MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting

Held on

Wednesday 6th July 2022

at

Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Wassell

Cllrs Stone, Hitchins, Taffurelli, Mrs Burkill, Mrs Proctor and Mrs

Tyler

District Cllr Spencer

2 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Hart

Sgt Ryan Canning

Angie Spencer (Tungsten West)

	Action
Open Forum	
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of vehicles emerging from the Portworthy junction onto the B3417 due to the speed of traffic using the road. Mr Clewer made reference to the works proposed by TW as part of their Section 73 planning application to widen some sections of the B3417 which could exacerbate the existing problems and if part of these works, the speed limit of the road could be lowered to 40mph? Cllrs agreed that this should be given some consideration and included in the response to the planning application once it has been formally submitted.

As neither Angie West nor Alex Dawson from TW were able to attend the meeting, there was no monthly update on the Tungsten Mine.

87/22 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hitchins wished to declare his long-standing declaration regarding the Woolwell planning application (Min Ref 93/22) and agreed to take no part in any discussion on this matter.

88/22 Police Report

In his absence the Clerk read out a brief report received from of Sgt Ryan Canning:

On the 18th June Sgt Canning and PC Tim Wills conducted some engagement around the Parish at Cadover (moving onto Burrator) as a result of dog attacks on livestock in the area (which has seen a significant rise in the past 12 months).

A serious collision involving a single vehicle took place on the B3417 at 21.40 on the 17th June 2022 involving a BMW car, with the vehicle leaving the road and rolling several times. Although the vehicle was totally destroyed, miraculously nobody require hospital treatment. The driver stated he was travelling at 65mph although officers at the scene believe the speed was likely to be higher than this. As this accident involved a single vehicle with only minor injuries, there will be no prosecution and the driver will be offered a Driver Rectification Course. I have been informed by the Roads Policing Unit that the B3417 is now classified as a 'High Harm Route' and therefore resources are concentrated into this area.

Incident Reports:

14th June – Report of a male drinking wine at Cadover and then driving. Units deployed but unable to find vehicle.

18th June – Report of a large fight at licensed music event. Officers attended but group had left prior to arrival.

20th June – Missing female at Cadover. Found safe and well.

25th June – Report of dangerous driving involving a motorcycle and car racing in the Cadover area. No registration details passed.

89/22 County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr Hart provided the Clerk with a brief report prior to the meeting. John confirmed that the PC had received a response from James Anstee from DCC on changing the speed limit on the B3417 and that

instructions had been given to paint the new road markings. In relation to the parking of HGV's blocking access to the bridleway on the B3417, this has now been taken-up by Sue Penaluna.

In respect of the District Cllr's Report, Cllr Spencer started with the ongoing issues regarding waste collections (or lack of in some cases). He mentioned legal documents had now been exchanged between FCC and SHDC and an announcement was due to be made at this week's SHDC Executive Meeting on the future of the service. It was noted that many people had not received a green waste collection for a number of weeks now.

The planning application submitted for an Aldi in Ivybridge was refused unanimously and it has since been confirmed that the project has been abandoned.

The Freeport proposals at Langage and Sherford are now moving forward at some pace which, once delivered, will lead to a rise in employment opportunities in the area. The project has now moved onto the land acquisition phase.

SHDC continues to provide funding towards the Ukraine and the hosting of refugees although it was highlighted that some hosts are experiencing issues.

Sustainable South Hams – Details of this initiative have been sent to the Clerk. The initiative relates to supporting measures/projects which supports the climate change emergency and is separate to the District Council.

With regards to the Woolwell Planning Application, people's views are now being sought on what any S.106 Funding (secured from the development) should be spent upon. One area of concern that remains is in respect of the traffic impacts associated with the development.

Finally Barrie was able to confirm that the funding application submitted by Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group for tree planting in the Parish had been successful. Cllrs wished to thank Barrie for all of his support in respect of this grant application. He confirmed that he was also hopeful of attending the next meeting of the SPCCCEG on the 12th July.

90/22 DPNA Report

In the absence of Cllr Smerdon there was no report.

Cllrs Mrs Burkill and Hitchins gave a brief feedback on the recent Dartmoor National Park Forum Meeting they both attended on behalf of the PC. The response to the Landscape Review is still being considered by Government with no further updates. The introduction of fixed penalties for bye-law infringements has been implemented whilst the funding for the NP is the same this year as the previous year (which represents a real budget pressure in terms of rising prices for fuel, energy etc) which could lead to redundancies.

The consultation response to the review of the bye-laws is still ongoing, with no response expected until October at the earliest. A legal challenge has been submitted regarding wild camping, with a claim being submitted to the High Court by one land owner.

