

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 1st December 2021****at Lee Moor Public Hall**

Present: Cllrs Wassell, Taffurelli, Pearce, Friendship, Hitchins, Mrs Tyler, and Mrs Burkill.

3 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Stone and Mrs Proctor
Cllr Smerdon
Sgt Ryan Canning

Minute Number		Action
143/21	<p>Election of a Chair</p> <p>Whilst Cllr Wassell was able to attend the meeting, he confirmed that he was still not well enough to Chair it. Therefore, Cllr Hitchins proposed Cllr Taffurelli to Chair the meeting and this was seconded by Cllr Friendship and agreed by all Cllrs.</p> <p>Open Forum</p> <p>Julia Sanders mentioned that she had applied to Vision Zero for funding relating to the Wotter Traffic Calming Scheme and improved signing in the lanes in the Parish to help try and reduce vehicle speeds and was pleased to confirm that her bid in relation to the latter had been successful to the tune of £2k. Julia mentioned that she was planning to have a further discussion with Nick Colton of DCC Highways in order to determine what signing could be provided by this very welcome grant.</p> <p>Local residents Tina and Ian Cantelo raised concerns about the process relating to the proposed wind turbine scheme at Lee Moor and what the Parish Council's involvement was in the scheme. The Clerk confirmed that he was attending the on-line meetings of the Steering Group as a 'watching brief' and that Cllrs were of the view that if parishioners wanted to support the project, then the PC would get behind it. However, if the collective view was one of non-support then this would also be the view of the PC. It was both Ian and Tina's</p>	Julia Sanders

	<p>view that the Feasibility Report that had been produced was not credible and the meetings held thus far had not really helped in getting to a useful outcome. Concerns were also raised regarding the lack of clear understanding on whether or not the Feasibility Report could/could not be shared. It was noted that there was a lack of support for the project within the Lee Moor community. The Clerk mentioned that the next meeting of the Steering Group was due to take place on the 13th January 2022.</p>	
144/21	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins highlighted his on-going declaration regarding Minute 150/21 (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>	
145/21	<p>Police Report</p> <p>In his absence the Clerk read out a report provided by Sgt Ryan Canning:</p> <p>The suspects for the rural break-ins to outbuildings across the South Hams as reported last month, have now been caught as a result of one of the premises that they broke into having good CCTV.</p> <p>Crime remains low in the Parish with no reported incidents so far this month (Ryan's report being dated the 28th November). It was noted that an illegal rave had taken place at Blackaton Cross and officers attended the area and helped with the dispersal of individuals as well as spending a considerable amount of time picking up used Co2 cannisters.</p> <p>Finally, as we near Christmas and with the price of fuel rising, Ryan provided the Clerk with a useful information sheet showing how to keep your fuel safe from theft over winter.</p>	
146/21	<p>County and District Councillor Reports</p> <p>In the absence of both Cllrs Hart and Spencer there was no County or District Cllr Reports.</p>	
147/21	<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>Public thanked for getting involved in Byelaw Consultation – A total of 3,500 responses had been received on the consultation held on proposals to update Dartmoor's byelaws and the National Park wished to thank all those who responded. Those responses will now be reviewed by officials and a report will be taken to a public meeting in 2022 where the next steps will be discussed.</p>	

