

**MINUTES**

of

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

Present: Cllrs Stone, Taffurelli, Hitchins, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Proctor and Mrs Burkill.

6 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Wassell, Pearce and Friendship  
County Cllr Hart  
District Cllr Spencer  
Sgt Ryan Canning

Minute Number		Action
18/22	<p>In the absence of the Chair Cllr Wassell, the Vice-Chair Cllr Stone chaired the meeting.</p> <p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Following a request to attend which was made at the February PC meeting, Mr Blonden gave a detailed update to the Parish Council on the application for the White Thorn to continue to be listed as an Asset of Community Value. Mr Blonden confirmed that there were a number of parishioners that supported the initiative and that the White Thorn had already been listed as an Asset of Community Value with the District Council and that they were now seeking to increase the time period by a further 2 years. Following the presentation by Mr Blonden all Cllrs agreed that they were in favour of this proposal to seek a further 2-year extension and Mr Blonden agreed to let the PC know the final outcome of the process once a decision was made.</p> <p>Mr Clewer raised on-going concerns with regard to the lack of any progress on addressing the speeding issues on the B3417. He highlighted that it had been 10 months since the questions over the safety of the use of the bridleway had been raised but there still hadn't been a substantive response to the issues from DCC. It was noted that providing a fence between the bridleway and the B3417 would not improve the safety aspect and instead the safest option would be to divert it away from the road through TW land. The Clerk confirmed</p>	

	<p>that he had requested the report for the accident that had involved a motorcyclist in late August 2021 but the view expressed by Sgt Canning was that this would not provide anything in addition to what we already know (that being motorcyclists are riding along the road at excessive speeds). It was agreed that the Clerk would once again email Cllr Hart on this matter. It was also suggested that Mr Clewer might want to consider going to the local press in order to raise the issue and gain some traction in getting something done by DCC Highways?</p> <p>On another matter Mr Clewer wished to thank both Cllr Spencer and the Clerk for their efforts in getting the reported fly tipped rubbish cleared.</p> <p>Alex Dawson from TW gave a brief update on matters relating to the Tungsten Mine. He confirmed that project finance of up to £68m had been secured for re-starting the mine and there were now up to 80 employees working at the mine. Within the next year this number will increase to 250. Mining operations are expected to commence in early 2023 and so far there had been no injuries reported and just two complaints recorded. Behind the scenes work is taking place to gather all of the necessary information to discharge existing planning conditions whilst the EA have requested further information in relation to the Environmental Permit applications. Alex wished to invite all Cllrs and members of the public to the two consultation events taking place on Weds 9<sup>th</sup> March (at Sparkwell Parish Hall) and at Colebrook Community Centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in relation to the uplift in HGV movements associated with the export of secondary aggregate material from the mine (with a Section 73 application due to be submitted in the coming months). Both events start at 2pm and will go on until 7pm. Alex confirmed that recent surveying that had taken place was in relation to the potential widening of Lee Moor Road which gave rise to concerns from Cllrs and parishioners regarding the potential for even more problems relating to motorcyclists using the B3417. Cllr Taffurelli wished to thank Alex for his recent article that had been included in the parish magazine.</p>	Clerk
19/22	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllr Hitchins wished to raise his on-going declaration in relation to Planning (Minute 25/22) and any potential discussion on the planning application at Woolwell. He also wished to confirm that he has no connection to Barwood who are the applicant for the Woolwell planning application.</p>	
20/22	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>In his absence the Clerk read out a report provided by Sgt Ryan Canning which revealed there had been no crimes in the parish during the past month. With regard to logs, the Dartmoor Rescue Group were mobilised on the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to find a lost camper due to worsening weather conditions. It was also noted by Sgt Canning that off-road bikers seem to be creeping back and therefore please keep your eyes out for such and take note of any registrations (which can then be used for follow-up action).</p>	

