

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 2nd November 2022**

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Wassell
 Cllrs Stone, Hitchins, Mrs Proctor and Mrs Tyler

District Cllr Spencer

3 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Hart, Cllr Mrs Burkill, Cllr Smerdon
 Sgt Ryan Canning, Angie Scott (Tungsten West)

Minute Number		Action
134/22	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>The issue of the bad state of the main road (B3417) at Herreschoff Kilns was raised once again. The Clerk agreed to once again raise this with DCC Highways.</p> <p>The Clerk gave an update in relation to the issue of HGV's parking and blocking access to the bridleway off the B3417 (following comments raised by Mr Clewer at the meeting highlighting the on-going problems). The Clerk confirmed that DCC Highways were looking to install concrete Jersey Barriers but in order to proceed DCC needed to know how large a gap between the barriers would be necessary in order to provide suitable access to the bridleway. After some discussion it was agreed that a gap of a minimum of 2m between the barriers would be acceptable from a horse-riders perspective. The Clerk agreed to respond to DCC Highways on this basis. It was also mentioned that a longer-term solution to lorries parking in laybys and parking areas throughout the Parish, was required.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
135/22	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations were reported to the Clerk by Cllrs.</p>	

136/22	<p>Police Report</p> <p>During the month of October there were 2 calls for service via 101/999 including;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single vehicle collision in the lane above Tin Park Farm – user error – no injuries 2. Serious RTC involving a motorcyclist on the main road between Lee Moor and Wotter with the rider having received a suspected broken leg. <p>There was one recorded crime during the month which was report of an assault as a result of an altercation between a member of the public and some off-road bikers. Luckily evidence recorded on a mobile phone could be retrieved and the case has been allocated to PC Tungate. Sgt Canning was keen to stress that whilst obtaining evidence of off-road biking activities (in the form of vehicle registrations) is very helpful to the Police, people should not put themselves in danger acquiring such evidence.</p> <p>PC Tungate has now joined the team at Ivybridge and has been allocated to the Rural North area which includes Shaugh Prior. As well as having served for 17 years with D&C Police, he is also a member of Dartmoor Search and Rescue Group.</p>	
137/22	<p>County and District Councillor Reports</p> <p>In his absence the Clerk read out a brief report from Cllr Hart.</p> <p>Have very little good news to report tonight. We are still having to seriously look at our finances for the remainder of this year and now also looking at target budgets for next year. Been outlining the problems to media today having spoken with MPs earlier in the week.</p> <p>Covid Cases are plateauing. Hospitals - very few patients on oxygen but still a number of patients admitted. There is still a real worry about the Flu virus for later this winter. Please get injections if you are eligible. This is your best protection against getting seriously ill over the next few months.</p> <p>Hopefully we will be shortlisting candidates for interview for our next Chief Executive later this week. Have had a good number of applicants, now taking up references.</p> <p>We have now made the Locality Budgets available again for Councillors. I will now be able to get the Shaugh Prior application for £500 for the Parish News processed.</p> <p>Cllr Spencer provided the following report from a District Council perspective:</p> <p>Waste Collection Arrangements</p> <p>On 03 October SHDC took back the waste collection arrangements from the previous outsourced contractor meaning your waste collection arrangements are now directly with SHDC for the first time</p>	

in a while. Whilst it is very early days to be making judgements the newly managed arrangements are working quite well. As you will recall the major problems have been with the collection of the brown bins. Since the takeover almost all collection rounds have been despatched in the morning. It is true that not all bins have been collected on Mondays (for us anyway) but strenuous efforts have been made to follow up on those missed out first time around. SHDC also need to address the rollout of the green kerbside collect bins and the final removal of the blue/clear plastic sacks.

Brown bin collections have now ceased as at 31 October and a new paid service commences on 06 March 2023. From today, you will be able to apply online for the new paid service at the rate of £49.00 per annum. You must apply by 22 January 2023. This new service runs from 06 March 2023 to 31 March 2024 with the exception of four weeks over the Christmas period.

