

MINUTES
of
SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting
Held on
Wednesday 2nd October 2019
at
Lee Moor Public Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Wassell
Cllrs Norman, Stone, Hitchins, Mrs Burkill and Mrs Tyler

Apologies: County Cllr Hart, District Cllr Spencer and Cllr Taffurelli
PCSO Diana Summers

3 members of the public in attendance

Minute Number		Action
118/19	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>To start Cllr Hitchins wished to pass-on his belated apologies for not being able to attend the Sept PC meeting. These were duly noted by the Clerk.</p> <p>Three potholes were highlighted in Recreation Way. The Clerk agreed to report these to DCC Highways.</p> <p>Julia Sanders wished to express her thanks to the Clerk for his efforts in relation to highlighting the issue to SHDC regarding the noise coming from the barking dogs at Higher Bughill Farm, with incidents of noise now being recorded by residents.</p> <p>Julia also wished to raise a concern regarding a large depression in the road on Collard Lane. Cllr Stone confirmed DCC Highways were aware of this issue and it was likely to be caused by a collapsed pipe under the road which SWW are responsible for (although they are not accepting responsibility for it). It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Nick Colton of DCC Highways to see what the PC can do in assisting in order to get this problem resolved.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
119/19	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that none had been received.</p>	

120/19	<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 only 1 recorded crime in September, that being criminal damage to a vehicle at the farm yard café in Wotter. This incident was under-investigation. There had also been 2 reported sheep attacks by dogs and the owner had been spoken to and the matter dealt with.</p> <p>The Clerk also mentioned that PC Glen Baird has had to return to his role in Plymouth.</p>	
121/19	<p>County and District Cllrs Report</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Hart there was no County Cllr Report.</p> <p>Whilst Cllr Spencer was not able to attend the meeting, he did provide a report to the Clerk which was as follows:</p> <p>A climate change workshop was held between SHDC and WDBC so Cllrs could be made better aware of the challenges and opportunities associated with such.</p> <p>A Woolwell Developers Forum meeting recently took place which wasn't very well attended (possibly due to the timing of the meeting). The purpose of the meeting was to let the developer (Barwood) advise both the Council and members of the public on their plans. In view of the low turn-out it is hoped that another meeting will be arranged.</p> <p>The Joint Local Plan Supplementary Planning Document was recently discussed at a joint meeting of PCC/SHDC/WDBC and it is hoped that consultation on the final draft version will commence shortly. This document will replace all existing SPD's and it is hoped adoption will take place in the new year.</p> <p>A full meeting of the SHDC took place on the 26th September where a variety of matters were discussed including climate change, the medium-term financial strategy and to engage 2 new planning enforcement officers as the area is currently badly under-resourced leading to many unresolved enforcement cases in the District. A meeting has been arranged with planning officers on the 24th October to discuss priority enforcement cases. Therefore, could you please let me know which cases you want me to highlight. (<i>Cllrs agreed that the most pressing case currently within the Parish was in relation to excavations and unauthorised works taking place at Higher Bughill Farm</i>).</p> <p>A meeting has been arranged for Friday 4th October to discuss on-going issues at Drakeland Mine (such as dust suppression measures and what the future intentions are in respect of the operation of the mine). Cllr Wassell confirmed he would be attending on behalf of the PC. Cllr Mrs Tyler asked if clarification could be sought from the mine owners with regard to the expenditure of the Bond for the reinstatement works? Cllr Wassell agreed to raise this.</p> <p>The issue of waste collections is on-going and I have been raising</p>	Cllr Wassell

