

**MINUTES**

of

**SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL****Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022****at Lee Moor Public Hall**

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

District Cllr Spencer

2 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Hart  
Cllr Smerdon  
Cllr Hitchins  
Sgt Ryan Canning

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02/22	<p>Whilst Cllr Wassell was present, it was agreed that the Vice-Chair Cllr Stone would Chair the meeting.</p> <p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Mr Clewer spoke with regard to the on-going issues in relation to the B3417 and the lack of progress in addressing the on-going issues. It was noted that a meeting took place on site on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 between Cllr Hart, a representative from the British Horse Society and an elected member on the board of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Concerns were raised by those persons at the meeting regarding the safety of the use of the bridleway and how it would be difficult to use even for experienced horse riders and how the situation could be improved by diverting the bridleway through Tungsten West land and away from the B3417. Mr Clewer also raised concerns with the damage being caused by HGV's parking within the informal layby area close to the cattle grid and how parked HGV's were forcing anyone using the bridleway out into the road.</p> <p>As a result of the concerns raised it was agreed by Cllrs that the Clerk would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write to Cllr Hart asking for an update on matters relating to the B3417 and feedback on the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	

	<p>December 2021;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlight concerns to DCC Highways regarding the issues associated with HGV's parking within the layby area adjacent to the B3417 near the cattle grid;</li> <li>• Email Sgt Ryan Canning requesting a copy of the report of the accident which occurred at the end of August 2021 involving a motorcyclist.</li> </ul> <p>It was also noted that surveying was taking place on the B3417 and the question was asked if road widening was due to take place as a result of the HGV uplift being proposed by TW. The Clerk confirmed he was not aware of any future plans to widen the road but this would be confirmed once the Section 73 planning application for Hemerdon Mine had been received.</p> <p>On another matter Mr Clewer also raised issues with regard to a recent incident of fly tipping. Julia Sanders confirmed that she was also aware of the incident which had been reported to SHDC several weeks earlier. The incident was noted by Cllr Barrie Spencer who agreed to look into this incident and report back.</p> <p>Following the success in securing funding for signage from Vision Zero, Julia Sanders reported that she was looking into the installation of some speed activated signs at Shaugh Prior and whilst the grant of £2000 received didn't quite cover the full cost, it was hoped that DCC Highways (James Anstey) might be able to cover the small difference in cost.</p> <p>In relation to improved broadband in the Parish, there was no further update, with Sky and BT still looking into rolling out an improvement in the local area.</p> <p>The Fire Fogger (which had been purchased thanks to a financial donation from Aggregate Industries) had now been handed over to the Commoners Association and a press article had been produced which Julia agreed to forward to Cllr Pearce. It was also noted that Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall now has a new website up and running where bookings etc can be made on-line.</p>	Clerk
03/22	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None were declared.</p>	
04/22	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>In his absence the Clerk read out a report provided by Sgt Ryan Canning: I have reviewed the Logs and Crime reports for the Parish from the 1<sup>st</sup> December until this morning. In all there were 13 incidents reported, of note;</p> <p>There were some minor RTCs, no serious injuries. There was also a report of a pony being struck by a vehicle at Cadover Bridge. The driver reported the matter to the Police and Livestock Protection Officer. The Pony had run off and didn't appear to be seriously injured.</p>	Julia Sanders

05/22	<p>There were 2 Logs for the B3417 - One report of motorbikes racing and another of cars doing 'doughnuts'. I am acutely aware of the issues on this stretch of road and that as we move towards the warmer weather, reports are likely to increase. At this time I am still awaiting the result of the Stage 4 Review / Audit being conducted by DCC.</p> <p>Two reports of off-road Bikes on the moor within the Parish, alongside a further report from the Cornwood area. Although much better than it was, we are still experiencing some off roading. As always, if I'm supplied with a vehicle registration (Bike or transport / van) Then I will follow up.</p> <p>Lastly, a thank you to Julia and the wider Parish members. You will recall a recent significant search effort centred around Cadover Bridge which sadly resulted in the discovery of a body in woodland opposite to the Dewerstone Rock. During the search, Julia made contact and offered support including the use of off-road vehicles. Although we did not require them at that time, it was a thoughtful offer and one to be borne in mind should we require assistance in the future. Thank you</p> <p><b>County and District Councillor Reports</b></p> <p>Whilst he was not able to attend the meeting Cllr Hart provided the following report which was read out by the Clerk:</p> <p>Whilst DCC are yet to hear from Central Government on the final settlement figure, it is likely that Council Tax will increase by 2.99% for the coming year. This increase is required for services that support the young, old and vulnerable. Budgets for Children's Services will increase by £17.1m whilst for Adult Care it will increase by 10% (£29.6m). This has been one of the most difficult budgets to set and £23m has been taken out of the Council's reserves in order to balance the books. I noted that the new cattle grid has been installed on Lee Moor Road and have been assured it is strong enough to cope with the high volumes of HGV movements.</p> <p>With regard to District Council matters, Cllr Spencer gave a detailed report which was as follows:</p> <p>Waste Collection Arrangements – Discussions continue with FCC. Performance of FCC has improved over the past few weeks due to less staff absences as a result of Covid. It is hoped that the garden waste collection service will resume sometime in March (although this is a complicated issue to resolve). Cllr Pearce suggested some guidance to residents may be helpful when the service resumes. This was noted by Cllr Spencer.</p> <p>Broadband Update – SHDC have employed a specialist to assist with such. The idea of the role is to assist businesses and residents in relation to securing improved broadband connectivity through a variety of means. Julia Sanders, Philip Palmer, Chris Christianson and Edward Hannaford are the nominated broadband champions for the Parish.</p> <p>Yelverton to Roborough Cycle Path – I recently attended a meeting between DCC and WDBC to discussion an extension to the Drakes</p>	
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06/22	<p>Trail Cycle Path so that it ceases at Roborough rather than Clearbrook (where the current route ends). Two options (one direct and one across country) are being considered and discussions will now take place with landowners, DNPA etc.</p> <p>Clayworks Wind Farm Discussion – Whilst this item is included on the agenda, I attended the last meeting of the working group on the 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 and unfortunately it wasn't very helpful in reaching a conclusion.</p> <p>Executive Meeting – SHDC have purchased a house in Sherford to home homeless people and it is hoped more will be purchased by the end of March 2022. Council Tax – A proposed increase of £5 per year for 2022/23 (2.85% increase). There is lots of uncertainty about future funding and a proposed budget deficit of £1.2m by the end of 2025. This will be decided at the next Full Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022.</p> <p>Community Composting Scheme - £200k has been set aside for 2022/23 to set up a new scheme or for improvements to existing such schemes.</p> <p>Barwood Development – Meetings continue with Planners and the Urban Fringe Team in relation to the Woolwell Urban Extension.</p> <p>Enhancing Biodiversity on Council Green Spaces – Whilst it is noted that this would not impact upon this Parish, SHDC are consulting on the future management of Council-owned green spaces.</p> <p>Assets of Community Value – It is noted that this item is on the agenda for discussion. I have indicated my support to the application made to list the White Thorn as an Asset of Community Value.</p> <p><b>DPNA Report</b></p> <p>In his absence Cllr Smerdon provided a report to the Clerk which included the following:</p> <p><b>Government publishes its proposals for a National Landscapes Strategy</b></p> <p>The Government's response is both a statement of what they will do/intend to do and a consultation on proposals that require changes to primary legislation.</p> <p>The key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthened AONBs – this is a key theme in the response. AONBs have received a 15% increase in funding for 2021/22, they are to be 'renamed' as 'National Landscapes'.</li> <li>2. National Landscapes Partnership – non-statutory partnership involving National Parks England, National Association of AONBs, Natural England and others. Focusing on generating additional income through green finance and championing national landscapes.</li> <li>3. Amended purposes for National Parks – a focus on nature recovery and access for all. The duty to have regard to socio-economic well-being of our local communities will not become</li> </ol>	
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07/22	<p>a purpose.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. A National Landscapes Strategy and outcome framework.</li> <li>5. Consultation on new powers of enforcement for National Parks – powers to potentially issue fixed penalty notices, make Public Space Protection Orders.</li> <li>6. Planning reform – commitment to ‘consider the special role of protected landscapes’ in the reform of the planning system and strengthened role for AONBs</li> <li>7. Local governance – consultation on independent chairs for NPAs, performance standards, reduced board size and improved diversity with ‘merit-based’ appointments/nominations</li> <li>8. General power of competency for NPAs, strengthened Management Plans and clearer role for other public bodies</li> <li>9. Sustainable financing – a focus on green finance and commercial sponsorship which is described as a missed opportunity.</li> </ol> <p>If you wind the clock back 12 months we were facing an uncertain future – The Secretary of State was keen on merging all National Park Authorities and AONBs into a single central National Landscapes Service. Given this context the Government’s response is positive – we are to remain as independent authorities and retain the full range of services/roles that we currently perform.