

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 6th October 2021****at Lee Moor Public Hall**

Present: Cllrs Taffurelli, Pearce, Mrs Tyler, Hitchins and Friendship

County Cllr Hart
District Cllr Spencer

6 Members of the public

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

Minute Number		Action
115/21	<p>Election of a Chair</p> <p>In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair the first order to business was to nominate a Chair for the meeting. Cllr Taffurelli confirmed he would be happy to act as Chair and this was proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Hitchins. This was agreed by all Cllrs.</p> <p>Open Forum</p> <p>Local resident Mr Clewer expressed thanks to the Clerk for writing to the EA on the issue of clarification on planning conditions relating to LFN at Hemerdon Mine. It was agreed some further clarification was required and the Clerk agreed to go back to the EA on this matter.</p> <p>With regard to the on-going issues of anti-social behaviour associated with the use of the B3417, Mr Clewer confirmed that the building at the Portworthy junction was in the ownership of Imerys and therefore could the request for a camera be submitted to them? It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries with Imerys on this matter.</p> <p>Cllr Hart gave an update on matters relating to the 3417. He confirmed that he had now met on-site with various parties including DCC Road Safety Officers and the Police (Sgt Ryan Canning). It was noted that</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>DCC will be funding the undertaking of a Stage 4 Safety Audit and the Police were going to arrange for one of their experienced high-speed motorcyclists to travel the road at speed in order to identify any particular issues explaining why there have been so many incidents involving motorcyclists. Improved signing was also discussed. It was also noted that there will be a temporary 10mph speed limit in operation whilst the works to replace the damaged cattlegrid are being undertaken. Cllr Hart also mentioned that he had been contacted by a member of the British Horse Society regarding the use of the bridleway alongside the new road.</p> <p>Anita West from Shaugh Prior village wished to raise concerns regarding the problem of traffic speeding through the village and how a reduction in the current speed limit (from 30 to 20 mph) was required. With the current lack of footways and a busy primary school, it was agreed by Cllrs that there was the case for a 20mph zone through Shaugh village. The Clerk read out a response received from DCC Highways dated March 2021 in relation to a previous request for such. The response from DCC confirmed that no new 20 mph zones would be permitted in Devon until a new pilot scheme had been delivered in Newton Abbot. Cllr Hart couldn't confirm if this scheme had commenced as yet and said he would get back to the Clerk on this matter. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Shaugh Prior Primary School to seek their support for a 20 mph zone and see if we could get Shaugh Prior added to a list of potential future 20 mph zones which is held by DCC.</p> <p>Julia Sanders made reference to a potential source of funding for highway signage called Vision Zero which is all about reducing accidents in the County. There was a total budget of £100k for community safety works. Julia confirmed that she would be happy to look into what we could use this funding for (possibly to highlight the need for safer driving in the rural lanes within the Parish). This kind offer from Julia was accepted by Cllrs. Julia also confirmed that she was willing to be the point of contact for the Parish in respect of improved broadband connectivity.</p> <p>Finally, Cllrs welcomed Alex Dawson from Tungsten West to the meeting. Alex confirmed that TW would now like to attend more PC meetings in order to provide updates on progress with regards to the re-opening of the mine. Applications for permits required from EA had recently been submitted and consultation on such ends on the 29th October 2021. An enquiry had also been submitted to DCC/SHDC regarding a potential increase in the number of HGV movements from a max to 50 per day to 300 per day (600 two-way movements) by 2026 as a result of exporting more secondary aggregate. Alex confirmed that various other studies were also taking place. Cllr Pearce raised some concerns with regards to the impact the extra HGV movements would have on Climate Change and whether or not the changes being sought would now result in the mine becoming more of a quarry use than a mine. There were also concerns regarding the restoration works if more aggregate was being exported? It was suggested that as a result of many parishioners not attending the PC meeting that perhaps TW could include a monthly update in the Parish Magazine?</p>	<p>Cllr Hart</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Julia Sanders</p>
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116/21	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins highlighted his on-going declaration regarding Minute 122/21 (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>	
117/21	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Whilst not so much of a report, Sgt Ryan Canning provided an email to the Clerk confirming that arranged the meeting on the B3417 with DCC Highways had now taken place and various measures were now going to be taken forward (as reported in the Open Forum above). Sgt Canning made reference to the fact that the use of cameras on buildings has been suggested. However, it was his view that the provision of such would not provide any benefit as it will not focus solely on traffic and would not be capable of speed detection.</p>	
118/21	<p>County and District Councillor Reports</p> <p>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>He wished to thank everyone for welcoming the cyclists on the Tour of Britain in September. It was a great success and very much put Devon on the map (with some of our sheep having a starring role)! It also resulted in many existing potholes being fixed on the route. It was highlighted that the financial benefits to the County far outweighed the costs associated with hosting the event.</p> <p>District Cllr Spencer provided Cllrs with a summary of his report which raised the following items/matters:</p> <p>Waste Collections – Problems with FCC continue with SHDC Executive Committee putting a back stop date of the end of 2021 for an improvement to the service after which they would look to exercise any available contractual rights. Brown bin waste collections have been suspended until the 14th October 2021 at the earliest. It was noted that the lack of drivers was a problem nation-wide. Barrie stressed it was still important for residents to record missed collections through the Report It function on the SHDC website. A specific site meeting has been set-up to discuss collection arrangements for several residents at Dartmoor Cottages next week.</p> <p>SHDC's Re-wilding Plans – There was been overwhelming local support for this initiative which seeks to increase biodiversity and wildlife value by at least 10%. A report will be heard at the Executive Meeting on the 14th October 2021. Measures would include relaxing grass cutting regimes as well as planting new areas of wildflowers.</p> <p>Better Lives for All – The Council has published a report on its' strategy for the next 20 years and was adopted by Full Council at the meeting on the 23rd September 2021. The report can be found here:</p>	