You can find answers to many of your questions by following this link:

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/9264/Garden-Waste-Service>

Composting

One school of thought suggests that the collection of garden waste collection should not happen at all. We could all be using home composting as our contribution towards climate change.

Community composting sites are local sites for storing and processing garden waste usually in compost bays or pads with an end product called a 'soil conditioner', which can then be used again locally to fertilise the soil for optimum growing conditions.

I would ask the Parish Council to consider community composting as part of their contribution towards climate change reduction, if this is viable. Of course, it is not so for every Council. There is a pot of money sitting at SHDC waiting to be claimed to help communities expand or launch a community composting scheme. Rather embarrassingly, to date no applicants have come forward. Further information can be found following the link below:

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/community-composting>

Barwood Development – Expansion of Woolwell

I continue to have ongoing meetings with the planners and the Urban Fringe Development Team regarding the Barwood development.

There was a tour by the senior leadership team at SHDC on 06 October so that the hierarchy can better understand the issues that need to be addressed. If there is anything that you think needs to be addressed please let me know. Plymouth City Council have now applied for planning permission for the Woolwell to the George road improvements and this is likely to see works start as early as January/February 2023 if it is agreed. This will open the door to the developers of the extension to Woolwell and residents seeing some 400 homes built using the newly constructed roads.

Freeports

You may have come across the term 'Freeport'. These are specific areas which can be designated to be havens for business development. Langage and Sherford are included in the areas earmarked for the South Hams and South Yard in Plymouth is also

<p>138/22</p>	<p>included. The Freeport is set to provide thousands of direct jobs across Plymouth, Devon and the South Hams. It will bring on suitable land for development which might have taken years longer, welcome new businesses to the area and attract foreign direct investment opportunities. It will enable Plymouth to develop a global reach by securing significant investment in innovation, skills, research and development. At the same time, it will support the commitment to clean growth and carbon net zero. More information can be found by following this link: https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/9284/South-Hams-Support-Interest-for-Investment-Zone</p> <p>EV Charging Strategy A Task & Finish Group was established recently to look at the Council's overall strategy for EV charging in the District. I was appointed as its Chair and will be working with other Councillors and Officers to devise a strategy that allows us to move forward with this important development. More information can be found by following the link below: https://www.southhams.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-charging</p> <p>Correspondence from Residents A resident in Trethewey Gardens, Wotter contacted John Hart at DCC regarding problems with waste collection in that road. John passed the enquiry down to me as the Ward Councillor. I went to see her and discussed her issues which have resulted in an investigation by SHDC. The issues relate to double parked vehicles blocking waste lorry access, as well as poor collection once on site. These seem to only affect the resident beyond the cattle grid. I spoke to three other residents who lived before the cattle grid and they seemed to think that the service was OK. I have reported back to the resident providing her with regular updates along the way. Finally, I have had a request for funding from my Locality Fund in support of the printing of the local parish magazine. I have agreed to their request.</p>	<p>Cllr Hitchins</p>
<p>139/22</p>	<p>DPNA Report There was no report from Cllr Smerdon. It was hoped that there would be an update on potential changes to NP Byelaws at the next meeting. Cllr Hitchins confirmed that he would be attending the next National Park Forum Meeting on the 11th November 2022 on behalf of the PC.</p> <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2022 All Cllrs agreed that they had received a draft copy of the minutes and all were in agreement that they were an accurate reflection of the minutes of the October PC meeting. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Proctor and</p>	<p>Cllr Hitchins</p>

	seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler.	
140/22	Matters Arising	
8/22(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>Lorries parking adjacent to the B3417 (restricting access to the bridleway) was discussed during the Open Forum (see above). It was suggested that in addition to Jersey Barriers, tree planting could also help protect the area.</p> <p>The poles for the speed-activated 20 mph signs have been installed and the Clerk confirmed Cllr Wassell had the necessary clearance from DCC Highways to mount the signs (as he had been trained in Chapter 8).</p> <p>The Clerk referred to a complaint received from local resident Mr Chislett regarding speeding traffic approaching Shaugh Bridge and how he would like to see the 30 mph extended down as far as the bridge. Whilst it was noted by Cllrs that previous requests to DCC Highways for extending the 30 mph speed limit had been unsuccessful, it was agreed that the Clerk should raise this once again due to these on-going concerns regarding speeding traffic.</p> <p>The flooding issues at Portworthy raised by Mr Clewer at the last PC meeting had been passed onto John Widdicombe and he was expected to visit the Parish shortly.</p>	Cllr Wassell
8/22(b)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>One application for funding had been received during the past month from Lee Moor Hall who were seeking a grant payment of £300 to help with the cost of providing the annual pensioners Xmas Lunch. It was noted that all associated paperwork had been provided to accompany the grant application. After some brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Proctor to approve this grant application and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p>	Clerk
8/22(c)	<p>Wind Turbines on Lee Moor</p> <p>It was noted by the Clerk that there was no further update on this item and it was agreed to remove it from the agenda for the December PC meeting.</p>	Clerk
8/22(d)	<p>Tribute to Cllr Norman</p> <p>Cllr Wassell confirmed that he now had the piece of granite and matters were moving forward in respect of getting it engraved.</p>	
8/22(e)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group</p> <p>In the absence of both Cllr Mrs Burkill and Lidia Pearce there were no further updates. It was noted that the next meeting of the group was</p>	

76/22	<p>due to take place on the 16th November 2022 and that a cheque had been raised for the Jubilee Tree Planting Project.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that it was still the intention to invite Pam Barratt from Be Buckfastleigh to the next PC meeting, with an earlier start time of 7pm. The Clerk agreed to confirm this in the coming week.</p> <p>Parish Cllr Vacancies</p> <p>Following a meeting of the HR Sub-Committee which reviewed each of the 4 Cllr applications received in great detail, it was revealed by Cllr Wassell that Carina Francis-McLeod and Adam Sims had been the successful applicants for the two vacant Cllr positions. As Carina was present at the meeting she was able to sign her Acceptance of Office form. Cllr Wassell wished to thank all of those who had applied for the Cllr vacancies and welcomed both Carina and Adam to the PC. The Clerk highlighted that both Cllrs will need to complete a Register of Interests Form. It was also highlighted that as a result of Cllr Taffurelli's resignation that there was a further Cllr position that will be advertised in due course (once confirmation had been received from SHDC that there was no need to hold an election for such).</p>	
95/22	<p>Defib Training</p> <p>In Cllr Mrs Burkill's absence the Clerk gave a brief update on the defib training held on the 19th October at 7pm at Shaugh Prior Hall. Whilst the training event was very well received it was slightly disappointing that only 10 members of the public attended and it was suggested that perhaps another session be held in the New Year where hopefully more people could attend? A special thanks from the PC should go to those who provided the training.</p> <p>The Clerk also confirmed that he had now replaced all of the batteries and pads in all of our defibs and that they were now all good until 2025 in respect of the expiry dates for pads and batteries.</p>	
96/22	<p>Parish Emergency Plan</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that as most of his time had been taken-up in respect of sorting the Cllr vacancies, the meeting of the Parish Emergency Plan had not yet been arranged and was now likely to take place in the New Year (hopefully involving new Cllrs on the PC).</p>	
141/22	<p>Planning</p> <p>A planning application for a new larger extension to the property End-o-Moor at Shaugh Prior (app no 0415/22) had been received by the Clerk. It was agreed that a site visit would be undertaken by Cllrs Wassell, Stone and Hitchins, with their findings reported back to the Clerk.</p>	
142/22	<p>Beacon Medical/Derriford Healthcare</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler wished to make Cllrs aware of concerns and a complaint letter she had submitted regarding concerns she had in relation to recent lack of medical care/treatment received by her father</p>	