	<p>Exhibition marking 70 Years of National Park Designation – A free exhibition marking the 70th anniversary of Dartmoor’s designation as a National Park is being held at the National Park Visitor Centre in Princetown. The celebration is being put on by the Dartmoor Trust, a charity entirely run by volunteers which holds a rich archive of images, videos and audio records of Dartmoor’s past. As part of the exhibition, people are being encouraged to make a pledge to keep Dartmoor special.</p> <p>Peatland Work Progresses – ‘One of Dartmoor’s greatest assets in the fight against climate change is its peat’ – that’s what DNP and SWW as part of the South West Peatland Partnership are saying in response to the recently-held COP26 in Glasgow. The ‘rewetting’ of Dartmoor’s peatlands is part of ongoing restoration efforts across the UK and around the world. The long-term restoration of Dartmoor’s peatlands started in 2009 and to date 385ha has been restored and a further 131ha will be restored during the winter of 2021/22.</p>	
148/21	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday the 3rd November 2021</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Hitchins and seconded by Cllr Mrs Burkill that the draft minutes of the November PC meeting were an accurate reflection of the meeting and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	
149/21	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/21(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to the fact that Bickleigh PC has confirmed their support for the need for a weight restriction on the section of road between Bickleigh and Shaugh Prior and as a result of this, DC Had included this requirement on their list of sites in the County for potential TRO’s (Traffic Regulation Orders). As a result, it was not clear how long this would take and what actions we could take as a PC to accelerate this request?</p> <p>During the Open Forum of the November PC meeting, the Clerk read out a number of questions/issues raised by local resident Mr Tim Clewer in relation to the on-going issues regarding anti-social behaviour on the use of the B3417 and the potential for Imerys to agree to the siting of a CCTV camera on their building at the Portworthy Lane junction? The Clerk confirmed that he had now raised this matter with Guy Mayhew at Imery’s who confirmed that they could not consider a camera being installed as data protection laws would apply.</p> <p>As highlighted during the Open Forum, Julia Sanders confirmed that she had been successful in her bid for funding from Vision Zero and it was suggested that consideration could be given to seeing what elements of the Wotter Traffic Calming Scheme could be delivered in isolation? If not Julia suggested she would speak to Nick Colton at DCC to see what other speed reducing signing could be provided</p>	Julia Sanders

	<p>elsewhere in the Parish. Cllr Mrs Tyler wished to raise a concern regarding the continued use of the road between Beatland Cross and Cadover by HGV's and how this route was not practical for use by such vehicles and what actions could be taken to deter it. It was noted that despite the limitations of this route, it did actually form part of the identified HGV route and without it, the route that HGV's would have to take would add considerable mileage which would do little in terms of air quality and supporting the climate change agenda.</p>	
8/21(c)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>The Clerk reported that no applications for funding had been received during the past month.</p>	
10/21	<p>Wind Turbines on Lee Moor</p> <p>An update on the last meeting of the Steering Group at the start of November 2021 was given by Cllr Taffurelli. It was agreed by those who attended it that it wasn't particularly productive and not much progress had been made in coming up with a viable proposal which the community could be consulted upon. A further meeting has been planned for the 13th January 2022 where it is hoped a representative from an existing wind turbine project in the UK will attend in order to explain the process and how it involved the input of the local community. It was also noted that overall, the meetings of the Steering Group had not been well attended so far. The Clerk agreed to circulate any minutes produced to Cllrs for information.</p>	Clerk
44/21	<p>Tribute to Cllr Malcolm Norman</p> <p>There was no further update on this item.</p>	
94/21	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill confirmed that she had emailed Sean Leake to see if he still wanted to be involved in the Climate Change Emergency Group but to date had received no reply. It was highlighted by the Clerk that Sean was involved with the Steering Group for the Lee Moor Wind Turbines Project and therefore may simply not have enough spare time to commit to both projects. On the basis of the last email sent out in relation to the Climate Change Emergency Group (which contained the circulation list for all of those who attended), it was agreed that the Clerk would send out an email to see if people wanted to get involved once more and if so, arrange a meeting. It was agreed that the PC would fund the hire of the hall for such (depending on where the meeting is held).</p>	Clerk
95/21	<p>Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tree Planting</p> <p>Cllr Pearce confirmed that she had put together a draft application for funding of the project to SHDC's Climate Change and Biodiversity Locality Fund and was currently in the process of finalising the</p>	