21/22	<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>Nick Colton is now looking to put up the speed signs on the B3417 shortly. Have followed up my conversation with TW about the possible move of the bridleway and the creation of a permissive path with a letter. Have warned the County Solicitor of the concerns expressed at this Parish Council meeting of the safety of horses on the Bridleway and copied in the County Safety Officer. They are both checking the history of the design including why the fence and large boulders were rejected. Have also raised the question of the Stage 4 Road Safety Audit. I do not have the answer to the use of the bottom end of the Bridleway as a lorry park but have asked if this could be looked at.</p> <p>The surveying of the road is I believe to look at possibly removing an existing pinch-point. A new stronger cattlegrid has been installed. May be able to find some funding to help with the flashing 20 mph signs if that helps? County budget was as I predicted last month, a 2.99% increase (roughly £45 per year).</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that District Cllr Spencer was unable to attend the meeting having recently broken a bone in his foot. Cllrs were concerned to hear this news and wished Cllr Spencer a speedy recovery. In his absence there was no report.</p>	
22/22	<p><b>DPNA Report</b></p> <p>In the absence Cllr Smerdon there was no DNPA Report.</p>	
23/22	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022</b></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Proctor and seconded by Cllr Mrs Burkill that the draft minutes of the February PC meeting were an accurate reflection of the meeting and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	
24/22	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
8/22(a)	<p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <p>The Clerk made reference to emails that had been received from Cllrs regarding various locations of flooding incidents in the Parish. He had therefore agreed for the Parish Lengthsman to visit the Parish the following day to address those areas of flooding that had been reported to him.</p> <p>The problems with the parking of HGV's on the B3417 (blocking access to the existing bridleway) had been raised with DCC Highways and noted by Cllr Hart in his report. The Clerk agreed to chase up a response from DCC on this matter. It was agreed that HGV's were causing a significant amount of damage to the verge and depositing lots of mud on the highway.</p>	Clerk

