

MINUTES
of
SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL
On-Line Zoom Meeting
Held on
Wednesday 3rd June 2020

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

District Cllr Spencer, Cllr Smerdon

Apologies: County Cllr Hart, Cllr Taffurelli, Cllr Friendship

1 other member of the public in attendance (on-line)

Minute Number		Action
50/20	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Julia Sanders reiterated the concerns of the Commoners Association regarding children partaking in tombstoning off Cadover Bridge (the problems becoming worse with the warmer weather). The Clerk said he would contact DCC Highways as the bridge structure is likely to be an asset and maintained by DCC. Cllr Smerdon mentioned it was also a problem in South Brent where he is a Cllr.</p> <p>Julia Sanders mentioned that the Corona Virus Support Group continues to work well and despite telling volunteers that they can claim back their mileage expenses, to date no claims have been received by the Clerk. The Chairman again wished to express his thanks to Julia Sanders and all the volunteers for their help in these challenging times – it really is very much appreciated by everyone in the Parish.</p>	Clerk
51/20	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins highlighted his on-going declaration regarding Minute 57/20 (Planning) and in particular any discussion on the Woolwell application. It was agreed that Cllr Hitchins would take no part in any discussion on this matter.</p>	
52/20	<p>Police Report</p>	

53/20	<p>On the 29th May an incident of joy-riding took place in Shaugh village involving 3 vehicles, with 1 crashing into Shaugh Bridge and the other colliding with each other. Whilst the Police attended the incident, those vehicles involved departed before they arrived. An issue of car parking around Shaugh Bridge (as a result of the car park being full) was also reported to Devon and Cornwall Police (this being discussed in greater detail under Minute xx below – Highway Matters).</p> <p>County and District Cllrs Report</p> <p>In Cllr Hart’s absence there was no County Cllr Report.</p> <p>In relation to District Council matters, Cllr Spencer that most staff at SHDC continue to work at home although Council business continues to be dealt with through on-line meetings and it is planned for some staff to move back shortly (with social distancing in place).</p> <p>Cllr Spencer also referred to the recent on-line meeting he and the Clerk attended regarding the planned roll-out of improved broadband in the parishes of Bickleigh and Shaugh Prior for all those properties that were unable to be served by the initial scheme. This will allow many of the outlying properties to get fibre to the premise and would take download speeds up to 30mb per second. Over the next few weeks BT Openreach will be conducting surveys to assess the condition of existing infrastructure (telegraph poles, underground chambers/pipework/ducts etc). Once this was completed then the works would commence regarding the improved broadband. These works are expected to take between 3-6 months and once complete it is hoped that Connecting Devon and Somerset will inform the Clerk so that local residents can be made aware of the possibility that they can upgrade their broadband.</p>	
54/20	<p>DNPA Report</p> <p>Cllr Peter Smerdon (the DNPA Representative) gave a brief update on matters relating to the National Park. As with the District Council, many staff are currently working from home although it is hoped that some staff maybe permitted to return to Parke in the next few weeks. Many meetings are taking place on-line including the most recent Development Management meeting where 4 applications were considered. He made reference to the various funding streams available to help Corona Virus Support Groups that have been set-up. So far £12k of funding has been deposited with various support groups.</p> <p>He also mentioned that since the slight easing of lockdown, most of the venues within the National Park have been very busy and everyday seems to be a ‘bank holiday’ in respect of visitor numbers. Cllr Mrs Burkill asked if there was any intention to close the National Park in view of how dry the undergrowth is and that increased visitors (using disposable barbeques etc) could lead to an increased fire risk. Cllr Smerdon said that this wasn’t being considered at present but would have to be something that was</p>	

