

**MINUTES**

of

**SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL****Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021****at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall**

Present: Chairman Cllr Wassell  
 Cllrs Stone, Taffurelli, Hitchins, Pearce, Friendship, Mrs Burkill  
 and Mrs Tyler  
 District Cllr Spencer

2 Members of the public

Apologies: County Cllr Hart, Cllr Smerdon  
 Sgt Ryan Canning

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| 66/21         | <p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>The Chair started by welcoming everyone back to our first public meeting since March 2020 and hoped that this was a sign of things to come.</p> <p>Julia Sanders confirmed that the livestock fencing works at the cattlegrid on the approach into Shaugh Prior (part of which had been funded by the Parish Council) were now completed. She also mentioned that there was general support from both Aggregate Industries and Imerys in respect of the purchase of Fire Fogger and that she was currently awaiting to hear back from both confirming such (the cost of the Fogger being in the region of £2k).</p> <p>Local resident Mr Tim Cleaver who lives at Portworthy attended the meeting to express his on-going concerns regarding the speeding and anti-social behaviour issues regarding traffic using the new section of Lee Moor Road (B3417). Whilst it was noted that the Police were trying to do their best (and they had recently cautioned several drivers), this didn't go far enough as they couldn't be there for every hour of every day.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he was still waiting for Sgt Ryan Canning to visit the road with the Road Casualty Reduction Officer which may then provide a list of firm proposals from the Police on what should happen to the road to address the concerns. This would then be</p> |        |

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| 67/21 | <p>forwarded to DCC as they are the Local Highway Authority for the road. Mr Clewer highlighted that the new road serving Sherford was subject to a 30mph speed limit so why couldn't this road be treated the same? He also asked if Tungsten West could possibly consider mounting a CCTV camera on one of their buildings where bikers currently congregate? Cllr Wassell confirmed he was due to attend a mine liaison meeting in the coming weeks and would therefore raise this at that time. Mr Clewer also agreed to raise this with Tungsten West.</p> <p>It was the view of Cllrs that DCC, as Local Highway Authority, really need to take ownership of this issue and come up with some proposals that seek to address these on-going issues regarding speeding along the road. It was agreed that the Clerk would request Cllr Hart's attendance at the next PC meeting.</p> <p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllr Hitchins highlighted his on-going declaration regarding Minute 73/21 (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> <p>Cllr Tyler also declared a personal interest in Minute 8/21(e) in relation to the Access Track to Wotter Play Area as this track also provides access to Dartmoor Cottages (where Cllr Mrs Tyler lives).</p>  | Clerk |
| 68/21 | <p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>Although he wasn't able to attend the meeting, Sgt Ryan Canning provided the Clerk with a report prior to the meeting which was as follows:</p> <p>There were 2 crimes during the month of May and they are likely to be linked. The first was a criminal damage to the Lee Moor Public Hall. Officers attended and located three males. It was later discovered that there was damage to the location. Despite strongly suspecting these males were responsible, there were no witnesses so we are unable to evidence the matter to a standard required by the CPS.</p> <p>The next crime was a theft of a Chicken, again, at Lee Moor and the same suspect/s. Not recorded as a Crime is a discussion I had with a member of industry in the Lee Moor area. Same males have entered the restricted area of the site and interfered with equipment, although there was no recordable damage. The Neighbourhood Team are aware and are looking at ways to reduce demand with regards to this emerging issue.</p> <p>With regard to Logs, Police, DRG (Plymouth) and SWAST were called to a person with a leg injury at Shaugh. DRG extracted the casualty and they were taken to Derriford. There was a Dog attack on a sheep, owner settled the issue with Farmer. A livestock strike in Collard Lane, Wotter. Not believed that speeding was a contributory factor.</p> <p>Two logs re motor bikes. 2 off-road bikes failed to stop for police. The second, speeding bikes on the B3417. I have spoken to the RCRO and he is aware of the road in question and its potential dangers. We have had a meeting but only via Teams as schedules have not aligned. At the moment, it would appear that, in the absence of</p> |       |

