

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 7th December 2022**

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

Present: Vice Chairman Cllr Stone
Cllrs Hitchins, Mrs Proctor, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Burkill, Mrs Francis-McLeod and Sims

District Cllrs Spencer and Smerdon

5 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Hart, Cllr Wassell
Sgt Ryan Canning, Angie Scott (Tungsten West)

Minute Number		Action
150/22	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Mr Clewer confirmed that the flooding issues at Portworthy had now been resolved but as a result of that flooding there were now several large potholes which needed filling. The Clerk agreed to raise this with DCC Highways.</p> <p>Mr Clewer also wished to express his concern at the fact that after almost 2 years of raising the issue and campaigning for solutions, we were still no closer to seeing a resolution to the speeding problems on the B3417. In their response to the S.73 application for Tungsten West, DCC were looking to secure, through the S.106 Agreement, installation of a power supply on the B3417 which could have been used to either power signage or speed enforcement cameras. However, with the S.73 application having now been withdrawn, it was not clear what DCC were now looking to do as an alternative? It was agreed that the Clerk would email Cllr John Hart on this matter. It was not clear if DCC had made a decision on whether or not the speed limit of the road would be reduced to 40mph? This needed clarification.</p> <p>In addition Mr Clewer asked if the PC could request an update from DCC on the installation of the Jersey Barriers at the bridleway on the B3417. The Clerk agreed to raise this with DCC Highways.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

151/22	<p>Julia Sanders highlighted concerns regarding the return of off-road bikers on the moors and that she had made Sgt Ryan Canning aware of the issue.</p> <p>With the on-set of a very cold period of weather and the current cost of living crisis, Cllr Mrs Tyler referred to various grants that are available which are used to allow village halls to open up in order to provide somewhere where people can get warm along with hot food and drink (winter warm club). It was highlighted that grants for such were available through SHDC as well as the Devon Community Foundation. Whilst all were in agreement that it was a very good idea, it really depended on either one or both of our village halls having persons available during the daytime to run such events. Cllr Mrs Tyler agreed to speak to Lee Moor Hall and report back.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest</p>	Cllr Mrs Tyler
152/22	<p>Cllr Hitchens wished to declare his on-going personal interest in relation to any discussion on the Woolwell Planning Application.</p> <p>Police Report</p> <p>During the month of October there were 4 calls for service via 101/999:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collision between a vehicle and a pony in the Lee Moor area. Police did not attend. 2. Report of a drunk male who was leaving the White Thorn Inn with a young child and intended to drive. Customers from the pub prevented him from doing so and the child was collected by a friend prior to Police attendance. 3. Report of a badly damaged abandoned vehicle near to Cadover with air bags deployed. Officers later located the driver who confirmed a sheep had run out in front of him. 4. Received calls concerning the welfare of a male in the Great Shaugh Wood area. Officers located the male and ensured he was safe. <p>There was one reported crime during the month which related to a malicious communication. After investigation it was concluded that it was more likely to be a crank call than a targeted incident.</p>	
153/22	<p>County and District Councillor Reports</p> <p>In his absence there was no County Cllr Report from Cllr Hart.</p> <p>Cllr Spencer provided the following report from a District Council perspective:</p> <p>Waste Collection Arrangements</p> <p>Since coming back in-house, the waste collection service seems to be continuing well with no major problems. I would encourage those who wish to continue to receive brown bin collections to apply online and to do so before 22 January 2023. Applying before this date ensures you receive the full benefit of the new paid service for garden waste from the earliest possible opportunity. This new service runs from 06 March</p>	

