

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 5th October 2022**

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Wassell
Cllrs Stone, Mrs Burkill and Mrs Tyler

District Cllr Spence

4 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Hart, Cllr Hitchins, Cllr Smerdon
Sgt Ryan Canning

Minute Number		Action
118/22	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Angie Scott from TW gave a brief update on matters relating to the Tungsten Mine (which had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting). The new screens for the plant should be arriving from South Africa this week and it is hoped this will address the LFN issue. Recruitment is still on-going, with 29% employed from the local area whilst the Section 73 application is still on-going and is now likely to be determined in 2023. It was noted that lorries were still parking in the area next to the bridleway (it was noted that it should not be referred to as a layby as it is not laid out and constructed for such purposes). It was asked if Devon could implement a TRO to prevent parking in this area by HGV's. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask DCC Highways.</p> <p>Mr Clewer highlighted concerns regarding works taking on the hillside, with a swath cut in the trees on the hillside just above the mica dam at Portworthy. The Clerk confirmed that he was seeking a response from DCC Planning on this matter and would report back to Mr Clewer.</p> <p>Toby Russell of Devon Air Ambulance gave a brief presentation regarding a project relating to securing a night time landing site for the Devon Air Ambulance. A potential site had been identified on the</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>football pitch at Lee Moor. Toby confirmed that he had been in dialogue with the owners of the land (Caroline Bryans at Lee Moor Hall where there was support for such). Overall Cllrs were fully supportive of the project and they noted that fund raising would have to take place in order to cover the costs of the installation of the required lighting at the landing site (which would require a planning application that would have to be submitted by the Parish Council). It was suggested that the required funding shortfall could be addressed through an application to Newnham Solar Fund. It was agreed that Toby would report back at either the Dec or Feb PC meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler mentioned that the Moorland Hotel had recently changed hands. It was agreed that Patty and Rosemary had done a great deal of work in the local community and that they will be missed. It was noted that something should be included in the Parish Magazine relating to such.</p>	
119/22	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations were reported to the Clerk by Cllrs.</p>	
120/22	<p>Police Report</p> <p>During the month of September there were 7 calls for service via 101/999 including;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A report of Dangerous Driving in the lanes around Shaugh and specific to a female who drives too fast as she passes Horses. 2. On the 18th DNPA reported a Rave at Blackaton Cross, officers attended to prevent the Rave gaining momentum and further numbers. 3. MOD training log. 4. On the 25th there was a report of a distressed male walking up and down Shaugh Village and banging on some windows – the male claimed to have lost his dog. Police did attend but were unable to locate the male. <p>There were two reported Crimes in the month of September;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. During a visit to a male living on a farm within the Parish, Police located a personal quantity of Class A, Amphetamine. 6. A further report of Dangerous Driving, relating to the same female driver and once again, passing horses, at speed. <p>The only other thing of note is the slight rise in theft related crimes across the force in general.</p> <p>There were two dwelling burglaries of note, one in Saltash and one in Paignton. Both isolated properties – offences thought to be linked – both during the day when the homes were unoccupied. Dwelling burglaries are not as common as you may think and even then, reports can often be domestic related such as an ex-partner returning uninvited to retrieve disputed property. The two I have mentioned though are not of that type and serve as a reminder to just ensure we are keeping our properties secure when not at home.</p> <p>Fuel theft is also on the rise, albeit very slightly – there was a report this week in the South Hams of three males syphoning red diesel.</p>	
121/22	<p>County and District Councillor Reports</p>	