<p>55/20</p>	<p>kept under review.</p> <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday the 6th May 2020</p> <p>It was drawn to the attention of the Clerk that there was slight typo error in the draft minutes circulated and that in relation to the discussion in the Open Forum it should have read Dennis Turner and not Phil Turner. The Clerk agreed to make the necessary changes and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Burkill and seconded by Cllr Stone that the amended minutes should be accepted and this was agreed by all.</p>	
<p>56/20</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
<p>8/20(a)</p>	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>On behalf of local Parishioner Tim Thomas (who offered his apologies for not being able to make the meeting), the Clerk raised the issue of cars parking on the main road at Shaugh Bridge as result of the car park being full. By parking on the road vehicles were impacting upon visibility at the junction of the lane leading to Shaugh Mill causing a hazard to vehicles emerging from this junction. As the car park was the responsibility of the National Trust (and therefore for them to manage) it was suggested that these issues should be brought to their attention as well as DCC Highways to establish whether or not it would be possible to implement double yellow lines in this location.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that all of the drainage issues raised at the previous PC meeting had now been brought to the attention of DCC Highways and that he was awaiting a response from Nick Colton which would then be forwarded to Cllrs. The issue of the fact that horse riders were not able to open the gate to the new section of bridleway on Lee Moor Road was also raised with the PROW section at DCC. However, it has since been confirmed that this area of land is public highway and therefore the issue has been reallocated to DCC Highways to respond.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if the Clerk could raise a problem with the new replacement wooden gate on the cattle grid at Purps Lane which was already starting to fall into disrepair. The Clerk agreed to add this to the list of items for DCC Highways.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>8/20(b)</p>	<p>Newnham Solar Fund</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill mentioned that the meeting that was scheduled to take place a week earlier had not occurred and consequently there were no further updates.</p>	
<p>8/20(c)</p>	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that no applications had been received during the past month.</p>	

8/20(f)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group</p> <p>As a result of the need for social distancing and as the group was still in its' infancy, no further meetings (including on-line meetings) had taken place and it was likely that this would be the case until the group were able to meet up again in-person.</p>	
57/20	<p>Planning – Woolwell Planning Application</p> <p>The Clerk referred to receipt of an application from SHDC for the erection of an agricultural building and grain store at Little Pethill, Brown Cross (app no 1226/20/FUL). It was agreed that Cllrs Wassell, Hitchins, Stone and Mrs Burkill would visit the development later that week and report back to the Clerk with their recommendation.</p> <p>In relation to the Woolwell planning application, the Clerk reported that he had no further updates and asked if Cllr Spencer could add anything further. Cllr Spencer confirmed that Barwood were still actively working on the application and were still hopeful of it going to SHDC Development Management Committee in December 2020. It was also noted that objections to the scheme were still being posted on the SHDC website.</p>	
58/20	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The Chairman was pleased with the news relating to the roll-out of improved broadband connectivity in the Parish and said that this was essential in view of the current world we are living in with more vulnerable members of society self-isolating. This would allow people to be better-connected. He added that if anyone has any specific questions relating to broadband then they should be directed through the Clerk. Julia Sanders confirmed that she had a list of people who wished to be considered for better broadband speeds.</p>	
59/20	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Whilst much of the correspondence received during the past month was in relation to advice/guidance relating to Covid-19 (which had been forwarded to Cllrs in any case), the Clerk made specific reference to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation from NALC on the New Model Code of Conduct. • Monthly Newsletter Updates from DALC • Consultation from SHDC on Public Space Protection Orders relating to the Control of Dogs • Insurance Policy Renewal documents from Came and Company 	
60/20	<p>Parish Emergency Plan</p>	

<p>61/20</p>	<p>Cllr Mrs Burkill supplied the Clerk with the current version of the Emergency Plan which is in need of updating. The Clerk suggested that perhaps this could be done by way of a Zoom Meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would review the plan and set-up a meeting with Cllrs Wassell, Stone and Mrs Burkill.</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed on the 25th May 2020 there was the sum of £16,331.42 in the Treasurers Account. I was highlighted by the Clerk that as a result of Covid-19 that the PC wasn't spending as much on various things such as grass cutting etc. Furthermore, the insurance policy has been renewed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>62/20</p>	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments: -</p> <p><u>Payments</u> £14.39 cheque to Scott Smy (reimbursement for 1-month subscription to Zoom) £100.00 cheque to Scott Smy (first Clerks annual expenses payment) £62.33 cheque to Scott Smy (reimbursement for purchase of keypad for Shaugh Prior Hal defib cabinet)</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> None</p>	
<p>63/30</p>	<p>Works and Maintenance – Wotter Bus Shelter and Shaugh Prior Defib Cabinet</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the new replacement keypad had been received and he had contacted Ryan Best to arrange fitting (this was expected to take place in the next few weeks). The Clerk confirmed that he had asked Ryan to speak to David Compton so he was aware of when this would be taking place.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had received 1 updated quotation from the builders previously contacted for the replacement bus shelter at Wotter (but this time on the basis of a pitched slate roof). He was awaiting receipt of the second quotation which should be available in time for the next PC meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>64/30</p>	<p>Date of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st July 2020 starting at 7.30pm. This will again be an on-line meeting using Zoom. Dial-in details will be sent out prior to the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p>	

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