<p>8/22(b)</p> <p>8/22(c)</p> <p>8/22(d)</p> <p>8/22(e)</p> <p>8/22(f)</p>	<p>Cllr Mrs Tyler referred to a recent email she had received from Gary Streeter MP regarding concerns over HGV's using the road over Cadover bridge between Beatland Cross and Yelverton. It was noted that this is a designated HGV route and preventing vehicles from using this route would add to the number of HGV movements taking place through Plympton (and would add to air quality concerns). It was noted that the Mr Streeter MP was going to raise this matter with DCC and DNPA to see if a solution could be found.</p> <p>Following her success in securing funding from Vision Zero, Julia Sanders confirmed that whilst most of the grant funding for the flashing 20 mph sign had been secured, there may be a shortfall and enquired if this was something that might be addressed by the PC? Cllrs agreed that this could be something the PC could consider.</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>In view of the shocking events taking place in Ukraine the Clerk suggested that the PC might want to consider making a donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee? It was proposed by Cllr Taffurelli and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler that a £100 donation be made and this was agreed by all Cllrs. The Clerk agreed to make the payment on-line and recover costs from the PC.</p> <p><b>Wind Turbines on Lee Moor</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting of the steering group which took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 had been received by the Clerk and circulated to Cllrs. No date has been set as yet for the renewable energy workshop, the requirement for which was raised at the last meeting.</p> <p><b>Tribute to Cllr Malcolm Norman</b></p> <p>There was no further update on this item.</p> <p><b>Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that a meeting of the SPCCCEG had been set-up for the evening of Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at Shaugh Prior Hall starting at 7.30pm. Details of the meeting had been circulated to all of those who had attended the first meeting back in February 2020 and it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate an agenda for the meeting nearer the time (along with the minutes of the last meeting).</p> <p><b>Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tree Planting and Beacon Lighting</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Proctor confirmed that Jubilee Hall Committee at Shaugh Prior had met earlier that day and they were currently in the process of formalising plans for the Jubilee Celebrations. Therefore, a further</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>update will be provided at the PC meeting in April. Cllr Pearce confirmed that there was no further update on her funding application to SHDC and therefore was unable to say much more about the Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting Project.</p> <p>It was noted that due to events taking place across the Platinum Jubilee weekend in all of the villages that a leaflet be produced showing what events were taking place at which locations on which days. This could then be included within the Parish Magazine. The Clerk agreed to raise this issue with Tommy Bryans at Lee Moor Hall so a comprehensive list of events could be included in a leaflet.</p> <p>It was suggested that the PC may want to consider purchasing commemorative mugs for all of the children in the Parish? It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Vicky Dann the PTA Chair at Shaugh Prior Primary School. It was noted an event was planned at the school on the 20<sup>th</sup> May and that might be a good time to present any mugs. It was highlighted by the Clerk that we needed to find out the total number of children within the Parish as some were likely to go to other schools.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
8/22(g)	<p><b>White Thorn – Application to List as an Asset of Community Value</b></p> <p>It was agreed by Cllrs that this item had been discussed during the Open Forum and no further discussion was necessary.</p>	
25/22	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>The Clerk reiterated the point made during the Open Forum for members of the public and Cllrs alike to attend the consultation events taking place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March regarding the Section 73 application due to be submitted for the Tungsten Mine relating to a uplift in HGV movements associated with the transportation of secondary aggregate.</p> <p>There was no further planning business to discuss.</p>	
26/22	<p><b>Chairman’s Business</b></p> <p>There was no business from the Vice-Chair apart from apologising for the Chair’s absence.</p>	
27/22	<p><b>Reports from Committees – DNPA Forum Meeting</b></p> <p>Cllrs Mrs Burkill gave feedback on the recent DNPA Forum meeting she attended on behalf of the PC. Much of the discussion focussed on changes to the DNP Local Plan (for which there had been recent on-line training events) and the response of the Authority to the Government White Paper on Managing Landscapes. Many of the comments raised in the meeting were recorded and will be included within the response being prepared by DNPA to the consultation. Cllrs Mrs Burkill agreed to send the summary document to the Clerk for circulation once she had received it. It was also noted that there was no discussion on the changes to Dartmoor Byelaws as the responses</p>	

28/22	<p>received by DNPA following the public consultation were still being considered.</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 from IAC Audit and Consultancy with attached engagement letter for internal audit.</li> <li>• Email from Teresa Godfrey of SDCE along with the minutes of Steering Group Meeting 3.</li> <li>• Email from Alex Dawson of TW inviting Cllrs and parishioners to the consultation event for the proposed Section 73 planning application for Hemerdon Mine.</li> </ul>	
29/22	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 there was £14,220.50.30 in the Treasurers Account.</p>	
30/22	<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)        £84.00 cheque to J and MJ Widdicombe (Parish Lengthsman)        £108.00 cheque to WesternWeb Ltd (annual renewal of web space)        £7.00 cheque to I&amp;DALC (annual renewal subscription)        £100.00 cheque to Scott Smy (reimbursement for donation to DEC)</p> <p>Receipts None</p>	
31/22	<p><b>Works and Maintenance</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had now received 3 quotations for the undertaking of the works to replace the fencing around Lee Moor Play Area (which had been raised as a safety defect by SHDC). Following consideration of each of the quotations by Cllrs, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Proctor and seconded by Cllr Hitchins that the PC accept the quotation from John Vanstone which came to £5,983.00 (inc VAT). This was agreed by all Cllrs. It was also agreed that, if possible, the replacement fencing should have the green chain link fencing.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would check timescales with Mr Vanstone as ideally we would want the works completed prior to the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. In order to assist with the costs, it was agreed that the Clerk would make an application to the Newnham Solar Fund for a grant application of £2,500. In addition, he would also contact Cllr Hart to see if he was able to support the project through his Locality Fund.</p>	Clerk

32/22	<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 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.55pm</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date: .....</p>	
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