

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 1st September 2021****at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall**

Present: Vice Chairman Cllr Stone
Cllrs Taffurelli, Pearce, Mrs Burkill, Mrs Proctor and Mrs Tyler

County Cllr Hart

2 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Wassell, Friendship, Hitchins
District Cllr Spencer, Cllr Smerdon
Sgt Ryan Canning

Minute Number		Action
99/21	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Local resident Mr Clewer expressed his on-going concerns regarding the lack of progress in addressing the highway safety issues on the B3417 and was glad to see Cllr Hart at the PC meeting. The Chair confirmed to Mr Clewer that the PC had written to Cllr Hart regarding the PC's concern at the lack of his attendance at PC meetings over the past 12 months. Cllr Hart provided Mr Clewer with a copy of the email exchange on this matter between himself and the PC for his information.</p> <p>Cllr Hart made reference to the latest accident on the road involving a motorcyclist who had sustained life-changing injuries but maintained the view that the road itself was safe, with the mean speed being around 45mph – it was just the case of a limited number of persons (primarily motorcyclists) using the road as race track rather than a road and the anti-social issues this generates. It was confirmed by Cllr Hart that a meeting was due to take place with various representatives from DCC Highways and the Police prior to the next PC meeting and that he would report back at that meeting.</p> <p>Mr Clewer asked why this section of road could not be subject to a 40mph speed limit (in a similar way to the section of road which runs from Beatland Cross to Elfordleigh/Plympton)? Cllr Hart confirmed that 40mph was appropriate for that section of road due to individual properties fronting onto it. This wasn't the case for the B3417.</p>	Cllr Hart

	<p>The safety of riding horses on the section of bridleway alongside the new road was also discussed, with the Safety Audit recommending the removal of the fence which had previously been proposed due to safety concerns. It was noted that the previous section of Lee Moor Road also had its safety concerns.</p> <p>Mr Clewer also wished to raise a matter which had been discussed at the previous PC meeting regarding the re-opening of Hemerdon Mine and the request for funding of £15k from Tungsten West to fund independent monitoring relating to Low Frequency Noise. The Clerk confirmed that he had made the Chair aware of this request and asked him to refer to such at the next Mine Liaison Meeting. Mr Clewer also asked if the PC could clarify with the EA that appropriate conditions would be put in place which meant activities at the mine would cease if there were problems with LFN. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with the EA. There were concerns that Wolf were permitted to operate for a 3-year period with the LFN problems whilst they sought a solution and that this shouldn't be permitted to happen this time with Tungsten West.</p>	Clerk
100/21	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins highlighted his on-going declaration regarding Minute 106/21 (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>	
101/21	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Whilst not so much of a report, Sgt Ryan Canning provided an email to the Clerk confirming that following the recent serious RTA involving a motorcyclist, that a meeting would be taking place with DCC Highways on the safety of the new section of Lee Moor Road and what measures could be implemented to address the problems. It was also confirmed in the email that as a result of the lack of a generic Risk Assessment and appropriate training that all Community Speedwatch monitoring within the force area would temporarily cease until the appropriate safeguards and training had been put in place.</p>	
102/21	<p>County and District Councillor Reports</p> <p>In Cllr Hart's started his report by suggesting that matters relating to the B3417 had been discussed during the Open Forum and this was agreed by Cllrs.</p> <p>Following the submission of a pre-application enquiry several months back, a planning application for the re-profiling of Tip T2 at Lee Moor was due to be submitted to DCC shortly, with the PC due to be consulted.</p> <p>The Tour of Britain cycle race was due to take place on the Monday following the meeting, with the section from Sherford to Exeter running through part of the Parish. As a result of the race many of the potholes on the route being used had been repaired. Cllr Hart also confirmed his support for the Parish Magazine in the form of a grant and in relation to climate change he confirmed that Exeter University were currently assisting DCC on a piece of work. DCC would once again be</p>	

	<p>providing funding for free school meals outside of term time. In relation to Covid-19, our number of infections in Devon continue to fall but we are still in an area where special measures are required due to our rates compared to the national average. Rates have mostly increased with younger persons working in the field of hospitality (16-23). However, on the positive side we are not looking at significant hospital admissions. It was hoped that a Covid booster jab will be combined with the annual flu jab. Finally, Cllr Hart mentioned that there was no update on broadband and that he will chase-up a response on this.</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Spencer there was no District Cllr Report. It was noted that refuse collection problems within the Parish continue and it was agreed that a response provided by FCC to a number of outstanding questions relating to such, would be forwarded to Cllrs by the Clerk. Cllr Mrs Burkill mentioned that she would be away at the next meeting and that Julia Sanders had kindly agreed to take details of those missed collections in the Parish during Cllr Mrs Burkill's absence.</p>	Cllr Hart
103/21	<p>DPNA Report</p> <p>In his absence Cllr Smerdon provided a report to the Clerk which was forwarded to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Key points from the report were as follows:</p> <p>Farming in Protected Landscapes – This is now open for funding applications for measures/works which support nature recovery and mitigate the impacts of climate change amongst other things. A local team has been set-up to handle applications and can be contacted at fipl@dartmoor.gov.uk.</p> <p>Peatland Restoration – The SW Peatland Partnership has been successful in securing a grant of £9m for peatland restoration on Dartmoor.</p> <p>Landscape Review – Awaiting publication of the first draft of the Governments formal response to the Landscapes Review and questions about the format of the new National Landscapes Service.</p> <p>Environmental Land Management System – Ministers have agreed on a limited number of priorities in relation to such. This could be bad news for Dartmoor given the significance of Dartmoor's heritage and archaeological landscapes.</p>	
104/21	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday the 14th July 2021</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Taffurelli and seconded by Cllr Mrs Burkill that the draft minutes of the July PC meeting were an accurate reflection of the meeting and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	
105/21	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/21(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p>	

	<p>Following an exchange of emails the Clerk reported that Nick Colton of DCC Highways wasn't aware of the fact that the section of road between Bickleigh and Shaugh Prior (which is often used as a short-cut by articulated HGV's) was not subject to a 7.5t weight limit. As the majority of this route is within the Parish of Bickleigh, the Clerk confirmed he had contacted Bickleigh PC to determine if their Parish was in support of the implementation of such restrictions to help address this problem and that this would be discussed at their PC meeting on the 23rd September.</p> <p>Several emails have been received regarding problems of highway surface water discharging from Brag Lane. The Clerk confirmed that he had raised this with the Parish Lengthsman and had asked him to look into it.</p> <p>The missing direction sign at the Brag Lane junction has once again been reported to DCC Highways whilst the Clerk reported that he had visited Lee Moor village recently and couldn't find any major potholes which required reporting to DCC. It was noted that many of the potholes in the village are on private lanes.</p>	
8/21(b)	<p>Newnham Solar Fund</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill stated that there was a meeting taking place in 2 weeks time although most of the funds for this year have now been spent. Due to his resignation from Lee Moor Hall Committee, Cllr Friendship was no longer on the group and a replacement representative for Lee Moor Hall had applied to join.</p>	
8/21(c)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>No grant applications had been received this month.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Margaret Vincent of Lee Moor Hall and confirmed that it was unlikely that the PC would be running the Pensioners Xmas Meal this year and instead would be looking for the Halls to arrange their own events (with potential funding grants from the PC to assist in running such events).</p>	
10/21	<p>Wind Turbines on Lee Moor</p> <p>It had been reported to the Clerk by Teresa Godfrey from South Devon Community Energy that they were currently in the process of advertising for members of the general public to join the steering group and that there would be no restrictions on numbers relating to such. Persons wanting to join would have to agree to the Terms of Reference, commit time to reading the feasibility report and commit time to attend meetings. It was noted that the Steering Group was required so bids for funding could be submitted which would then enable wider consultation on the proposals. Cllr Pearce suggested that it would be helpful to know who is on the steering group.</p>	
44/21	<p>Tribute to Cllr Malcolm Norman</p> <p>In the absence of the Chair, there was no further update on this matter.</p>	