Finally there was a presentation from a community group based in Buckfastleigh will assist PC's in grants for funding which help in the

delivery of climate change initiatives/sustainable agenda which impact Cllr Mrs upon Dartmoor. Cllr Mrs Burkill agreed to send details to the Clerk. Burkill Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 2022 91/22 All Clirs agreed that they had received a draft copy of the minutes and all were in agreement that there were an accurate reflection of the minutes of the June PC meeting. Proposed by Cllr Hitchins and seconded by Cllr Stone. 92/22 **Matters Arising** 8/22(a) **Highway Matters** The Clerk confirmed that he had emailed James Anstee of DCC Highways seeking clarification on whether or not it was the intention of DCC to lower the speed limit to 40mph on the B3417 and received the following response: 'All signing and lining changes identified under the recommendations of the Stage 4 RSA Report are being actioned. But in my discussion with Mr Clewer, I stated that whilst a speed limit change could not be ruled out, a reduction in speed limit is not something that is being recommended by DCC at the current time'. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact James Anstee to seek an Clerk update as to when the signing and lining works will be undertaken. As mentioned during the Open Forum, the 20mph speed-activated sign (funded through Vision Zero) has now been received and the PC are currently awaiting details of installation of the pole by DCC. It was noted that the issue of insurance will need to be looked into for those works associated with the mounting of the sign on the pole. Cllrs wished to express their thanks to DCC Highways for the speedy repairs undertaken following damage caused to Shaugh Bridge recently. Finally, Cllr Mrs Tyler wished to reiterate her concerns regarding the use of the section of road between Beatland Cross and Cadover by HGV's and how it wasn't really appropriate for vehicles of such size to use this route. It was suggested that perhaps a weight limit restriction could be put on Cadover Bridge? It was agreed that this needed to be included as a specific agenda item at a future PC meeting. It was also Clerk agreed that the Clerk would make contact with Buckland Monachorum and Burrator PC's to see if they also share these concerns (as part of the route is within their Parishes). **Shaugh Prior Community Fund** 8/22(b) No new applications for funding had been received in the past month. The Clerk had now received the contact details for the Children's Clerk Hospice South West and would arrange to send the £100 donation as agreed at the previous PC meeting.

8/22(c) Wind Turbines on Lee Moor

Standing Orders were then temporarily lifted by the Chair in order to allow Mr Tim Clewer to speak on this item. Mr Clewer referred to a meeting he attended at the Cornwood Inn with representatives from Sparkwell and Cornwood PC's as well as Cllr Mrs Tyler. The meeting discussed the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan being developed between the 3 parishes in respect of renewable energy proposals within the area (which would include the provision of wind turbines on Lee Moor). The general view of Sparkwell and Cornwood PC's was to support a NP although the Clerk highlighted the fact that the remit for commencing with the drafting of a NP is something that has to involve the local community and cannot be agreed by PC's without recourse to their Parishioners. It was noted that the meeting in question did not form part of the SPCCCEG. Furthermore the Clerk confirmed that Cllr Peacham from Sparkwell expressed some reservations regarding the Wind Turbines project at Lee Moor.

It was also highlighted that the meeting arranged for the 12th July was not a 'follow-up meeting' to the discussions which took place at the Cornwood Inn. It was agreed that a further meeting needed to be arranged between representatives from each of the PC's.

8/22(d) Tribute to Cllr Norman

The Chair confirmed that he had found a replacement piece of granite for the bench and Cllr Hitchins mentioned that he may be able to speak to someone to get it engraved.

Cllr Wassell

8/22(e) Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group

The Clerk made reference to receipt of the minutes of the last meeting of the group gave a brief update on actions following the last meeting of the SPCCCEG. It was confirmed that Cllr Glen Peacham from Sparkwell PC would soon be joining the group and it was hoped that his counter-part in Cornwood would follow suit.

Cllr Mrs Burkill wished to thank Mr Clewer for moving matters forward in relation to the on-shore wind turbines although it had to be remembered that the SPCCCEG is looking at a host of different projects and initiatives and not just on-shore wind. Liz Nicolls has had some constructive feedback regarding improved public transport linkages to and from the Parish and was looking to set-up a meeting with local operator Oakleys very shortly. It was also highlighted that articles were now being produced by the SPCCCEG for inclusion within the parish magazine. Whilst some of these changes highlighted in such articles could be considered relatively small-scale, they all help to address climate change. The next meeting of the SPCCCEG was due to take place on the 12th July 2022.

In addition it was highlighted by Cllr Mrs Burkill that the Terms of Reference for the group needed to be reviewed.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tree Planting and Beacon Lighting

With the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration weekend having now passed (with many of the organised events being a great success), it was agreed that this agenda item needed no further discussion. As mentioned above, the grant for the celebration tree planting scheme (£85.00) had been approved and that the PC would hold these funds on behalf of the SPCCCEG.

Clerk

76/22

Parish Cllr Vacancies

The Elections Office at SHDC have confirmed that no requests had been received for an election and therefore the two vacant Cllr positions could be filled by co-option. The Clerk agreed to provide adverts/notices to go out on PC notice boards and the website seeking applicants from the Parish.

Clerk

93/22 Planning

A Section 73 application for an uplift in HGV movements associated with Hemerdon Mine was due to be submitted shortly. In view of there being no PC meeting in August, it was agreed that the Clerk would review the application and draft a response for Cllrs to comment upon before submitting formally to DCC.

