainty regarding our funding as the Government Spending Review is due to be announced on 04 September 2019. At the moment, we don't know whether this is just going to include some headline figures such as extra money for education, policing and health or whether there will be more detailed announcements about the continuation of the New Homes Grants or the position on negative Revenue Support Grant. • SHDC are also considering the possibility of a General Election being called and ensuring that their election teams are supported and prepared to rise to the occasion of the challenge of three major elections in the space of eight months • SHDC are consulting on Polling Stations and their effectiveness going forward. Details were posted on my Facebook site. <p>Finally, can I encourage any Cllr who uses Facebook to apply to join my group? As always, if there is anything that I am not doing that I should be please let me know? At long last my SHDC email is working correctly. Can I ask Cllrs to use this from now onwards, please? Cllr.Barrie.Spencer@southhams.gov.uk</p>	
105/19	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Hitchins and Cllr Smerdon there was no DNPA Report.</p>	
106/19	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday the 3rd July 2019</p> <p>It was agreed that the draft minutes were an accurate reflection of the July meeting and were duly signed by the Chair after being proposed by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler.</p>	
107/19	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/19(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the finger post directional sign that had been knocked down at Beatland Cross had been ordered by DCC and was due to be replaced shortly.</p> <p>Cllr Stone mentioned that the Commoners were planning on spraying the bracken again next year as the last programme of spraying had been very successful in terms of keep the bracken under control. It was hoped to extend the area to be treated up to the Moorland Hotel.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler reiterated the need for the gate at Kneele Gate to be repaired. The Clerk understood that this was in the programme for repairs to the cattlegrids but agreed to raise it with Nick Colton.</p>	Clerk

8/19(b)	<p>Finally, the Clerk confirmed that there had been no further progress on the traffic calming feature outside the Moorland Hotel as he was still awaiting receipt of a plan from Nick Colton. Julia Sanders passed a copy of the minutes of the latest meeting of the Dartmoor Speedwatch to the Clerk to provide a further update. It was reported at that meeting that the build-out would cost between £6-8k and that the PC would need to secure funding for these works in the first instance. It was suggested that the first build-out would go on the right-hand side as vehicles emerge from the Moorland Hotel and the other (from Beatland Cross direction) by the 30 mph signs. Nick Colton was also going to see what additional signing would be required.</p> <p>Newnham Solar Fund</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Mrs Burkill there was no further update this month apart from reference to the grant payment received by Dartmoor Speedwatch for the new batteries as mentioned above.</p>	
8/19(g)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>The Clerk reported that no applications had been received during the past month.</p> <p>He also mentioned that he had contacted by Margaret Vincent from Lee Moor Hall about the possibility of requesting a grant of more than £200 for this year's Xmas Pensioners Lunch as the Hall. Margaret explained that due to many things increasing in cost that the current grant payment made of £200 wasn't enough to help cover the costs. The Clerk reported to Margaret that if she wanted to submit a grant for an amount greater than £200 then she could do so and that would be considered by Cllrs at the appropriate meeting. It was also noted that the Children's Xmas Party no longer takes place and it wasn't clear if this would ever be resurrected.</p>	
8/19(h)	<p>Hemerdon Mine – Dust Issues</p> <p>It was the view of Cllrs that this matter had been adequately addressed in Minute 104/19 above (County and District Cllr Reports).</p>	
8/19(i)	<p>2019 Parish Council Elections</p> <p>The Clerk said that there was no further update and that the PC was still seeking 2 additional Cllrs to stand on the PC, with preferably one or both coming from Lee Moor. It was suggested that consideration be given to placing a poster regarding the vacancy in Lee Moor Hall. The Clerk agreed to look into this.</p>	
108/19	<p>Planning</p> <p>Following a site visit by Cllrs Wassell, Norman and Stone it was the view of the PC to recommend in support of the application submitted for the demolition a garage and boiler house and</p>	