	<p>2023 to 31 March 2024 with the exception of four weeks over the Christmas period. Those who apply after this date will still receive the garden waste collection service but only from the date they apply (see the link below):</p> <p>https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/9264/Garden-Waste-Service</p> <p>Facebook Can I remind members of the Parish Council of my Facebook Group page. This is the only way I have of distributing news quickly to you, residents and the surrounding community. This is the only way that you can get up to the minute knowledge of what is happening at SHDC. Please join the group as soon as you can and please also encourage your residents to do so. Look for –</p> <p>Cllr Barrie Spencer – Bickleigh & Cornwood Ward</p> <p>Sustainable Community Locality Fund I know that you are aware that I receive the sum of £2,000 per annum to spend on local projects that are within my Ward. There is a small amount of funding still available for those projects which you might have and have yet to tell me about. Please email or ring me for more details.</p> <p>Climate Change Funding In addition to the Locality Fund, I have an additional allocation of £3,000 to be spent on local climate change and biodiversity initiatives. This amount is a one-off amount and must be spent by the end of this Council year.</p> <p>Barwood Development – Expansion of Woolwell I continue to have ongoing meetings with the planners and the Urban Fringe Development Team regarding the Barwood development. 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. Plymouth Live have reported that the planning has been approved with Phase One starting in January 2023. This road is a complete disaster as it stands at the moment without any of the proposed works taking place. Look out for further disruption on your journeys out of Woolwell. This will open the door to the developers of the extension to Woolwell and residents seeing some 400 homes built initially without further road improvements using the newly constructed roads. The other 1,600 houses as part of the Woolwell extension will follow on. The Plymouth Live report can be found by following this link –</p> <p>https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/plymouth-news/tavistock-road-widening-plan-agreed-7852616</p> <p>Freeports New employment land, new businesses, thousands of jobs and millions of pounds of investment is coming our way with the approval of the Plymouth and South Devon Freeport Full Business Case announced by the government today. Plymouth and South Devon Freeport is the first of eight Freeports to be given the full green light</p>	
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along with two others. The approval unlocks millions of pounds of grant seed funding and enables applicable businesses to join and take advantage of the Freeport status. The Freeport is a dynamic public/private partnership with Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council and Devon County Council working alongside Babcock, Princess Yachts, Carlton Power, the Sherford Consortium and a wider range of stakeholders including the Universities of Plymouth and Exeter, Plymouth port operators, skills providers and the Heart of the South West LEP to ensure its success.

Confirmation has now been received from government that the Langage site has now been designated which means eligible businesses will be able to benefit from the tax reliefs available. South Yard and Sherford sites were designated in the summer. Freeport status enables the relevant councils and landowners to bring forward the key sites of South Yard, Sherford and Langage into prime employment sites attracting new business, providing thousands of jobs and injecting millions of pounds of inward investment into the region. These three sites had previously been identified as underutilised and undeveloped as part of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan.

Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest

The Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest (PSDCF) is one of England's newest Community Forests and a partnership project between Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council, National Trust and the Woodland Trust.

The project aims to deliver 500 hectares of new woodland by March 2025 and is funded by 'Trees for Climate' until March 2025 as part of the Department for Environment, Food, & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) 'Nature for Climate' fund which is being delivered by England's Community Forests.

The boundary of the PSDCF has been extended further into South Hams and West Devon, offering potential support to many more landowners and communities to develop and undertake woodland creation (see the eligible area in full detail by following the link below). This support will cover numerous planting types, including large-scale woodland creation through to hedgerows, agroforestry, and other small-scale planting below one hectare.

The grant scheme has just started to welcome applications, with funding available until 2025 for woodland creation (including design, planning and planting advice, support for fencing, gates, paths as well as trees themselves), with ongoing funding to support the maintenance of the trees. If you know of a landowner, farmer, Parish Council, school or community that may be interested, please encourage them to contact the PSDCF team to arrange a discussion of their plans at psdcf@plymouth.gov.uk

Road Works in the Ward (Bickleigh & Shaugh Prior)

There are various sets of proposed road works that span both Bickleigh & Shaugh Prior parishes. Rather than repeat them here I am providing you with links to them. Full details are provided on my Facebook page.