	<p>https://www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk/betterlivesforall</p> <p>Facebook – Barrie noted that several Cllrs weren't on his FB page. He reminded Cllrs and parishioners that this was the best place to get up-to-date information on SHDC matters so encouraged everyone to sign up to his page.</p> <p>Face to Face Meetings – Now that the legislation that allowed meetings to be held remotely has come to an end, the District Council is looking at ways to allow public meetings to once again take place safely. Some recent meetings have taken place in Tavistock due to the lack of facilities at Follaton House. It is the view of the District Council that a mixture of public and remote meetings would be the most effective model moving forward.</p> <p>Sustainable Community Locality Fund – Barrie reminded Cllrs of the £2,000 budget he has available to support local initiatives. The Clerk suggested that the PC may be seeking a grant towards new fencing works at Lee Moor Play Area. Barrie has agreed to support the Parish Magazine again this year with a grant.</p> <p>Climate Change Funding – In addition to the above, Barrie also has a further fund of £3,000 to support climate change and biodiversity initiatives. This is the amount for 2021/22 but if successful this could be extended into 2022/23.</p> <p>Barwood Development – Regular update meetings continue to take place with Planners, with things having gone quiet over the past few months. Transport still remains to be one of the main issues for the developer to address. Updated documents are still being prepared.</p> <p>Plymouth City Council – Consultation on Woolwell to the George Scheme – Barrie expressed his concern at the lack of consultation that had taken place on the proposed WTTG highway improvement scheme with those organisations outside the city boundary including our Parish Council. A meeting took place with PCC officers where they agreed that this had been an error on their part and would still accept feedback on the proposals but would not agree to the face-to-face meeting which had been talked about at the Woolwell Centre.</p> <p>Boundary Cllrs – As many issues have cross-boundary impacts, Barrie has set-up meetings with Cllrs in Plymouth which will take place in October.</p> <p>Broadband – Dialogue continuing with Connecting Devon and Somerset. Several meetings have taken place recently and it is hoped further progress can be made over the coming months.</p> <p>Devon Energy Collective – A meeting of the Steering Group for the proposed wind turbines on Lee Moor has been arranged for this coming Thursday. The Clerk stated he had not been made aware or invited to this on-line meeting. Barrie agreed to forward the invite to the Clerk and Cllrs.</p>	Cllr Spencer
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119/21	<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 Consultation on revising Dartmoor’s Byelaws – A six week consultation is underway on proposed changes to the byelaws which exist to protect Dartmoor National Park’s special qualities including wildlife, habitats, cultural heritage, archaeology and the livestock which grazes the commons. The consultation runs through until the 1st November 2021.</p> <p>Moor Otters sold at auction – The 81 otter sculptures which were in place as part of the Moor Otters Art Trail over the summer went under the hammer and raised £67,000 for Donate for Dartmoor.</p>	
120/21	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday the 1st September 2021</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler that the draft minutes of the September PC meeting were an accurate reflection of the meeting and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	
121/21	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/21(a)	<p>Highway Matters – WTTG Highway Improvements</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had responded to the PCC consultation on the proposed Woolwell to the George Highway improvement scheme on behalf of the PC. Cllrs raised concerns regarding the impacts of traffic rat-running through the Parish (in order to avoid queues on the A386 whilst the works were underway) and some assurances that no houses would be built and occupied at Woolwell until the improvements had been delivered.</p> <p>The PC are still waiting to hear back from Bickleigh PC on whether or not they support the suggestion put forward for a weight limit (max 7.5t) on the section of road between Bickleigh and Shaugh Prior. The Clerk confirmed that this will be discussed at the Bickleigh PC meeting on the 28th October 2021.</p> <p>It was agreed by Cllrs that the request for a 20 mph zone through Shaugh Prior village had been discussed in great detail during the Open Forum. It was agreed that the Clerk would secure support for such from Shaugh Prior Primary School and seek to get Shaugh Prior included on the list of sites held by DCC.</p>	Clerk
8/21(b)	<p>Newnham Solar Fund</p> <p>In Cllr Mrs Burkill’s absence there was no update (it had also been confirmed by Cllr Mrs Burkill in an email to the Clerk that no meeting had taken place in any case).</p>	
8/21(c)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p>	