	<p>issues with SHDC officers that have been highlighted to me by local residents (such as the use of seagull sacks). I have a meeting arranged with the head of waste practice on the 11th October where those issues that I have been made aware of will be raised and discussed. Cllr Mrs Tyler commented that during periods of snow and ice it may not be possible for the smaller refuse cart to access the rear service lane and that this would need to be raised during such discussions.</p> <p>Cllr Spencer mentioned he had been kept up-to-date regarding the noise issues associated with dogs barking at Higher Bughill Farm and that he would be talking to Environmental Health about this.</p> <p>A request for a grant from Cllr Spencer's Locality Fund from Shaugh Prior Parish Magazine has been approved by Cllr Spencer which will help with the costs associated with the printing of the magazine.</p> <p>Finally, Cllr Spencer mentioned he had been asked about the possibility of setting-up a District Cllr Surgery in another Parish and as wondering if there would be support for such at Shaugh Prior?</p> <p>The general view of Cllrs was that Cllr Spencer attended the majority of PC meetings in any case and any issues reported to him were dealt with very swiftly and therefore questioned whether or not an additional surgery would be needed? Furthermore, some parishioners may have an issue that requires urgent attention that might not be able to wait until the specified surgery date. In such circumstances they would either contact Cllrs/Clerk or raise this issue direct with Cllr Spencer by email etc. It was suggested that perhaps the question of whether a surgery was required or not could be included within the Parish Magazine, perhaps adding it to a monthly event which already takes place in the Parish (coffee morning etc).</p>	
122/19	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Peter Smerdon, Cllr Hitchins gave a brief overview of DNPA matters.</p> <p>Bill mentioned that there was much more that could be added on the issue of the climate change emergency although encouraging more visitors to Dartmoor could ultimately cause some conflicts (more visitors, more cars etc). There are potential moves towards a more centralised National Parks Organisation. However, this would be problematic as each of the National Parks has their own unique set of circumstances/issues.</p> <p>Parking passes are currently being considered for car parks on Dartmoor, with an annual charge of £35. It was noted that there are a number of people who walk their dogs on Dartmoor and often visit on a daily basis so £35 per year wasn't a major cost. Alternatively, people can pay £2 per day. It was noted that if the money could be reinvested into maintaining the car parks then these parking fees could be justified. Bill mentioned that it had worked well with the car park at Princetown with very few complaints.</p>	
123/19	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday the 4th September 2019</p>	

124/19	<p>It was agreed that the draft minutes were an accurate reflection of the September meeting and were duly signed by the Chair after being proposed by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/19(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>Several items relating to highways had been raised and addressed during the Open Forum (see Minute 118/19 above). The Clerk confirmed that he was still to hear back from Nick Colton on the plan for the traffic calming feature outside the Moorland Hotel. Julia Sanders mentioned she was due to see Nick the following evening and agreed to ask him to update the Clerk on this matter. Finally, the Clerk raised the issue of fly-tipping which had been raised prior to the meeting and emailed to all Cllrs. It was the general view of Cllrs that both incidents reported by SHDC would seem to have occurred on land under the ownership of Imerys and the Clerk therefore agreed to respond to SHDC on this basis.</p>	Clerk
8/19(b)	<p>Newnham Solar Fund</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill said there wasn't much to report apart from the fact that the new scheme administrator (Katie Reville) had been appointed and will start in mid-October. Several Cllrs suggested that once Katie was in position that it might be beneficial for her to attend one of our PC meetings.</p>	
8/19(g)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>The Clerk reported that one application had been received for a grant of £250 from Lee Moor Hall to help with the costs of hosting the annual Pensioners Xmas Lunch. The Clerk highlighted that as a result of increasing costs associated with holding the lunch, Lee Moor Hall Committee were seeking an increase on the grant figure of £200 which has been paid in previous years and the sum which was included in the annual budget set by the PC. It was highlighted by Cllrs from the information submitted with the grant application that the actual sum of hosting the event was in the region of £600 and as the Hall Committee were seeking a grant for 50% of the running costs that perhaps the level of funding being provided by the PC should be increased to £600? The Clerk confirmed that as the Children's Xmas Party was no longer held that there was sufficient funding within the budget for the PC to absorb such an increase this year although this may not be the case for future years. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler that a grant payment of £300 be made to the Lee Moor Hall Committee for the annual Pensioners Xmas Lunch and this was agreed by all Cllrs at the vote.</p>	
8/19(h)	<p>Hemerdon Mine – Dust Issues</p>	