154/22	<p>Improving Access to SHDC services for those who need it While the vast majority of our residents can, and do, interact with us online or via their smartphones, in order to support those that can't or have a higher level of need, we will shortly be going live with a Home Visit process. This will be administered by our Customer Services and delivered by our Locality Officers. This provides additional support wherever they live in the district. Being on the ground will enable the requested service to be delivered but also a simple assessment on whether additional help, referrals or support can be offered to increase the value of visits to the customer and the council.</p> <p>Members can request a home visit on behalf of customers that need that additional level of support and may be struggling to access our services in other ways. The process is ready to start taking referrals imminently. Please let me know if there are any residents who you think may need this additional support.</p> <p>Slow Cookers, cook books and electric blankets Just some of the ways South Hams District Council will distribute £187,311 of government funding allocated to them by Devon County Council. The Government has now made a further £421m available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need with the rising cost of living. This latest fund must be used to support households in the most need and particularly those who may not be eligible for other support the government has recently made available. For more information of everything that the council is doing for the cost of living – please visit: www.southhams.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help</p> <p>DPNA Report</p> <p>Cllr Smerdon provided a report prior to the meeting which was circulated to Cllrs. Of particular note were:</p> <p>A final draft report of the revised Byelaws has now been produced, with consultation with statutory consultees now taking place. Although there is no statutory requirement for another formal public consultation, the National Park welcome comments on this final draft: byelaws@dartmoor.gov.uk</p> <p>A final version of the revised byelaws will be presented to Members at an Authority meeting in early 2023. If approved they will then be sealed and advertised for 6 weeks (as per DEFRA guidance) before being sent to DEFRA for final approval.</p> <p>Due to a separate High Court challenge on people's rights to wild camp, the Authority will not look to make any changes to this existing byelaw until the existing legal action is considered.</p> <p>Farmers continue to work for Dartmoor with protected landscapes funding. This includes restoring habitats, protecting endangered species, conserving historic farm buildings and helping farm businesses. Already more than £500k has been awarded to Dartmoor</p>	
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155/22	<p>farmers and land agents, with more than 50 applications during the first year of the fund. A summary of the various projects can be found on the DNPA website.</p> <p>As is the case with many organisations, DNPA faces a significant financial challenge over the next few years. The current Medium Term Financial Plan indicates that the Authority faces a deficit of circa £500k over the period 2022/23-2024/25 (primarily due to mounting inflation).With the core grant received from DEFRA not having increased in real terms since 2008/09, the CEO and Authority Chair are contacting Devon MP's to ask for their help in addressing this situation. In the meantime a raft of different measures are being looked at to help address the current budget shortfall.</p> <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022</p>	
156/22	<p>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 November PC meeting. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Proctor and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p>	
8/22(a)	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>Reports of blocked gullies in Shaugh Prior village have been referred to the Parish Lengthsman and they will be looked at next time he is in the Parish. It was also noted that the flooding issues at Portworthy had now been resolved although there were now potholes which needed addressing.</p> <p>Several potholes in the road between Brownie Cross and Bickleigh Bridge were highlighted to the Clerk who agreed to raise this through the DCC Highways 'Report-It' function.</p>	Clerk
8/22(b)	<p>The 20mph speed-activated sign is still awaiting to be mounted on the new pole. It was hoped that Cllr Wassell may be able to do this on behalf of the PC.</p> <p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>No applications received.</p>	Cllr Wassell
8/22(d)	<p>Tribute to Cllr Norman</p> <p>In Cllr Wassell's absence there was no further update.</p>	
8/22(e)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group</p> <p>Lidia Pearce of the SPCCCEG gave an update on the Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting scheme. So far just over 200 trees had been given out for planting in 30 households with a further 20 provided to</p>	

76/22	<p>the primary school. If anyone would still like to take a tree for planting then could they please speak to Lidia or alternatively email the Parish Clerk.</p> <p>On a separate matter, Cllr Sims was looking at get an event together regarding energy saving initiatives/measures which could include parishioners from adjoining parishes. Further details to follow in due course.</p> <p>Parish Cllr Vacancies</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that both Cllrs Mrs Carina-McLeod and Sims had both completed their Acceptance of Office forms and their Register of Interests. These had been shared with the Monitoring Officer at SHDC and uploaded to the PC website.</p> <p>Confirmation has now been received from SHDC Elections Team that our final Cllr vacancy (Cllr Taffurelli's position) can be filled by co-option and that there was no need for an election for such. It was agreed that the Clerk would post up notices of this vacancy on PC notice boards and on the website, after Christmas.</p> <p>It was also highlighted that training provided by DALC had been arranged for Cllrs Sims, Mrs Proctor and Mrs Francis-McLeod.</p>	Cllr Sims
96/22	<p>Parish Emergency Plan</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that a meeting date for such would be set-up in the new year. It was also noted that the old PEP included details of Cllrs who were no longer on the PC. It was agreed that the old version of the PEP be removed from the PC website with immediate effect. Julia Sanders agreed to do this.</p>	Clerk
157/22	<p>Planning</p> <p>A planning application for works to improve the surface of the lane on land to the west of Staddon, Shaugh Prior has been received (app no 0477/22). Cllrs were of the opinion that there would be no issues associated with this application and agreed to recommend in support.</p>	Julia Sanders
158/22	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>In the absence of the Chair, there was no business to raise from the Vice-Chair.</p>	
159/22	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Cllr Hitchins confirmed his attendance at the Dartmoor National Park Forum Meeting on the 11th November 2022 and kindly provided the Clerk up notes from the meeting to circulate to Cllrs. One of the most significant issues facing the National Park relates to increasing costs against what in reality has been a reduction in funding. The Authority is currently looking at ways to reduce the budget shortfall and this could potentially include redundancies. Other items discussed included the publication of 4 quick guidelines following the adoption of</p>	