94/21	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group</p> <p>The question of whether or not the PC should take over the running of the group was discussed by Cllrs who agreed that this would be dependent on whether or not there was enough support from the local community to continue running this group. It was noted that a new Chair would be required. It was noted that the Clerk had little spare capacity to run this group in addition to PC duties. Cllr Pearce asked if it was possible for a sub-committee of the PC to be set-up in relation to such. This was considered to be a good alternative if there wasn't enough involvement from parishioners. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate an email to all those who attended previous meetings with regard to setting up a further meeting of the group.</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to the email that he had circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting with regards to passing a motion to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (CEE Bill). It was noted that a number of PC's in the South Hams had signed-up to supporting this Bill and many more are likely to. It was agreed by Cllrs that this was an important consideration for us as a PC and having supported the declaring of a climate emergency it was proposed by Cllr Pearce to support the motion and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler and agreed unanimously.</p>	
95/21	<p>Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tree Planting</p> <p>The provision of providing trees for local people to plant as part of the celebrations was mentioned by Cllr Pearce at the previous PC meeting. The general view of Cllrs was support for the scheme although it was suggested that as well as the trees themselves, we should also be providing tree protection which should be non-plastic. It was agreed that an amount for this should be included in the 2022/23 budget whilst funding could also be applied for. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Parish Tree Officer for details relating to types of tree/whips and associated costs.</p>	Clerk
106/21	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk referred to the following planning applications:</p> <p>1911/21/FUL – Retention of two mobile homes providing accommodation for farm workers at Higher Bughill Farm Bungalow. There was still no decision on this application, with amendments to the application form. The Clerk agreed to speak to the Planning Case Officer to seek clarification on these changes.</p> <p>0273/21 – Garden Studio, store and shed and roof solar panels at 2 Old White Thorn Cottages, Shaugh Prior. Granted approval with various planning conditions attached.</p>	
107/21	<p>Chairman's Business</p>	

108/21	<p>There was no business to report.</p> <p>Flu Vaccinations at Wotter Surgery</p> <p>Cllr Taffurelli raised concerns about the fact that flu vaccinations were no longer taking place at either the surgeries in Wotter or Plympton and instead residents were being asked to go to the surgery in Ivybridge. It was noted that facilities exist that would allow such to take place at Wotter Surgery and therefore to save our older population having to travel into Ivybridge, why couldn't they take place at Wotter? It was agreed that the Clerk would email the Beacon Medical Practice on this matter.</p>	
109/21	<p>Review of 2020-21 Internal Audit Recommendations</p> <p>As a result of the internal audit, the Clerk wished to bring the following matters to the attention of Cllrs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Clerk is not CiLCA qualified. This was noted and no further action considered necessary by Cllrs. - The Council has not carried out the approval of the Budget and Setting of the Precept in open session. This was noted by Cllrs and agreed that the budget would now be set during the open session of the December PC meeting, with the Clerk circulating a draft budget to Cllrs prior to the meeting. - It was not possible to agree the draft accounting statements due to the draft values in the Annual Accounting Statements. This was noted by Cllrs and the Clerk confirmed this was due to a mileage payment of £32 having been noted as an allowance when it should have been recorded differently. This was addressed as part of the 2020/21 review and the draft figures amended accordingly. - The period for the Exercise of Public Rights commenced on the day before the Council agreed the Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement. This was noted by Cllrs. The Clerk explained the issue was caused by a delay in getting audit paperwork to IAC as a result of the coronavirus in 2020 and the fact that the PC has no meeting in the month of August. - The period for the Exercise of Public Rights did not include the first 10 working days of July – 1st September Covid amendment. This was again noted by Cllrs and it was noted that Covid-19 had played havoc with audit arrangements during 2020. 	
110/21	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to the following correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from the SHDC/WDBC Community Broadband Specialist regarding the two-year Community Broadband Project to help drive broadband provision in areas where there is poor connectivity and seeking potential broadband champions. It was agreed to circulate this to Cllrs and ask if Julia Sanders would be interested in driving this forward? 	
111/21	<p>Finance</p>	

<p>112/21</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 25th August 2021 there was £13,231.43 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:</p> <p>£95.00 cheque to SLCC (Annual subscription) £336.00 cheque to J and MJ Widdicombe (Parish Lengthsman drain clearance works) £52.49 cheque to Sutcliffe Play SW Ltd (replacement parts for Wotter play area roundabout)</p> <p>Receipts</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>113/21</p>	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The Clerk made reference a recent play area inspection raising a safety defect with the roundabout at Wotter Play Area. Replacement parts have been ordered (see above). As a result of the fencing around Lee Moor Play Area deteriorating, it was agreed by Cllrs that the best course of action would be to seek total replacement which is likely to require some grant funding due to costs. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek some estimates from fencing contractors.</p>	
<p>114/21</p>	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of Shaugh Prior Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at Lee Moor Public 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 9.10pm</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	