143/22	<p>which ultimately had sadly resulted in his passing. Cllrs wished to express their condolences to Cllr Mrs Tyler on her loss and were concerned to hear about the treatment (and associated delays) which had been experienced at Derriford Hospital. Cllr Mrs Tyler agreed to keep Cllrs updated on this issue. Cllr Mrs Tyler wished to make it clear that she had no issues with the healthcare provided by the Beacon Medical Group locally at Wotter.</p> <p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The Chair wished to highlight the success of the Parish Lengthsman being funded by the PC and how this had resulted in a reduction in flooding incidents in the Parish. He was of the opinion that the services provided by John Widdicombe represented good value for money and this was view supported by other Cllrs.</p>	
144/22	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>It was noted that Cllr Hitchins will be attending the next Dartmoor National Park Forum Meeting on the 11th November 2022 and would report back at the Dec PC meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk also referred to receipt of recent correspondence from Imerys where it was highlighted that there was a wish to re-start the Local Community Liaison Meetings which ceased several years ago as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. These meetings are helpful in understanding what is happening at the china clay works and would be further improved with the inclusion of Sibilco as well.</p>	Cllr Hitchins
145/22	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month the following correspondence had been received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from SHDC detailing planning enforcement cases. • Email from DALC (newsletter/bulletin 50) • Email received from Omotola Thomas from RheEnergise regarding a request to meet with Cllrs to discuss a pumped energy storage scheme at Hemerdon. An on-line meeting was arranged for Thursday 10th November 2022 starting at 7.30pm. • Email from Devon Communities (on-line invitation to Community Resilience Forum 14-16th November 2022) • Email from Auditing Solutions Ltd providing a quotation to undertake the Internal Audit for the PC for financial year 2022-23. • Email update from NALC • Email newsletter for SLCC 	
146/22	<p>Finance – Bank Mandate</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 1st November 2022 there was the sum of £16,003.85 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that he was still awaiting receipt of the updated bank mandate from TSB.</p>	

147/22	<p>As highlighted above, the Clerk confirmed he had received a quotation from Auditing Solutions Ltd to undertake the Internal Audit of the PC accounts for the financial year 2022-23. Whilst the cost of carrying out the audit was greater than the fee currently paid (£250+ VAT compared to £150), Auditing Solutions Ltd would be able to undertake the audit at the same time as undertaking the audit for Ivybridge Town Council. This means the Clerk could provide hard copies of documents, saving a considerable amount of time on scanning etc. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Hitchins and seconded by Cllr Stone that we accept this quotation and this was agreed by all Cllrs. The Clerk agreed to complete the engagement letter and return it to Auditing Solutions.</p> <p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:</p> <p>£13.00 direct debit payment to EDF Energy (electricity for Wotter defib) £168.00 cheque to Andrew Deptford (replacement battery and pads for defib) £343.20 cheque to Andrew Deptford (replacement battery and pads for defib) £25.00 cheque to the Poppy Appeal (payment for poppy wreath) £869.81 cheque to Moor Trees (purchase of trees for Platinum Jubilee Tree Planning Project) £300 .00 cheque to Lee Moor Hall (grant payment for Pensioners Xmas Lunch)</p> <p>Receipts £1,500.00 cheque from Newnham Solar Fund (grant payment towards Lee Moor Play Area Fencing Works) £216.00 payment from Andrew Deptford (reimbursement for defib battery and pads not required)</p>	Clerk
148/22	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>It was confirmed that Peter Tanner had now completed all of the repairs at Lee Moor Play Area and was due to provide the Clerk with a report in respect of the condition of the supports to the swings on the play area at Wotter. This would be reported at the December PC meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he was currently obtaining quotations/prices for a new replacement notice board at Lee Moor which would be shared with the hall and hoped to have some prices to share at a future PC meeting (likely to be February).</p>	Clerk
149/22	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of Shaugh Prior Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 7th December at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.00pm, which will include a presentation by Pam Barratt of Be Buckfastleigh. The PC will commence after this presentation.</p>	Clerk

	<p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	
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