8/19(i)	<p>The Chairman agreed to raise this matter at the forthcoming meeting which had been raised by Cllr Barrie Spencer (see Minute 121/19 above). It was noted by several Cllrs who had recently attended the site visit for the extension to Tip T1 at Lee Moor that despite lots of dampening down taking place by Aggregate Industries that dust was still blowing everywhere.</p> <p>2019 Parish Council Elections</p> <p>There was no further update on our 2 vacant Cllr posts. It was suggested that if we couldn't get any interest in these vacancies for people living/based in Lee Moor then perhaps we now need to consider applications from those living in Shaugh Prior and Wotter?</p>	
109/19	<p>Access to Wotter Surgery</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler wished to raise concerns regarding the on-going works at the former Wotter Methodist Church and how an alternative access to Wotter Surgery now appears to be under-construction. It was noted that the Planning Officer at SHDC had not been party to any such discussions regarding changes to the layout and a planning application would have to be submitted if the applicant was seeking to change the layout in any way. Reference was also made to the potential removal of the kissing gate which was considered essential in keeping livestock out. It was agreed that some photos of the alternative route would be sent through to the Clerk so he could raise this with the planning department at SHDC.</p> <p>Some discussion then took place regarding an article/letter included in the last monthly edition of the Parish Magazine which seemed to be supporting the revised path alignment now being sought by the builder/developer. This letter also included reference to the removal of the benches several years ago (something that Cllrs were keen to stress was at the request of the previous owner). It was suggested that the Clerk should provide a response to this letter for inclusion within the Parish Magazine.</p>	Clerk
125/19	<p>Planning</p> <p>Following a site visit by Cllrs Wassell, Stone, Taffurelli and Mrs Tyler it was the view of the PC to recommend in support of the application submitted by Aggregate Industries for a 3.31ha lateral extension (and associated works) to Tip T1 at Lee Moor. The Clerk confirmed that in his letter of support to the planning officer at DCC that he had requested specific conditions relating to both transport and dust (the latter still being an area of concern for the PC). Those Cllrs who attended the site visit confirmed that it was very informative.</p> <p>The recent planning applications submitted for both Copperhayes and Merlin had both been granted conditional approval by the Local Planning Authority.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had raised an enforcement case with</p>	Clerk

126/19	<p>SHDC relating to the unauthorised works taking place at Higher Bughill Farm and agreed to chase SHDC for an update on what was happening in respect of this case. It was highlighted that at present SHDC are short of planning enforcement officers which may go some way to explaining the lack of an update. It was noted that the tipping of material was close to an existing watercourse and therefore input from the EA may also be necessary?</p> <p>Finally, the Clerk made reference to consultation taking place on the revised Dartmoor Local Plan and provided a copy of the document to Cllr Mrs Burkill who agreed to review the policies contained within it which may impact upon our parish.</p> <p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The only issue that the Chair wished to raise was in relation to the works taking place at Higher Bughill Farm which had already been mentioned earlier during the meeting.</p>	
127/19	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>The only meeting which had taken place since the last PC meeting was the meeting of the Imerys Community Liaison which was attended by Cllrs Stone and Taffurelli. Cllr Stone mentioned that workload was currently down at the china clay works which could be down to Brexit. He also noted that there were a number of different businesses now based at the china clay works site.</p> <p>The Clerk also confirmed that Cllr Taffurelli would be attending the forthcoming meeting of the I&DALC.</p>	
128/19	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month, the following correspondence has been received by the Clerk: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Plug and Go regarding EV Charging Systems. • Newsletter from South Hams Citizens Advice. • Email from SHDC regarding the Noise Nuisance Report logged by the Clerk relating to the barking dogs. • Email from DNPA regarding the Moor Otters 2020 scheme and associated business opportunities. • Email response from SHDC on the comments made in respect of the consultation on the Council Tax Support Grant Reduction. • Email from SHDC confirming the second annual precept payment having been made to the PC. • Email Newsletter from DALC. 	
129/19	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed on the 25th September 2019 there was the sum of £14,954.91 in the Treasurers Account. This sum included the second annual precept payment of £5,842.00.</p>	

130/19	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u> £858.22 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages) £214.60 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months Clerks wages) £520.80 cheque to Marmax Products Ltd (purchase of new bench for Lee Moor Play Area) £240.00 BACS payment to SHDC (Insurance/Inspection for Lee Moor Play Area) £240.00 BACS payment to SHDC (Insurance/Inspection for Wotter Play Area)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> £5,842.00 BACS payment from SHDC (second annual precept payment)</p>	
131/19	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had now received the quotation from Marmax Products for the cost of the new bench at Lee Moor Play Area with the engraved 2 plaques for Cllrs McIver and Small. On the basis of the quotation provided (£520.88) it was agreed to proceed with the purchase.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler wished to raise an item which had been mentioned at the previous meeting relating to the pond at Lee Moor and how it had fallen into disrepair. The suggestion that the pond had been donated to the PC some time back was refuted by many Cllrs and it was generally agreed that the pond is likely to be in the ownership of Imerys. It was also suggested that if access were to be improved to the pond (removing overgrown vegetation, new gates etc) then it is likely that this would raise some major health and safety concerns. It was agreed that Cllrs Stone and Wassell would take a look at the pond and report back to the next PC meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs Wassell/Stone</p>
132/19	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 8.39 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	