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| 69/21 | <p>collision data we will have to continue policing the speed issue as we have been, patrols and Speed Enforcement Operations.</p> <p><b>County and District Councillor Reports</b></p> <p>Whilst he was unable to attend the meeting, Cllr Hart provided the following report:</p> <p>I am back as Leader and am trying to sort out a plan for Devon for the next 4 years. Real meetings are a bit of a problem to organise. The Government want views about virtual meetings sent in fairly quickly now. This is your opportunity to have a say about the future way of working. There is a Tungsten West Liaison Meeting coming up and if there isn't anyone available from the Parish to attend then please let me know if there are any issues you want me to raise on your behalf.</p> <p>District Cllr Spencer started by expressing his apologies for missing the last meeting. He mentioned that at present virtually all of his time is being taken up with addressing issues with regard to waste collections. It was noted that this item was also on the agenda and therefore the Chair agreed an amendment to the agenda to bring this item forward for discussion under this item which was agreed by all Cllrs.</p> <p>A significant amount of discussion took place on the issue of the new waste recycling collection service that has been rolled out. Issues relating to multiple missed collections was a common theme as was the case of rubbish being blown around during windy days as a result of the said missed collections. Cllr Spencer made it clear that he felt that the current service being provided by FCC was not acceptable and reiterated the point that missed collections should be reported on the SHDC website. Only by doing this will these issues get resolved as these emails are now going through to a waste escalation team.</p> <p>It was noted that the same procedure had been operating for 10 years in West Devon and it was therefore puzzling why it had become such an issue in the South Hams? It was hoped that with new smaller vehicles and an increase in staffing numbers that some of the waste backlog will now be addressed.</p> |  |
| 70/21 | <p><b>DPNA Report</b></p> <p>Following Devon County Councils Annual Meeting last week two new DCC Members have been appointed to Dartmoor National Park Authority. Lois Samuel is the Devon County Councillor for Okehampton Rural and is also Deputy Leader of West Devon Borough Council. Daniel Thomas is the Devon County Councillor for South Brent and Yealmpton (he is also a Councillor on South Hams District Council). Lois and Daniel effectively replace Stuart Barker and Kevin Ball.</p> <p>We anticipate the 'Dartmoor Specials' starting this week. This is a group of circa five Specials (Constables and, I believe, an Inspector) who have volunteered to help patrol the National Park. This is part of the Dartmoor Rural Crime Initiative that DNP established with Devon</p>   |  |

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|         | <p>and Cornwall Police in response to the pressures experienced last year. They will be tackling all aspects of rural crime – from anti-social behaviour to thefts of farm machinery. They will also be focusing on traffic speeds. The aim is that they will provide further support for the Rangers (in addition to the National Park Marshalls) so we can provide a warm welcome to visitors, help keep them safe and tackle inappropriate behaviour.</p> <p>We finally received an ‘amber light’ for the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme last week. In Defra terms this means that the programme is going ahead. It will be formally launched in June. We should have received confirmation of our funding on Thursday but this has been delayed until today (fingers crossed)! FiPL will provide us with ring fenced funding for projects on farm land that manage and enhance the environment (natural and cultural); improve public access; provide for engagement and interpretation; skills training; and, knowledge exchange. The programme is important for the Authority as it provides a potential route to involvement in the new Environmental Land Management schemes when they formally launch from 2024 onwards.</p> <p>MORE than 80 Moor Otters sculptures are heading out to their summer holiday homes ahead of an arts trail launch on Friday. The decorated otter and cub sculptures are part of Dartmoor National Park’s Moor Otters Arts Trail 2021. From last Friday, people can find them at pubs, community areas, attractions plus more besides. Otters can also be spotted in towns and villages on the outskirts of the National Park.</p> <p>After undertaking a series of consultations and revision, the Local Plan is currently at examination. In March public hearings were held by the Planning Inspector. You can find more information about these on the <a href="#">examination pages of our web site</a>. As part of the examination process the Inspector will indicate where some modifications are needed in order to ensure the Plan is legally compliant and passes the tests of ‘soundness’ before it can be adopted. The Modifications have been drafted and the Inspector has just agreed that they can be published for public consultation. We intend to publish the Proposed Modifications (shown both as a list, and as a track changes version of the Plan) on <b>Monday 7 June</b>. The consultation will last for 6 weeks.</p> |       |
| 71/21   | <p><b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Taffurelli and seconded by Cllr Hitchins that the draft minutes of the May AGM of the PC were an accurate reflection of the meeting and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p>  |       |
| 72/21   | <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>   |       |
| 8/21(a) | <p><b>Highway Matters – Speeding Issues and HGV’s</b></p> <p>It was noted that the majority of the highway issues regarding speeding traffic on the B3417. However there had been no feedback on the suggestion on the installation of bollards at Bickleigh Bridge and the Clerk was asked to chase a response from DCC Highways. Several pothole were also raised, one outside La Casa in Wotter and</p>  | Clerk |