	<p>Prior to the meeting a grant application requesting the sum of £200 had been received from Shaugh Prior Parish Magazine. The grant was required to help with the annual printing costs for supplying the Parish Magazine to all households in the Parish. No grant applications had been received this month. The Clerk confirmed that all necessary paperwork had been submitted (details of accounts etc). It was therefore proposed by Cllr Hitchins and seconded by Cllr Friendship that the request for a grant of £200 be approved and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	
10/21	<p>Wind Turbines on Lee Moor</p> <p>As mentioned above in the District Cllr Report, a first meeting of the Steering Group was due to take place on Thursday 2nd October 2021. The Clerk was not aware of the meeting and Cllr Spencer agreed to forward the invite to the on-line meeting to the Clerk and Cllrs. It was agreed that the Clerk would email Teresa Godfrey asking her to keep him and the PC updated on developments relating to this.</p>	Clerk
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 Clerk confirmed that there had been no further progress on this matter. The issue for the PC to consider was to either allow the group to continue as existing (if there is the interest for such from parishioners) or alternatively to bring this back within the PC as a sub-group/committee.</p>	
95/21	<p>Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tree Planting</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned he had emailed Peter Davies (Parish Tree Warden) requesting advice relating to tree types, size, protection measures, costs etc but was still to receive a response. It was agreed that the Clerk would chase this matter up with Peter.</p>	
122/21	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk referred to the following planning applications:</p> <p>PRE/1523/2021 – Scoping Opinion, Hemerdon Mine This application relates to increasing HGV movements from a maximum of 50 per day (current permission) to a total of 300 as a result of the export of secondary aggregate from the mine. It was highlighted by the Clerk that the 300 movements relate to export movements only and therefore the actual increase would be 600 two-way HGV trips. Cllrs raised concerns over the impact of these extra movements on road safety and air quality. Whilst most movements will be back towards Plymouth this could not be guaranteed. It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a draft response to be circulated to Cllrs.</p>	Clerk