<p>109/19</p>	<p>creation of a replacement garage and single storey extension at Merlin, Shaugh Prior (app no 0351/19). The Clerk also reported receipt of an application for a very minor single storey extension to the property Copperhayes (app no 0316/19) which again was supported by the PC.</p> <p>With regard to the planning application submitted by Aggregate Industries for a 3.31ha lateral extension (and associated works) to Tip T1 at Lee Moor, the Clerk handed-out copies of the plans indicating the extent of the proposed works. After some discussion it was agreed by Cllrs that it would be helpful if they undertook a site visit so that the scale of the changes could be better understood and concerns regarding dust could be raised with AI. It was agreed that Cllrs Wassell, Stone, Taffurelli and Mrs Tyler would attend, with the Clerk making the necessary arrangements with Aggregate Industries.</p> <p>Access to Wotter Surgery</p> <p>As a result of having received a number of emails on this matter over the summer holiday period it was the view of the Clerk that this item was included on the agenda for the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli confirmed that he had attended a site meeting that had been arranged but attended the meeting as an interested Parishioner and was not, in any way, representing the PC and he made this clear at the meeting which was also attended by the builder and representatives from Wotter Surgery.</p> <p>The meeting took place to discuss alternative access arrangements to the surgery from those shown on the approved planning drawings. It was the view expressed by some at the meeting that the proposed zig-zag replacement path was too steep and that an alternative path which went around the perimeter would be better. Several Cllrs suggested that the gradient of the replacement path would have been a significant improvement upon the existing situation and in any case any changes to the layout of the site would have to be approved by the Planning Case Officer. It was therefore agreed that the PC would wait and see if revised plans are submitted for a revised layout before commenting any further.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>110/19</p>	<p>Protocol for the Use of Defibs</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had added this item to the agenda following concerns raised by Cllr Mrs Burkill surrounding protocol on the use of the defibs. This stemmed from a recent incident in the Parish where the defib was needed for a medical emergency yet it seemed that the operator at the NHS helpline did not realise that there was a functioning defib in the Parish.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to the SW Ambulance Trust and all 3 defibs were still registered with them as community access defibs. It was also mentioned that locating defibs in lockable cabinets was still the preferred option where they are not located within buildings or secure environments. Cllr Taffurelli confirmed that he had checked the defibs at Wotter and Lee Moor and both were fine.</p>	

111/19	<p>Chairman’s Business</p> <p>The Chair had nothing to raise this month.</p>	
112/19	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler confirmed that she would not be able to attend the forthcoming Imerys Community Liaison meeting. However, Cllrs Stone and Taffurelli confirmed that they would both be attending the meeting.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to a travel mix-up Cllr Norman mentioned he wasn’t able to attend the Dartmoor Forum Meeting held in July whilst Cllr Taffurelli confirmed he would be attending the forthcoming meeting of the I&DALC.</p>	
113/19	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month, the following correspondence has been received by the Clerk: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from SHDC asking for views on the potential reduction of the Council Tax Support Grant during 2019/20 and 2020/21 with the removal of the grant altogether in 2021/22. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond by the deadline of the 30th September outlining the concerns of the PC regarding such. • Email reminder from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue regarding the on-going consultation on the potential closure of fire stations across Devon and Somerset. • Email from DTGS Ltd including the Play Equipment Inspection Report for Lee Moor Play Area. • Email from SHDC regarding summary of proposals regarding changes to polling stations and districts. The Clerk confirmed no changes were proposed in this parish. • Email from DALC detailing Newsletter no 17. • Letter from SHDC regarding a potential increase in the cost of providing insurance and inspections for both of our play areas. Whilst the extra costs needed to be determined it was the view of Cllrs that it was probably better to continue with SHDC inspecting and insuring our play areas. • Email from a local resident regarding the maintenance around Lee Moor pond. Some discussion then took place regarding which pond this could be. Cllr Mrs Tyler said she would carry out some further investigations to determine which pond was being talked about. It was also highlighted that it is likely to be in the ownership of Imerys/Sibilco etc. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler</p>
114/19	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed on the 26th August 2019 there was the sum of £9,252.71 in the Treasurers Account.</p>	

115/19	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u> £89.00 cheque to SLCC (annual membership renewal) £100.00 cheque to Scott Smy (second Clerks expenses payment) £39.80 cheque to Scott Smy (reimbursement of postage and</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> None</p>	
116/19	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed he was awaiting costs on the bench that was agreed to be provided for Cllrs Small and McIver at Lee Moor Play Area and that he would provide a further update at the next PC meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli asked if he had permission from the PC this year to go ahead with the purchase of Xmas Trees for Wotter and Shaugh Prior along with a replacement set of lights for Wotter? This was agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	Clerk
117/19	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	