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| 8/21(b) | <p>another outside Woodside (it was noted that the latter was in the Parish of Sparkwell).</p> <p><b>Newnham Solar Fund</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill mentioned that there had been no meeting since the last PC meeting although one was planned to take place shortly. There were now 4 bids for funding submitted and if all were approved, the amount of available funding would go down to around £5k. However, it was noted that arrangements would be put in place to make-up any potential shortfalls in funding should there be the need for such. It was also noted that the bid submitted from Lee Moor Hall had already been approved.</p>   |       |
| 8/21(c) | <p><b>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</b></p> <p>No grant applications had been received this month.</p>   |       |
| 8/21(d) | <p><b>Parish Council Vacancy</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that an application for the vacant Cllr post on the PC had been received from Naomi Proctor and this had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Naomi gave a brief introduction about herself to Cllrs and why she was applying to become a Cllr. Cllr Stone proposed the application submitted and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler and at the vote the decision was unanimous to accept the application and appoint Naomi Proctor as a Parish Cllr. Naomi duly signed the Acceptance of Office Forms and the Clerk agreed to submit to her the Cllrs Adopted Code of Conduct and Register of Interests Forms.</p>   | Clerk |
| 8/21(e) | <p><b>Access Track to Wotter Play Area</b></p> <p>There had been no further update in relation to this matter although it was noted that the road was holding up well following recent repairs.</p>  |       |
| 10/21   | <p><b>Wind Turbines on Lee Moor – on line meeting</b></p> <p>It was highlighted that the on-line meeting regarding the proposal to site Wind Turbines on Lee Moor would take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The Chair confirmed that this would be everyone’s chance to find out what the scheme was all about as at present very little information had been received/provided regarding the proposals. Cllr Mrs Burkill referred to an error in the Parish Magazine regarding the deadline mentioned of the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This date related to the deadline for the submission of questions and not the deadline for registering to attend the on-line meeting. It was agreed that due to the lack of information, the PC could not provide any view on the proposals at present and would want to understand the view of parishioners on the proposals.</p> |       |
| 44/21   | <p><b>Tribute to Cllr Malcolm Norman</b></p> <p>The Chair mentioned he had spoken to Christine Norman and had</p>  |       |

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| <p>73/21</p> | <p>agreed to look into the possibility of using a piece of granite Christine can provide in order to create a bench in Malcolm’s memory. It was noted that Christine was also happy to contribute towards the engraving costs. It was suggested that perhaps the same stone mason who undertook the carving for Stan Finemore’s memorial stone could also do the same for the proposed bench? Cllr Hitchins agreed to ask his contact at the National Park.</p> <p>With regards to location, behind Shaugh Hall on Shaugh Beacon was suggested. It was noted that this was likely to require permission from the National Trust as they are the landowner here. The Chair agreed to provide the Clerk with a plan showing the proposed location for the bench in order to allow the Clerk to raise this with the National Trust’s land and property department in order to obtain the necessary permissions.</p>  | <p>Cllr Wassell</p>       |
|              | <p><b>Planning – Lee Moor China Clay Works Application</b></p> <p>The Planning Application submitted by Imerys to allow for the continuation of importing waste material in order to create soils suitable for restoration works (app no DCC/4233/2021) has been granted by DCC. It was noted that there had been a considerable amount of local objection to this application from residents in Lee Moor and general concerns over a lack of consultation. It was therefore resolved by Cllrs that in the future details of all applications received by the PC for comment will be posted on the PC website.</p> <p>Cllr Pearce asked if the concerns raised by residents regarding odour etc could be put to Imerys for them to answer as this may then address some of the concerns raised. Alternatively, it was suggested by the Clerk that perhaps a spokesperson from Imerys could attend a future PC meeting in order to address any questions? It was agreed by Cllrs that the Clerk would contact Imerys in relation to such.</p> <p>Revised plans have been submitted for the householder application at 3 Wotter Villas following comments made previously by the PC relating to the close proximity of the extension to the existing boundary wall. It was agreed that the Clerk would check the drawings and report back to Cllrs.</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to receipt of an application for a garden studio, store, shed and solar panels at 2 Old White Thorn Cottages in Shaugh Prior. It was agreed that Chair along with Cllrs Mrs Burkill, Stone and Hitchins would conduct a site visit and report back to the Clerk with their findings.</p> <p>Finally, an amended plan had been received for the planning application at Rondmoor Lodge (app no 0139/21) but the Planning Officer was minded to refuse the application in any case.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>74/21</p> | <p><b>Chairman’s Business</b></p> <p>The Chair wished to welcome everyone back to our first public meeting in over a year and expressed his thanks to the Clerk in respect of putting the arrangements in place to ensure that the hall was covid-19 secure.</p>  |                           |