</p> <p><b>Farming in Protected Landscapes</b> The Governments Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme (FIPL) has now been running for six months. Each protected landscape in England has received a ring-fenced financial allocation of money. The majority of this money is to be spent on grants to farmers, landowners and other eligible applicants. The financial allocation for 2021/22 has to be spent within the financial year.</p> <p><b>Introduction of Body-Worn Cameras</b> At the Authority meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb Members will be asked to consider approving the introduction of body-worn cameras for use by Authority staff, principally the Ranger Team, for a trial period of time. (max 2 years). This proposal has been introduced following the problems encountered with members of the public over the last two years, particularly during the lockdown of 2020.</p> <p><b>Community Protection Notices</b> Also at the Authority meeting Members will be considering a recommendation that DNP staff will work in partnership with our constituent Local Authorities (Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon) to better tackle anti-social behaviour within the National Park.</p> <p><b>Byelaws Review</b> Consideration of the 3000+ responses submitted to the review is ongoing, and how we proceed will be decided over the next few months.</p> <p><b>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1st December 2021</b></p>	
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<p>08/22</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>(d)</p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Taffurelli that the draft minutes of the December PC meeting were an accurate reflection of the meeting and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Highway Matters – Shaugh Prior Signage and '20 is Plenty'</b></p> <p>The Clerk referred to the email he had recently forwarded to Cllrs regarding the '20 is Plenty' initiative which seeks the implementation of 20 mph zones through many towns and villages in the County and how PC's are being asked to sign-up to this initiative. Following some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Burkill and seconded by Cllr Mrs Proctor that the Parish Council agree to back this initiative and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p> <p>As mentioned in the Open Forum, Julia Sanders is looking at the provision of flashing 20 signs for Shaugh Prior village from the Vision Zero funding received and was currently hopeful that the current shortfall of £786.40 could be met by DCC. Cllrs confirmed that they were happy to address the shortfall from PC funds if necessary.</p> <p>Several highway matters were raised with the Clerk including the re-painting of the white lines on the main road through Wotter and the surface of the roads near Bickleigh Bridge and Herreschoff Kilns. The Clerk agreed to raise these issues with DCC Highways.</p> <p><b>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that no applications for funding had been received during the past month.</p> <p>The Clerk asked if there had been any update on the funding provided for the Children's Xmas Party that didn't go ahead. Cllr Mrs Burkill had heard that an event at Easter was being planned. It was agreed that the Clerk would send an email to the Friends of Shaugh Prior School for an update.</p> <p><b>Wind Turbines on Lee Moor</b></p> <p>It was agreed by those that attended that the last meeting of the Steering Group held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 was particularly unproductive and many concerns/issues remain unanswered. It has now been suggested that a design workshop be arranged in one of the halls (likely to be Lee Moor) which will allow a greater number of people to attend and allow a debate/discussion to take place which looks at all forms of renewable energy production. It is hoped that a greater number of residents will attend as to date, the number of people from the local community involved in the project has been quite poor. Further updates will be reported once dates have been received for the design workshop.</p> <p><b>Tribute to Cllr Malcolm Norman</b></p> <p>There was no further update on this item.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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(e)	<p><b>Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group</b></p> <p>As requested at the last meeting, the Clerk had sent out an email to all those who attended the first meeting of the group (Feb 2020 prior to lockdown) asking if they wanted to continue to be involved with the group and to date had only received 4 positive responses. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a reminder and arrange a date for another meeting of the group in any case (which is likely to be sometime in April). It was suggested that this could be included within the Parish Magazine.</p>	Clerk
(f)	<p><b>Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tree Planting and Beacon Lighting</b></p> <p>The bid of £850 for helping fund the project had now been sent to SHDC's Climate Change and Biodiversity Locality Fund and a decision was awaited. It was noted that SHDC had raised some questions/issues about the future maintenance of trees planted in private areas which Cllr Pearce responded to. Cllr Spencer agreed to take this back to SHDC. It was likely that the tree planting would be arranged for October/November 2022. Cllr Mrs Burkill made reference to correspondence she had received on tree planting which she forwarded to Cllr Pearce for review.</p> <p>A total of 1500 beacons are being lit across the UK as part of the celebrations. Cllr Mrs Proctor confirmed that Shaugh were keen to be included and would report back with a list of potential events at the March PC meeting. It was highlighted that any events being held would require additional insurance cover and applications to cover the costs of such could be submitted to the community fund.</p>	
(g)	<p><b>White Thorn – Application to List as an Asset of Community Value</b></p> <p>The Clerk referred to recent correspondence he had received from Cllr Spencer regarding an application submitted by Mr Blonden of Shaugh Prior potentially listing the White Thorn as an Asset of Community Value. Cllrs were surprised that Mr Blonden had not raised this matter with the PC prior to submitting the application so that the PC were aware and could provide their support to the application. The Clerk highlighted that the application was accompanied by a signed petition but he had not received this from the District Council. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Blonden and ask him to attend the March PC meeting so he can provide some background application. The general view of Cllrs was one of support without prejudice.</p>	Clerk
09/22	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>App No DCC/4264/2021 – Tip T2 Restoration Works. The Clerk confirmed that permission for these works had now been granted by DCC with various conditions relating to noise, air quality, dust and transport (with all HGV movements having to take place via the B3417).</p> <p>App No DCC/3823/2015 – The Clerk made reference to a letter</p>	