	<p>DCC/4264/2021 – Tip T2, Lee Moor China Clay Works This application relates to the re-profiling of the mined area in order to again allow the export of secondary aggregate. This proposal resulted in an extra 8 HGV movements per hour throughout the course of the day. It was noted that much of the acceptability of this proposal was based upon the Tungsten Mine currently being out of operation (creating extra capacity on the local road network for HGV movements). Cllrs were concerned with such an approach in view of the Tungsten Mine about to become operational again. Cllr Pearce also raised concerns about the safety of the road network within the vicinity of Herreschoff Kilns and how some people walk along this road to work. There was also a concern about dust relating to the secondary aggregate and how lorries needed to be properly sheeted. It was agreed that the Clerk would produce a draft response to be circulated to Cllrs prior to the deadline.</p> <p>3195/21/FUL – Two Timber Stable Buildings, Bickleigh Vale Whilst Cllrs did not wish to raise any concerns in respect of this proposal, it was suggested that the Clerk should question whether or not planning permission exists for the existing buildings on the site.</p>	Clerk
123/21	<p>Chairman’s Business</p> <p>In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair there was no business to discuss.</p>	
124/21	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to the following correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from EA highlighting the fact that Tungsten West had now submitted the applications for the permits they require to be in place in order to commence mining at Hemerdon Mine. The Clerk confirmed that this had been circulated to Cllrs and the deadline for response was the 29th October 2021. Concerns regarding Low Frequency Noise, Noise and Dust remaining outstanding. The Clerk agreed to prepare a draft response on this basis which would be circulated to Cllrs. • Email from SHDC regarding an updated play area inspection report reiterating the need to replace the end cap on the roundabout at Wotter Play Area. The Clerk confirmed that the replacement part had been ordered from Sutcliffe Play and he would fit it once it arrived. • The Clerk read out an email received from the Beacon Medical Practice regarding the decision not to allow flu jabs to take place at Wotter Surgery. The practice confirmed that moving forward flu jabs would only be offered at either Plympton or Ivybridge practices due to only being able to accommodate a certain number of patients within the waiting area at any one time (as a result of Covid). This year saw unprecedented demand for flu jabs resulting in all appointments at Plympton being booked very quickly. However, if patients are classified as house-bound then a home visit will be offered. The lack of car parking at Ivybridge 	Clerk

125/21	<p>practice was also acknowledged.</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 26th September 2021 there was £18,830.94 in the Treasurers Account. This included the second annual precept payment from SHDC.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to EDF Energy regarding the current direct debit payment for electricity costs for Wotter Defib. It transpired that we were on a business account which meant the direct debit payments were higher than they should have been. The new revised direct debit payment will now be £8 per month. It was proposed by Cllr Taffurelli and seconded by Cllr Hitchins that the new direct debit arrangement be approved and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	
126/21	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:</p> <p>£252.00 direct debit payment to SHDC (Annual insurance and inspections of Lee Moor Play Area) £252.00 direct debit payment to SHDC (Annual insurance and inspections for Wotter Play Area) £23.59 cheque to Scott Smy (Reimbursement of postage and office sundries) £855.52 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages) £213.80 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months Clerks wages) £156.00 cheque to J and MJ Widdicombe (Parish Lengthsman drainage clearance works) £200.00 cheque to Shaugh Prior Parish News (Grant payment for 2021/22) £20.00 direct debit payment to EDF (Electricity costs for Wotter defib)</p> <p>Receipts</p> <p>£215.55 transfer from EDF Energy (overpayment of electricity fees for Wotter defib)</p>	
127/21	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The missing part for the roundabout at Wotter Play Area had been ordered and the Clerk was awaiting receipt. As soon as it arrives, he will arrange to fit it.</p> <p>In relation to obtaining quotations for replacing the fencing around Lee Moor Play Area, contact had been made with several providers and quotations were awaited. It was agreed to obtain 3 quotes for these works.</p>	
128/21	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of Shaugh Prior Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at</p>	

	<p>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>	
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