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| 75/21 | <p><b>New Kerbside Refuse Collections</b></p> <p>It was agreed that this had been discussed under item 69/21 (County and District Cllr Reports)</p>   |       |
| 76/21 | <p><b>Correspondence – Feedback from I&amp;DALC</b></p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli gave a brief summary of the most recent meeting of Ivybridge and District Association of Local Councils on-line zoom meeting. It was noted that due to the meeting being held on Zoom, more PC's were able to attend and therefore moving forward all future meetings may be held on-line. He mentioned that speeding traffic was a major issue in many parishes and several had applied for 20mph zones but had all been declined. It was also noted that many parishes had employed the services of John Widdicombe as the Parish Lengthsman and many were happy with his work. Funding issues were also raised regarding the leisure centre in Ivybridge following the recent restoration works.</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to the potential adoption of an updated Cllr Code of Conduct by SHDC which could then be adopted by our PC. Further details would be submitted once received.</p> <p>The Tour of Britain Cycle Event will be coming back to Devon again on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with the route passing through Ivybridge.</p> <p>Finally, the Clerk referred to receipt of a motion received from I&amp;DALC regarding a motion supporting the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill. It was noted that a wider discussion at a future meeting was required in respect of this matter and Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group as a result of potential changes relating to leadership of the group. It was also suggested that a check be undertaken comparing the terms of reference of the SPCCCEG with the motion put forward by the I&amp;DALC's.</p> | Clerk |
| 77/21 | <p><b>Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2020-21</b></p> <p>The Clerk read out each of the sections included within the Annual Governance Statement as part of the AGAR. The Clerk highlighted that a 'No' response had to be made in respect of statement 4 as the deadline for the AGAR in 2020/21 was missed by 1 day, resulting in the exercise for public rights starting 1 day later than it should have done. It was proposed by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Hitchins that the Annual Governance Statement for 2020-21 be approved and this was agreed by all Cllrs and the statement was signed by the Chair.</p>  |       |
| 78/21 | <p><b>Approval of Annual Accounting Statements 2020-21</b></p> <p>The Clerk went through the Annual Statement of Accounts as part of the AGAR for 2020/21. It was noted that the statement of accounts tallied-up with the bank reconciliation and it was proposed by Cllr Taffurelli and seconded by Cllr Pearce that the accounting statements and bank reconciliation be approved and this was agreed by all Cllrs and the accounts were signed by the Chair.</p> <p>As a result of neither the annual expenditure or income of the PC being greater than £25k, the Parish Council was able to exempt itself</p>   |       |

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| <p>79/21</p> | <p>from a limited assurance review and therefore the Chair signed the Certificate of Exemption for 2020/21 AGAR. All forms were to be uploaded onto the PC website by the Clerk.</p> <p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 there was £15,678.96 in the Treasurers Account.</p>   |                     |
| <p>80/21</p> | <p><b>Payments and Receipts</b></p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:</p> <p>£10.00 direct debit payment to EDF Energy (electricity for Wotter defib)<br/>         £19.50 cheque to Scott Smy (reimbursement of postage costs)<br/>         £14.39 cheque to Scott Smy (reimbursement for 1 month Zoom)<br/>         £18.00 cheque to DALC (Cllr Pearce attendance on Being a Good Cllr Couse – Part 2)</p> <p>Receipts</p> <p>None</p>   |                     |
| <p>81/21</p> | <p><b>Works and Maintenance</b></p> <p>Cllr Friendship confirmed that the replacement gate for the bus shelter at Wotter had been fabricated and that he would be installing it shortly. Also, thanks were expressed by Cllrs to Cllr Taffurelli who had recently painted the wood on the shelter and it was noted that it was all now looking very smart. The Chair confirmed that he had the wood to make the bench inside and this should be completed in the next week or so.</p> <p>With regards to the replacement keypad for the defib at Lee Moor Hall, Cllr Taffurelli mentioned that Ryan Best was still struggling in respect of obtaining access to the hall in order to isolate power to the cabinet. It was hoped with more things now opening up that this issue should be resolved prior to the next PC meeting.</p> | <p>Cllr Wassell</p> |
| <p>82/21</p> | <p><b>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p>As a result of the Clerk being away on the date of the next meeting, it was agreed by Cllrs to move the date of the next PC meeting to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall starting at 7.30pm. Please ensure that social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions are adhered to.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.00pm</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date: .....</p>   |                     |