

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 7th February 2024**

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Stone
 Cllrs Sims, Spencer, Chater, Mrs Francis-McLeod, Mrs Boulting,
 Mrs Proctor, Mrs Burkill and Mrs Tyler

2 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr John Hart, Cllr Oram, Cllr Smerdon and Sgt Ryan Canning

Minute Number		Action
02/24	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Mr Clewer wished to express his thanks to the PC for the recent delivery of rock salt for the residents in Portworthy. He also wished to raise highway safety concerns regarding motorcyclists parking within the bellmouth of the junction of Portworthy Lane with the B3417 and asked if the PC could request the installation of double yellow lines at this junction. It was agreed by Cllrs that the Clerk would ask DCC Highways if this would be possible. It was also noted that as well as causing a highway safety issues, motorcycles parking in this location were dropping large amounts of rubbish (which had been collected by the parish Lengthsman). It was noted by Cllrs that the installation of refuse bin this location wasn't practical as there would be an on-cost to the PC for emptying it. Mr Clewer also asked if the PC had been consulted upon a planning application submitted for a new hydrogen pipeline running from Langage Energy Park to the Sibilco site at Lee Moor (app no 0103/24)? The Clerk confirmed that the were yet to be consulted upon this application and agreed to raise this with SHDC.</p> <p>Julia Sanders wished to thank the PC for their assistance in respect of addressing issues with the PC notice board at Lee Moor (due to be discussed under Minute 15/24 below).</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill made reference to several recent incidents of fly</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

03/24	<p>tipping both on and just off the lane that leads to Clearbrook from Shaugh Bridge. As all of these incidents were outside our Parish, the Clerk confirmed he had raised this with the Clerks at Burrator and Bickleigh. Cllr Mrs Burkill also highlighted that one of the existing doctors was due to leave Wotter Surgery and how this could impact upon healthcare services provided here. It was noted by a number of Cllrs that at present, the service provided at Wotter Surgery was excellent and hoped this would continue to be the case. Finally, the Clerk made reference to a recent email received regarding the spreading of human waste on the fields at Browney Cross. It was acknowledged that this often happens once or twice a year and as a PC there is little we can do.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that none had been received.</p>	
04/24	<p>Police Report</p> <p>In his absence, the Clerk read out a report received from Sgt Ryan Canning:</p> <p>Since 1st Jan 2024, there have only been two calls for service.</p> <p>9th January - we received a report of a loose horse, no rider. Horse and rider reunited before officers arrived.</p> <p>31st January – a concern for welfare, resolved at first point of contact and no requirement for officers to attend.</p> <p>Crime Reports within the Parish for the last 30 days, of which there are 3, and all involve dogs:</p> <p>21/1 Dead sheep pulled from the river after being chased, attacked and killed by a dog. No lines of enquiry.</p> <p>31/1 Dog bite to dog, Wotter. No serious injury. Finalised.</p> <p>04/02 Dead sheep found with serious injuries near to Cadover, no witnesses.</p> <p>PC Tim Wills has now left Devon and Cornwall Police, having taken up a Rangers position within the National Trust. PC Dave Tungate and PC Roberta Cooper-Lowe will get in touch with Karla and our own Rural Affairs Team to see what pro-active work we can do around these livestock attacks.</p>	
05/24	<p>County and District Councillor Reports</p> <p>In Cllr Hart's absence the Clerk read out a very brief report which was as follows:</p> <p>We are fixing meetings for Devolution over the whole County area with extra ones for Business, Education as well as Towns and Parishes. The list will be out shortly. Our Budget is predicated on a 4.99% increase in Council Tax. Papers for this should be online after Friday's Cabinet meeting.</p>	