	<p>In his absence the Clerk read out a brief report from Cllr Hart.</p> <p>Had Cabinet last Monday and another meeting with officers this Monday. Talked about the County Council overspend. Gradually bringing it back for this year but still need to reduce spending by about £20million. We are also now having to look on how to reduce spending for next year to set a balanced budget for 2023 / 24. This will mean that we will have very little spare money to spend over the next 18 months. Currently the Children's and Adult budget lines are overheating with a substantial increase in demand; inflation is effecting the cost of materials particularly in road repairs with prices going up some 20% to 25%. General inflation is at about 10% with wage demands expected to cost an extra £7m to £10million extra on the 2% programmed when we set the Budget in February this year.</p> <p>We are working hard to improve our Children's services. Also supporting older people and working with the 4 hospitals to reduce any bed blocking for patients ready to be discharged. Both flu and the 4th Covid injections are now available. Please book your appointment or go to a drop in centre. The number of cases of Covid patients in hospital is small but the number catching Covid have doubled since last week. Unfortunately, there are still a small number of people who have NOT had any injections and others who although having had them are now getting Covid for the first time. People who have received vaccinations are recovering much faster than those who have refused.</p> <p>We signed off the advert for a new Chief Executive this morning and hope to have them in post before the end of February 2023.</p> <p>Locally officers are looking at other ways of stopping the Bridleway beside the cattle grid continuing to be used as a lorry park. The Clay companies are denying any responsibility for them; soft signs are being thrown away. They are now looking at more permanent obstacles, hopefully I will be in a position to let you have more details next month.</p> <p>Cllr Spencer provided the following report from a District Council perspective:</p> <p>Ukraine Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the Government launched the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. At the time both Councils were called upon to provide a range of services to facilitate the scheme. South Hams is now home to 155 Ukrainians (as at early September) who are fleeing the war in Ukraine, from 66 family groups, and in West Devon 139 Ukrainians from 51 family groups. Working with the voluntary sector and Devon County Council, both South Hams District and West Devon Borough Councils continue to play an important role in delivering the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme and helping Ukrainians beyond their initial six-month sponsorship.</p> <p>Waste Collection Arrangements I would love to say that the whole sorry saga with FCC will be confined to history on 03 October 2022 when the complete waste collection</p>	
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service will be brought back in house for the first time in three years. However, as more information is established about the operations of the service it is apparent that there is much to do to bring the service back up to a standard. This is likely to take a while to sort out. You will have seen a letter from SHDC, through your letter box, explaining what is happening. Garden waste will be continued until the end of October and the Council has committed not to leave bins full over the winter period which should mean a final/final collection some time at the beginning of November. The details are being worked on at the moment. There will be many questions from residents and I will be pleased to provide answers where I can.

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. I suppose that the thought of dragging waste vehicles around the country does seem contrary to the principles of recycling in our own back gardens. 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. It was suggested that this might be a good project for the SPCCEG to be involved with?

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

Broadband Update

Having acceptable levels of BB is key to SHDC thinking and they have engaged a specialist to support the rollout, which has been considerably delayed. Efforts are continuing to be made to support greater connectivity and the roll out of broadband to some of my Ward residents has been made progress is slow and we are working on trying to improve engagement with Connecting Devon & Cornwall (DCC). At the end of the day SHDC have no direct influence on the rollout of broadband but they do continue to lobby with partners to speed up the process. Further information can be found using the link below:

<https://southhams.gov.uk/community-broadband>

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.

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.