150/21	<p>application prior to submission but required some support from the Clerk for various details. It was agreed Cllr Pearce would forward the draft to the Clerk and that he would assist with those bits of missing information before submitting the application on behalf of the PC.</p> <p>It was noted that there needed to be a back-up for tree locations if some locations were unsuitable. It was also suggested that perhaps Tungsten West may want to assist in the project as many of the trees planted previously by Wolf Minerals at the Tungsten Mine had not survived.</p> <p>Planning</p> <p>A revised planning application has been received for the property Rondmoor Lodge in Shaugh Prior (app no 0661/21 – proposed alterations to the roof and external decking). Cllr Mrs Burkill confirmed she had provided advice to the applicant and therefore could not take part in any site visit (if it was deemed one was necessary). It was agreed that the Clerk would forward plans of the proposals to the Chair to determine whether or not a site visit was required. If that was the case then Cllr's Taffurelli and Hitchins confirmed that they would be willing to attend.</p>	Clerk
151/21	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>Whilst not chairing the meeting, Cllr Wassell wished to thank everyone for their support during his recent spell of ill health. He also confirmed that he had recently attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at St Edwards Church and was surprised that the church didn't have any toilets. It was highlighted to the church that the PC maybe able to assist with such in terms of grant applications which would help towards the overall costs.</p>	
152/21	<p>Setting of Budget/Precept 2022/23</p> <p>Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated to Cllrs a copy of the draft budget for 2022/23. The Cllrs then went through the budget line-by-line with the Clerk providing a commentary on each.</p> <p>In relation to Highways, a substantial increase was proposed to reflect the work undertaken by the Parish Lengthsman (which all Cllrs fully supported) whilst there was also an increase in the amount of funding allocated to the Shaugh Prior Community Fund to support events which are likely to take place in the Parish next year to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year. Finally, a specific sum was identified to support the Queens Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting Project.</p> <p>As a result of the draft budget a precept of £13,366.08 was required for 2022/23 which represented a 4% increase on last years' precept. This was considered reasonable in view of the extra funding being allocated to Highways and the Community Fund. It was also noted that this was the first increase in the level of precept in 2 years. It was proposed by Cllr Hitchins that the 4% increase be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Friendship and agreed by all Cllrs at the vote. On the basis of this, the Clerk confirmed that he would submit the necessary paperwork to SHDC.</p>	Clerk

153/21	<p>With regard to the Parish Lengthsman, Cllrs wished to go on record to thank John Widdicombe for all his hard work over the past year and Cllr Taffurelli mentioned he would include an article in the Parish Magazine.</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to the following correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Devon Countryside Access Forum seeking new members, the deadline for applications being 18th February 2022. • Invitation from DALC to the annual Autumn Budget Consultation Event with Cllr Hart on Weds 15th December 2021 (the meeting be held on-line through Zoom). • Email from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service regarding consultation on the draft Community Risk Management Plan. The survey can be completed on-line by visiting www.dsfire.gov.uk/community-risk-plan. The closing date for responses is Friday 14th January 2022. • Report from the last meeting of the Hemerdon Mine Liaison Meeting held on the 16th November 2021 and was attended by Cllr Taffurelli on behalf of the PC. The next meeting is due to take place in February 2022. 	
154/21	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 10th November 2021 there was £16,983.08 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>It was also confirmed by the Clerk that the treasurer of the Friends of Shaugh Prior School had now submitted the required paperwork (financial accounts) that should have accompanied their grant application approved at the November PC meeting. Cllrs Mrs Burkill confirmed that the Children's Party was no longer going ahead and instead an event was going to be held after Christmas.</p>	
155/21	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:</p> <p>£8.00 direct debit payment to EDF (Electricity for Wotter Defib) £18.00 cheque to DALC (part 4 of Being a Good Cllr Course attended by Cllr Pearce) £100.00 cheque to Scott Smy (final Clerks annual expenses payment) £450.00 cheque to Nick Wassell (annual Chairman's Allowance) £25.00 cheque to David Andrews (electricity supply for Wotter Xmas Tree Lights) £60.00 cheque to Colin Taffurelli (reimbursement for purchase of Xmas Trees and supports for Wotter and Shaugh Prior) £855.52 cheque to Scott Smy (3 month's Clerks wages) £213.80 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for Clerks wages)</p> <p>Receipts</p>	

<p>156/21</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted several local fencing companies for estimates for replacing the fencing around Lee Moor Play Area and those quotations were still awaited. He also confirmed that the recent play area inspection by SHDC had picked-up issues with the gate to the playing area not closing properly and had asked John Widdicombe to undertake a temporary repair.</p> <p>It was also noted that the damaged area of rubber matting at Wotter Play Area had been removed and replaced with topsoil and turf (thanks to the Chair).</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>157/21</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 2nd February 2022 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.10pm</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	