	<p>the Local Plan; on-going work on Climate Change (with the Dartmoor Hill Farm Project securing £30k of funding from the Princes Trust); our Uplands Commons where 4 National Parks are working together to improve the health and understanding of the commons; continuation of the Peatland Restoration project (with over 900 hectares of peatland restored); the Curlew Headstart Project; Pine Martin re-introduction project; full path survey (assessing the condition of 730km of public paths and finally confirmation that the existing visitor centres continue to be well-used by the public, with a 90% customer satisfaction rating.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill gave a brief update on matters relating to the Newnham Solar Fund. Unfortunately the application for funding submitted for the lighting required for the creation of a Devon Air Ambulance evening landing site at Lee Moor was not approved. It was the view of other members of the board that local businesses should really be contributing towards this facility. It was unclear as to how much funding had already been raised in order to determine the current level of shortfall and whether local operators in the area could be contacted to see if they would make-up any shortfall? This also included the Commoners Association.</p>	
160/22	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month the following correspondence had been received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from SHDC confirming our vacant Cllr position can be filled by co-option • Email from SHDC regarding request to purchase Register of Electors • Email from DALC including latest newsletter • Email from South Hams CVS re granting funding made available in response to the cost of living crisis • Email update from Angie Scott of Tungsten West re Hemerdon Mine confirming the withdrawal of the S.73 application • Email invitation from Peter Larwood of Imerys re a China Clay and Ancillary Developments community liaison meeting taking place on Tuesday 10th Jan 2023 at Lee Moor Hall • Email notification from Smaller Authorities Appointments Ltd confirming that the external auditor for the AGAR for the next 5 year period will be PKF Littlejohn LLP • Email from Omotola Thomas of Rheenergise confirming BEIS funding for the High-Density Pumped Hydro Project and submission of their planning application • Email update from NALC • Letter from Lee Moor Public Hall thanking the PC for the £300 grant payment for the Xmas Pensioners lunch. 	
161/22	<p>Parish Council Budget 2023-24</p> <p>The Clerk went through the draft budget which was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. On the basis of the draft budget (total of which being £14,152.00) and increasing the precept for the previous year by 3% to the sum of £13,766.00, there would be a shortfall of £386 which</p>	

162/22	<p>Cllrs agreed could be found from existing PC funds. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Hitchins and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler that the draft budget be accepted and this was agreed by all Cllrs.</p> <p>Finance – Bank Mandate</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 1st December 2022 there was the sum of £14,913.65 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>In the absence of the Chair there was no update on the bank mandate from TSB.</p>	
163/22	<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) £997.55 cheque to Peter Tanner Engineering (repairs to swings at Lee Moor) £224.40 cheque to J & MJ Widdicombe (Parish Lengthsman) £450.00 cheque to Mr Nick Wassell (annual Chairman’s Allowance) £1071.80 cheque to Scott Smy (3-months Clerks wages inc back pay) £268.00 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3-months Clerks wages) £25.00 cheque to Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association (donation to Ring and Ride service) £600.00 cheque to B & K Gent Bros (annual grass cutting for play areas)</p> <p>Receipts £628.81 payment from HMRC (VAT Return for 2021/22)</p>	
164/22	<p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Peter Tanner had now made the necessary repairs to the swings in Lee Moor Play Area and was now due to look at the repairs needed to the swings at Wotter. It was likely that these would be interim repairs until the PC has submitted a lottery funding application for replacements.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the PC would fund the purchase of the Xmas Tree (which had already taken place). Julia Sanders agreed to arrange to send the receipt to the Clerk so that a cheque could be raised at the Feb PC meeting.</p>	Julia Sanders
165/22	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of Shaugh Prior Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.12pm</p>	

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