Barwood Development – Expansion of Woolwell

122/22	<p>I continue to have ongoing meetings with the planners and the Urban Fringe Development Team regarding the Barwood development. I am meeting with them again on 06 October. 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.</p> <p>Aldi The Audit & Governance Committee of SHDC have called in this case asking questions about the amounts spent on the abortive project.</p> <p>DPNA Report</p> <p>Cllr Smerdon provided a brief report confirming that Members will be discussing potential changes to National Park Bye-Laws on Friday 14th October (following consultation earlier in the year). A further report on this will be provided for the November PC meeting. It was also highlighted that there is a new Environment Minister in-post (Ranil Jayawardena) along with a new Duke of Cornwall, Prince William.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill mentioned she was due to be away on the date of the next Dartmoor National Park Forum Meeting and asked if another Cllr could substitute? The Clerk agreed to email Cllrs on this matter.</p>	Clerk
123/22	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2022</p> <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 September PC meeting. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Burkill and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler. The Clerk noted concerns from Parishioners regarding the use of the term 'layby' in relation to the issue of HGV's parking alongside the B3417.</p>	Clerk
124/22 8/22(a)	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Highway Matters</p> <p>During the Open Forum it was highlighted that there were some flooding issues reported on the lane leading to Portworthy (from the B3417) as well as a report of damage to the existing bridge parapet. These were noted by the Clerk and it was agreed to ask the Parish Lengthsman to visit this area to ascertain the cause of the issues. The Clerk also confirmed that the damage to the bridge would be raised with DCC Highways.</p> <p>It was highlighted by the Chair that the tarmac surface over Bickleigh Bridge was in a poor state whilst the gate at the cattle grid at Purps Lane was also difficult to open. Both of these issues to be reported to DCC Highways through the Clerk.</p> <p>There was still no update in relation to the mounting of the speed activated 20mph warning sign. As the Chair has Chapter 8 Training it was suggested that the PC seek permission from DCC Highways for</p>	Clerk Clerk

	<p>the Chair to go ahead with the mounting of the sign on the existing pole until as such time that the new pole has been installed by DCC. Finally, it was agreed that as existing stocks were getting low that a new batch of rock salt be ordered through the DCC Snow Warden Scheme.</p>	Clerk
8/22(b)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>One application for funding had been received during the past month from Shaugh Prior Hall who were seeking a grant payment of £200 to help with the cost of replacing the existing curtain. It was noted that all associated paperwork had been provided to accompany the grant application. After some brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Burkill and seconded by Cllr Stone 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. SO's were briefly lifted by the Chair in order to allow Mr Clewer to speak who confirmed that having had a recent conversation with Theresa Godfrey that there were no updates in terms of taking this item forward. Cllr Mrs Burkill confirmed the need for the PC to start thinking about a one-item Neighbourhood Plan relating to renewables.</p>	
8/22(d)	<p>Tribute to Cllr Norman</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that he had found a replacement piece of granite for the bench but there was no further update at this time.</p>	
8/22(e)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change Emergency Group</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill gave a brief update of the latest meeting of the group. Adam Sims had recently joined the group and was actively getting involved in some of the planned projects including a planned presentation by South Dartmoor Community Energy on the 16th November 2022 at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall. There was a considerable amount of discussion at the meeting regarding the tree planting project and there is now a large list of residents who have signed-up to the scheme. It was noted that the trees would be supplied by a local company Moor Trees and that the Clerk would arrange for payment at the next PC meeting once he has an invoice for such.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill referred to the good work undertaken by Bee Buckfastleigh and suggested that perhaps we could invite them to speak at a future PC meeting (possibly prior to the December PC meeting)? It was suggested by the Clerk that perhaps that meeting could start earlier at 7pm with the opening 30-40 minutes allocated for a presentation/discussion from Bee Buckfastleigh before then going onto the PC meeting? It was agreed that the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.</p>	

76/22	<p>Parish Cllr Vacancies</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that the 4 excellent applications received by the PC for the 2 vacant Cllr positions had been scored independently by Cllrs against each of the agreed criteria and all 4 had scored equally. It was therefore suggested and agreed by Cllrs that the HR Sub-Committee would meet to go through each of the applications in detail in order to be in a position to propose, to the PC at the November PC meeting, the two successful candidates. It was agreed that the meeting of the HR Sub-Committee would take place remotely in the following week (to be arranged by the Clerk).</p>	Clerk
95/22	<p>Defib Training</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill confirmed that a date of the 19th October at 7pm at Shaugh Prior Hall had been agreed for the training and it was hoped that as many people as possible would attend.</p>	
96/22	<p>Parish Emergency Plan</p> <p>No date had yet been set for a meeting of the Parish Emergency Plan sub-committee. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange this.</p>	
125/22	<p>Planning</p> <p>There were no planning issues to report upon. As highlighted in the Open Forum, the S.73 application for TW won't now be determined until 2023.</p>	
126/22	<p>Sustainable South Hams</p> <p>The Clerk made reference to receipt of an email from Cllr Spencer detailing a new group which has been set-up for Parish Councils called Sustainable South Hams CIC which is a non-political group that brings together and supports Councils and community groups taking action to improve our environment. As part of the group a Parish Council Special Interest Group is forming which allows PC's to share approaches, support each other and collaborate on bigger cross-parish projects. Cllrs were supportive of the group and it was suggested that in view of her role with SPCCCEG that Lidia Pearce could represent the Parish on this group. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward the details to Lidia. It was noted that there wasn't enough prior notice to allow someone to attend the event taking place on the 8th October associated with the same.</p>	
127/22	<p>Chairman's Business</p> <p>The Chair mentioned that he had recently met with Cllr Taffurelli. As a result of Cllr Taffurelli being in a position where he would not be able to attend as many PC meetings as he wished, reluctantly he had taken the decision to stand-down as a Parish Cllr and reluctantly the Chair accepted his letter of resignations. The Chair and all Cllrs wished to go on record to express their sincere thanks to Cllr Taffurelli for all he had done whilst he was a Cllr on the PC and certainly hoped</p>	

128/22	<p>he would continue to be involved with the PC as a custodian of the defibs at Lee Moor and Wotter.</p> <p>As a result of Cllr Taffurelli's resignation the Clerk confirmed that he would raise this vacancy with SHDC and arrange for the necessary notices to go up after which the vacancy could be advertised formally.</p> <p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Nothing to report. Cllr Mrs Burkill mentioned that the next meeting of the Newnham Solar Fund would take place on the 10th November and that she would not be able to attend. It was the view of Cllrs that there was no need to send a replacement for this single meeting held on-line using Zoom.</p>	Clerk
129/22	<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 48) • Email from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (notice of consultation on setting level of precept for 23/24) • Email from Devon Communities (on-line invitation to Community Resilience Forum 14-16th November 2022) • Email from SHDC re charging for garden waste collections • Email update from NALC • Email newsletter for SLCC 	
130/22	<p>Finance – Bank Mandate</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 1st August 2022 (at the time of the meeting the Sept bank statement had not been received) there was the sum of £17,260.90 in the Treasurers Account. He also confirmed that he had sought payment of the £1,500 grant from Newnham Solar Fund relating to the Lee Moor Play Area Fencing Works.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that he was still awaiting receipt of the updated bank mandate from TSB whilst the Clerk mentioned that he was awaiting feedback from enquiries made regarding a new internal auditor.</p> <p>The Clerk also produced the 6 monthly bank mandate which was checked by Cllr Stone and duly signed by the Chair.</p>	
131/22	<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) £870.40 cheque to Scott Smy (3 months Clerks wages) £217.40 cheque to HMRC (PAYE for 3 months Clerks wages)</p>	

<p>132/22</p>	<p>£132.00 cheque to J and MJ Widdicombe (parish Lengthsman/drainage clearance) £294.96 cheque to Andrew Deptford (replacement batteries and pads for Shaugh Prior Hall defib) £200.00 cheque to Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall (grant payment for new curtain)</p> <p>Receipts £6,683.00 BACS payment from SHDC (second annual precept payment)</p> <p>Works and Maintenance</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that both he and the Chair had met with Peter Tanner and following a site visit he had been instructed to address the issues raised in the recent play area inspections at both of the play areas. The Clerk also made reference to an 'off the shelf' product that could be used to fill the gaps in the safety surfacing below the swings (although it made sense to wait to carry out these works until Peter Tanner had undertaken the necessary repairs).</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that we were 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 the November PC meeting. In addition, it was also highlighted that a replacement picnic bench was required.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>133/22</p>	<p>Date and Place of Next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of Shaugh Prior Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.25pm</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	