06/24	<p>In Cllr Oram's absence there was no District Cllr Report.</p> <p>DNPA Report</p> <p>In his absence the Clerk read out some of the headlines from the report provided by Cllr Smerdon:</p> <p>Funding boost for nature-based projects – Farmers and landowners are working on ambitious plans to boost nature and strengthen farming resilience across huge parts of Dartmoor National Park. The Walkham Valley in West Dartmoor and Central Dartmoor Farm Cluster were two of the 34 successful bids in the second round of the Government's Landscape Recovery scheme, announced last week by Defra ahead of COP28. The schemes now enter a two-year development phase ahead of 20-year delivery period, allowing time to explore and negotiate options resulting in a collective agreement unique to each individual landscape. Landscape Recovery is a key component of the Government's Environmental Land Management scheme. It is for farmers and land managers who want to explore large-scale, long-term and coordinated approaches to producing environmental and climate goods on their land. It funds ambitious landscape-scale projects through bespoke, long-term agreements. The aim is to deliver a range of positive environmental and social benefits while meeting local and national ambitions.</p> <p>More miles without stiles routes launched - Four new Miles Without Stiles routes have been added to DNPA's growing bank of accessible routes. Waymarked paths at Norsworthy Bridge, Brent Island, Burrator Arboretum and Yarner Wood have been added in the last few months meaning people with mobility scooters, pushchairs and wheelchairs can enjoy time in these wonderful places. DNPA's award-winning Miles Without Stiles is aimed at creating accessible and well-maintained networks to get more people more active, more often.</p> <p>Rangers continue using body-worn video cameras - After a successful two-year trial, Dartmoor Rangers will continue using body worn video cameras (BWV). Rangers have been using BWV as part of their role since early 2022; the equipment was introduced to protect their health, safety and welfare, and has been used in situations where there's been risks of physical or verbal abuse. The equipment has played a valuable role in helping the team when dealing with potentially sensitive and high-risk situations. Data shows the Rangers have worn the equipment 211 times and activated the cameras seven times, mainly in relation to precautionary incidents such as dealing with raves, verbal abuse and evidence gathering.</p> <p>Dog walking on Dartmoor as Spring approaches - As spring approaches. the National Park Authority is asking people to be more considerate of wildlife and livestock when it comes to walking their dogs. March 1 – July 31 marks the breeding season for livestock and birds which nest on the ground such as meadow pipit and whinchat. Free-running dogs can easily disturb birds or spook young animals, so people should follow some simple steps to ensure wildlife is protected.</p>	
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<p>07/24</p>	<p>The Authority is asking that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dogs are kept on a short lead around livestock and in areas where birds are known to nest on the ground •For people to ensure that, when off the lead, dogs don't chase animals •In warmer weather, popping dogs on a lead to reduce the risk of adder bites •Picking up after your pet and taking poo bags home when you leave •Checking your pooch for ticks when the walk is over <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7th December 2023</p> <p>All Cllrs agreed that they had received a draft copy of the minutes of the December meeting and resolved that they were an accurate reflection of the minutes of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Boulting and seconded by Cllr Mrs Proctor.</p>	
<p>08/24 (a)</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Highway Matters</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill referred to a recent episode of a large HGV getting stuck in one of the back lanes leading to Shaugh Prior village. Although she managed to get a picture, the registration plate could not be determined and therefore it was agreed that little could be done.</p> <p>The Clerk referred to receipt of an email received from DCC Highways asking for agreement to the location for the installation of a pole (just to the south of the Brag Lane junction on the road between Beatland Cross and Cadover Bridge) which would then allow the speed activated warning signs at Wotter to also be moved to this location. It was hoped that by moving these signs to different locations, it would help to reduce traffic speeds which would hopefully reduce some of the livestock fatalities. After viewing the plan provided by DCC Highways, Cllrs were in agreement with the suggested location for the pole and the Clerk agreed to respond on this basis.</p> <p>Cllr Sims confirmed that he had now received the solar panel conversion kit for the speed activated sign in Shaugh Prior village and that he now needed the keys to the sign cabinet. It was noted that these keys were held by Nick Wassell and the Chair agreed to visit Nick to collect them.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the main road by Broadoaks bus shelter was now flooding regularly during periods of heavy rain and that a more permanent solution was now needed to address this problem. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this issue with DCC Highways.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p>
<p>(b)</p>	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that no applications for funding had been received.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

(c)	<p>Tribute to Cllr Norman</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had consulted the National Trust (Peter Davies) and was still waiting to hear back from them. He agreed to chase for a response.</p>	Clerk
(d)	<p>Shaugh Prior Community Climate Change and Biodiversity Group</p> <p>It was noted that no meetings of the group had taken place since the last PC meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk referred to receipt of an email from Lidia Pearce confirming that she was no longer able to lead this group. It was agreed by all Cllrs that Lidia should be thanked for all of her previous hard work in relation to the running of this group and that she will be very-much missed. It was agreed that the Clerk would provide some wording to go both in the Parish Magazine and on the PC website seeking a replacement for Lidia.</p>	Clerk
(e)	<p>Wotter Play Area Improvements Sub-Committee</p> <p>In view of the amount of work involved in bringing forward the future proposed improvements to Wotter Play Area, the Clerk suggested that it would be prudent to establish a sub-committee of Cllrs for this project (this was the approach taken for the previous project which delivered improvements to the play area). It was agreed that this would allow decisions to be considered and acted upon more quickly. The Clerk suggested that meetings of the sub-committee could be help using Zoom. It was resolved by Cllrs to set-up a sub-committee for this project and the following Cllrs wished to be involved in such:</p> <p>Cllrs Chater, Sims, Tyler, Boutling, Stone and Francis-McLeod.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Francis-McLeod provided the Clerk with details of the results of the consultation undertaken to determine what improvements people/children were seeking at Wotter Play Area. The Clerk agreed to review the results and report back in due course.</p>	Clerk
(f)	<p>Emergency Plan</p> <p>It was agreed by Cllrs that the first meeting of the Emergency Plan sub-committee would take place on Wednesday 28th February at Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall starting at 7.30pm. The Clerk also agreed to re-send the template to Cllrs prior to the meeting.</p>	Clerk
(g)	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Despite some reservations expressed by the Clerk (primarily due to a lack of a mandate for such due to their being no specific land allocations for development within the Parish or proposed designations), after some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Boulting and seconded by Cllr Sims that the PC should look to explore the possibility of developing a NP. Resolved by the PC to explore the</p>	

<p>(h)</p>	<p>opportunity of developing a NP, with Cllr Spencer taking the lead with support from Cllrs Sims, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Boulting and Mrs Burkill. Cllr Spencer agreed to set-up an initial meeting to discuss how this piece of work would be taken forward by the sub-committee.</p> <p>South West Water Lee Moor Sewerage Scheme</p> <p>The Clerk wished to make Cllrs aware of the proposed at St Aubyn Terrace. As the scheme will impact upon Common Land, SWW were required to consult with the PC detailing their works (the deadline for the consultation being the 31st Jan 2024). The Clerk shared the consultation plan with Cllrs. SWW have confirmed that they would be willing to come to a future PC meeting once more detailed scheme plans had been developed. It was also noted that SWW would have to purchase the land required for the construction of the pumping station and associated maintenance layby.</p>	<p>Cllr Spencer</p>
<p>09/24</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk referred to the update he had received (and circulated to Cllrs) regarding Hemerdon Mine. The draft copy of the permit has now been prepared and the EA will shortly be consulting with the public on this draft permit. This will provide the public to provide their comments on the content of the draft permit and decision document. Further details are expected from the EA over the coming weeks.</p> <p>The following decision notices were read out by the Clerk:</p> <p>App No 0510/23 – The County House, Cadover Bridge (provision of a satellite dish and pole on the roof) – Approved. App No 0512/23 – The White House, Shaugh Prior (construction of a new vehicular access and parking area – Refused. App No 3485/23/FUL – Higher Bughill Farm, Plympton (provision of a mobile home) – Approved. The approval of this application has meant that the planning enforcement case has now been closed.</p> <p>The Clerk also confirmed that he had reported to SHDC a potential breach of planning for fencing works taking place at Lee Moor village adjacent to the track leading to Lee Moor sewerage treatment works.</p>	
<p>10/24</p>	<p>Chairman’s Business</p> <p>The Chairman wished to raise concerns regarding a proposal to split-up the management of the Commons which will impact upon the funding for such and maintenance. He wanted to make sure that the PC was aware of this and the concerns that the Commoners have on this proposal (which the PC will be consulted upon in due course).</p>	
<p>11/24</p>	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Whilst there had been no specific committee meetings since the last C meeting, Cllr Mrs Burkill gave an update on the Newnham Solar Fund. She confirmed that at present there was around £18k in the fund and that a large bid for funding had been received from a project taking</p>	

<p>12/24</p>	<p>place in Cornwood.</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month the following correspondence had been received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Four Rivers Dementia Alliance asking if we would consider making a grant payment of £100. It was the view of Cllrs that this would be a reasonable request if it could be demonstrated what impact the alliance has on impacting upon the lives of our parishioners? It was agreed that the Clerk would reply on this basis. • Devon Climate Change Emergency Newsletter for January 2024 (circulated to Cllrs) • Email from DALC confirming yearly subscription fees will increase from £201 per year to £281. • Email from SHDC giving prior warning of the start of a consultation on Public Space Protection Orders for the consumption of alcohol in public spaces (the order being up for renewal in July 2024). • Letter from DNPA confirming Cllr Smerdon as our Parish Link Member. • Email from South Hams Community Action group providing details of a survey relating to loneliness and isolation in the community. • E-Bulletin from DALC. • Email from SHDC regarding providing responses to planning applications and issues with the new IT system. • Email newsletter from NALC • Email newsletter from SLCC 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>13/24</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 1st February 2024 there was the sum of £12,712.32 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that there had been no further update on the Bank Mandate and after speaking to TSB on-line, that he was advised to visit the local branch at Tavistock to get an update from them directly.</p> <p>He also confirmed that a date for the Internal Audit by Stuart Pollard of Auditing Solutions Ltd had been agreed for the 15th February 2024.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>14/24</p>	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:</p> <p>£17.00 direct debit payment to EDF Energy (electricity for Wotter defib)</p> <p>£100.00 cheque to Scott Smy (Clerks final expenses payment)</p> <p>£120.00 cheque to WesternWeb Ltd (renewal of webspace and email management)</p> <p>£18.00 cheque to DALC for Cllr training course</p> <p>£25.89 cheque to Scott Smy (Reimbursement for office sundries)</p>	

<p>15/24</p>	<p>Receipts Credit payment £66.73 from EDF Energy (electricity for Wotter defib)</p> <p>Works and Maintenance – Lee Moor Notice Board</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted WPD who had now removed one of the ash die-back trees which was hanging over the existing high voltage power lines outside the property Merlin in Shaugh Prior. He had also since received a quotation for the removal of the remaining trees with ash die-back from Clearbrook Tree Services. After some discussion, it was the view that the estimate received was extremely high and that a further estimate should be sought. The Clerk agreed to speak to a tree surgeon who had been recommended to the PC and obtain a further quotation.</p> <p>With regards to the replacement of the existing PC notice board at Lee Moor, the Clerk circulated some quotations received from different providers. Most of the estimates for a wall-mounted notice board with header were in the region of £700-800 (exc VAT). As this was a significant spend which the PC had not budgeted for, it was agreed that the Clerk would submit a grant application for funding from the Newnham Solar Fund. It was also resolved that the new location of the notice board would be on the side wall of the existing bus shelter (where it would get more protection from the elements).</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler mentioned that the light inside the BT phone box where the Wotter defib is located was no longer working. She agreed to ask Ryan Best to have a look at it and agreed to report back.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler</p>
<p>16/24</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 6th March 2024 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.17pm</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	