	<p>received from DCC sent to TW providing temporary permission for an uplift in HGV movements (associated with the export of aggregate) for a further 6 months until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This temporary permission was on the basis of TW adhering to the agreed uplift numbers through the previous 6 months (which they did do apart from a few isolated incidents). A Section 73 planning application for the permanent uplift in HGV movements is expected within the next 2-3 months.</p> <p>App No 0691/21 – Shaugh Cottage. Permission granted with conditions attached.</p> <p>App No 0661/21 – Rondmoor Lodge. Permission granted with conditions attached.</p>	
10/22	<p>DNP Local Plan on-line training event will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 with details having been sent to all Cllrs. This event would be particularly helpful to those Cllrs who are involved in making decisions on planning applications.</p> <p><b>Chairman’s Business</b></p>	
11/22	<p>There was no business from the Vice-Chair.</p> <p><b>Reports from Committees</b></p>	
12/22	<p>The Clerk reported that as things were now generally opening up and more public facing meetings were taking, it was prudent to get this on-going item back on the PC agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill reported that she was due to attend the next DNPA Forum Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 but was looking for someone else to attend in case she couldn’t make the meeting. Cllrs Stone and Proctor agreed they could both attend if necessary. The Clerk agreed to check with DNPA on whether there would be restrictions on numbers that can attend.</p> <p><b>Review of Risk Assessment Management for 2022</b></p>	Clerk
13/22	<p>Prior to the meeting the updated Risk Assessment Management document was forwarded to all Cllrs. The Clerk confirmed that the only change to the document was in relation to the procedure for setting the annual budget during the December PC meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Taffurelli and seconded by Cllr Pearce that the PC approve the updated Risk Assessment Management and this was approved by all Cllrs.</p> <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Clerk made reference to the following correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email from DALC (monthly newsletter)</li> <li>• Email update from NALC</li> <li>• Email invitation from DNPA regarding on-line Local Plan Training Session</li> </ul>	
14/22	<p><b>Finance</b></p>	



<p>15/22</p>	<p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 there was £14,414.30 in the Treasurers Account. This included a VAT Return of £755.00.</p> <p>The Clerk also confirmed that he was in the process of obtaining all of the information required for the Annual Internal Audit which will once again be organised remotely. This will generate additional work for the Clerk and it was agreed that he would keep a record of extra hours worked.</p> <p><b>Payments and Receipts</b></p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:</p> <p>£8.00 direct debit payment to EDF (Electricity for Wotter Defib)          £100.80 cheque to Scott Smy (annual mileage expenses)          £60.00 cheque to Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall (hall bookings 2021)          £79.20 cheque to Lee Moor Public Hall (reimbursement for installation of security light at Lee Moor Hall)</p> <p>Receipts          £755.00 payment from HMRC (VAT Return)          £14.54 payment from EDF Energy</p>	
<p>16/22</p>	<p><b>Works and Maintenance</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that whilst he had received some estimates for replacing the fencing around Lee Moor Play Area, he was still awaiting several more and hoped to have these by the March PC meeting.</p>	
<p>17/22</p>	<p><b>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of Shaugh Prior Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.15pm</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date: .....</p>	