Clerk

Reference was made to the receipt of a planning application for the conversion of a water tank to a dwellinghouse at Portworthy Storage Tank, Park Lane, Lee Moor (app no 1512/22/FUL). It was agreed that a site visit would be arranged with Cllrs Wassell, Stone, Taffurelli and Mrs Burkill and that they would report back to the Clerk with their observations.

Following the opening of an enforcement case investigating a potential breach of planning conditions at Abbots Rough, it was found that no further action was necessary and the case closed.

94/22

Chairman's Business

Following his annual appraisal, the Chair wished to thank the Clerk for all of his hard work over the past 12 months.

95/22 **Defib Training**

Cllr Mrs Burkill mentioned that she had recently spoken to healthcare workers based at Derriford Hospital who were both able and happy to provide some updated defib training for both Cllrs and Parishioners. Cllrs were all of the opinion to accept this very kind offer of training and agreed to cover the cost of hall bookings associated with such. Cllr Mrs Burkill suggested that these events would be likely to take place in the Autumn as both were busy senior doctors based at Derriford.

Cllr Taffurelli suggested that the inclusion of the 'what three words' location reference for each of the locations of our defibs would be helpful. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the Clerk agreed to provide some updated notices for such.

Clerk

Finally, the Clerk referred to receipt of an email from Andrew Deptford regarding updated pad and battery for the defib at Lee Moor. Of the two options put forward it was proposed by Cllr Taffurelli to go with the

second option (2 pairs of pads and a ChargePak for £140 + VAT) and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Burkill and agreed by all.

96/22 Parish Emergency Plan

The Clerk confirmed that he would send out the examples of the Parish Emergency Plans he had received from other similar-sized Parishes prior to a meeting of the Parish Emergency Plan subcommittee arranged for Tuesday 9th August at 7pm.

97/22 Reports from Committees

Feedback on the meeting of the National Park Forum was addressed under Min Ref 90/22. A meeting of the Hemerdon Mine Local Liaison Group has been arranged for the 2nd August 2022 (with Cllr Wassell due to attend on behalf of the PC).

98/22 | Correspondence

During the past month the following correspondence had been received:-

- Email from Tony Blonden asking if the PC would be willing to be custodians of the paperwork and process regarding the listing of the White Thorn Inn as an Asset of Community Value. It was agreed by Cllrs that this process should really sit with the PC (as there wasn't really anyone else to take over this process) although it was agreed that the Clerk would contact WDBC to ascertain if there were any legal implications for the PC doing this?
- Email from Lidia Pearce along with the minutes of the last meeting of the SPCCCEG.
- Email from Cllr Glen Peacham of Sparkwell relating to the Lee Moor Wind Turbines Project.
- Email update from NALC
- Email newsletter for SLCC
- Email from Angie Scott inviting the PC to the next Hemerdon Mine Local Liaison Group Meeting on the 2nd August 2022.

99/22 Finance – Bank Mandate

The Clerk confirmed that on the 1st July 2022 there was the sum of £17,439.20 in the Treasurers Account which included a grant payment of £1000 from Cllr Hart for the Lee Moor Fencing Works Project.

The Chair confirmed that he was still awaiting receipt of the updated bank mandate from TSB.

The Clerk also confirmed that the paperwork for the 21/22 AGAR had been returned and the period for the exercise of public rights had almost finished.

100/22 Payments and Receipts

It was agreed to make the following payments:

Clerk

£13.00 direct debit payment to EDF Energy (electricity for Wotter defib) £1015.30 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages including 14 hours overtime)

£253.80 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for Clerks wages)

£29.99 cheque to Scott Smy (reimbursement for purchase of Norton anti-virus for PC laptop)

£100.00 cheque to the Children's Hospice SW

£6139.20 cheque to JH and JA Vanstone (Lee Moor Play Area Fencing Works)

Receipts

£1000.00 BACS payment from DCC (grant from Cllr Hart for Lee Moor Play Area Fencing Works)

101/22 Works and Maintenance

The works to replace the fencing around Lee Moor Play Area were now almost complete and that John Vanstone was due to go out later in the week to fit a latch on one of the gates. It was noted that John had done an excellent job.

The Clerk reiterated the on-going concerns regarding the gaps in the safety surfacing and that most companies he had spoken to recommended a complete replacement (the costs of which are considerable). The question of whether or not we could use bark was raised and the Clerk agreed to contact SHDC and ask the question. A quotation from Wicksteed for the total replacement of the play area surfacing at Lee Moor and Wotter was expected in the coming weeks. For the time being it was agreed that the swings should continue to be placed out of action.

Clerk

It was noted that a replacement picnic bench was required at Lee Moor Play Area. The Clerk agreed to look into this.

Clerk

Cllr Mrs Tyler wished to express her thanks to Jimmy Gould for repairing the fencing at the football pitch at Wotter. It was agreed that the Clerk would email Jimmy passing on thanks from the PC.

Clerk

102/22 Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of Shaugh Prior Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 7th September 2022 at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

Signed:.....Chairman

Date: