

MINUTES

of

SHAUGH PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting****Held on****Wednesday 6th November 2024**

at

Lee Moor Public Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Stone
Cllrs Sims, Mrs Chater, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Boulting and Mrs Burkill

County Cllr Hart

0 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Spencer, Mrs Proctor and Mrs Francis McLeod
District Cllr Oram

Minute Number		Action
134/24	Open Forum In the absence of there being any members of the public in attendance, there were no matters raised during the Open Forum.	
135/24	Declarations of Interest No declarations had been received by the Clerk.	
136/24	Police Report In the absence of PC Tungate there was no monthly report. The Clerk mentioned he had received an email from the new Temporary Sector Inspector Mark Stevens introducing himself.	
137/24	County and District Councillor Reports County Cllr Hart gave an update in relation to county matters. With regards to setting the annual budget for the Council there were some pluses and minuses. The changes outlined during the recent Budget with increase in taxes paid by employers along with an increase in the minimum wage will have a major impact upon the County Council (the latter costing the County a further £8.5m). The budget for 2025/26 will	

<p>138/24</p> <p>139/24</p> <p>140/24</p> <p>8/24(a)</p>	<p>be agreed in Feb at a full meeting of the Council. It was noted that Devon was in a better place than some other authorities such as Cornwall and Somerset.</p> <p>Funding will be increasing for both SEND as well as for social care (an extra £95m from Government over 7 years). It was confirmed that the County are trying to catch-up on their backlog of potholes, with 35,000 still outstanding across the entire county and that contractors were now being asked to repair potholes on the same section of road at the same time. Dates had now been agreed for highway improvement works on the A379 at Brixton.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill asked for an update on the installation of the speed camera on the B3417 Lee Moor Road. Despite several Cllrs having been told something different by TW, Cllr Hart confirmed that just one camera was being provided and that TW were only supplying the power supply (the camera being supplied by DCC). As the works were linked to a S.106 Agreement (which is associated with operations commencing at the mine), there was no date as to when the power supply and camera would be installed. Several Cllrs expressed their concerns at such a delay in view of the accidents that had already taken place on the road.</p> <p>In his absence, Cllr Oram provided a monthly report which was circulated to Cllrs. In view of the length of some of the reports (which in-turn resulted in lengthy minutes of monthly PC meetings), moving forward it was agreed by Cllrs that the Clerk would only report on items raised with Cllr Oram by Cllrs at PC meetings.</p> <p>It was noted that the Woolwell Planning Application was due to be considered by South Hams Development Management Committee on the 14th November 2024.</p> <p>DNPA Report</p> <p>In his absence there was no DNPA Report from Cllr Smerdon.</p> <p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2024</p> <p>All Cllrs agreed that they had received a draft copy of the minutes of the October meeting and resolved that they were an accurate reflection of the minutes of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Chater and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler. Resolved by Cllrs to agree the draft minutes of the October PC meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Highway Matters</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed he had spoken to DCC Highways to see if they had any in-house engineers that could assist with resolving the issues with the speed-activated sign in Shaugh Prior village. Unfortunately, they don't and the PC were advised to speak to the supplier (Stocksigns Ltd) in the first instance to see what assistance they might be able to offer.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
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8/24(b)	<p>Following receipt of an email from DCC Highways, it was resolved that the Clerk would contact Nick Wassell to see if he was still happy to continue as the Snow Warden?</p> <p>Shaugh Prior Community Fund</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that two funding applications had been received (which had been forwarded to Cllrs prior to the meeting).</p> <p>Application from Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall seeking a grant payment of £200 to help towards the purchase of mugs and gifts for children who attended the annual Apple Day celebration. Cllr Mrs Burkill felt this was a reasonable request as we no longer receive grant requests for the children's Xmas Party. It was however noted that the hall is in a healthy position in terms of finances.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Mrs Burkill and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler that a grant payment of £200 be approved. Resolved that a grant payment of £200 be made to Shaugh Prior Hall.</p> <p>An application from Lee Moor Public Hall seeking a grant of £300 to help towards the cost of hosting the annual pensioners Xmas Lunch. It was noted by Cllrs that the PC always try to support this event financially and donations of £5 per head are also requested to help fund it. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Chater and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tyler to approve the grant payment. Resolved that a grant payment of £300 be made to Lee Moor Hall.</p>	Clerk
8/24(c)	<p>Tribute to Cllr Norman</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that there had been some progress on this matter and that the National Trust were in general support of the proposed bench. In order to understand potential concerns about the new bench (which had been expressed by some Cllrs previously) and what would/wouldn't be acceptable to the NT, Pete Davies has agreed to attend the Dec PC meeting.</p>	
8/24(e)	<p>Wotter Play Area Improvements Working Group</p> <p>Several enquiries have been received from those companies that put forward design proposals for the Wotter Play Area Improvements but were not chosen. The Clerk confirmed he had responded to those enquiries explaining why their schemes were not successful (although all were very worthy). A decision from the National Lottery Awards for All grant funding application was awaited (a decision being expected at the end of December 2024).</p>	
8/24(f)	<p>Emergency Plan</p> <p>As a result of focussing on the Wotter Play Area Improvements, there was no further progress on the EP at present.</p>	
8/24(g)	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Spencer, Cllr Mrs Boulting gave an update on</p>	

	<p>the NP meeting which took place on the 4th November. It was noted that there was a good turn-out for the meeting, with 19 people attending. It was noted that a questionnaire now needs to go out to the local community and a further meeting of the communications group was due to take place at the White Thorn on the 13th November. Several people have kindly agreed to go door-knocking around the Parish to help get the NP message out to people whilst a meeting with a planning consultant in Kingsbridge for advice/guidance, has been arranged for the 20th November.</p>	
109/24	<p>Meeting with Rebecca Smith MP</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that he had managed to catch-up with Rebecca Smith MP. He confirmed that there was no hurry on Rebecca's part for this meeting and it might be better getting something arranged in the new year. It was also confirmed that Rebecca is unlikely to be available Monday-Thursday due to being at Westminster during the early part of the week. It was suggested by the Chair that it would be good if this meeting with the MP could be held prior to the Feb PC meeting.</p>	
141/24	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that he had sent a chasing email to SHDC planning enforcement regarding the on-going case being investigated at Lee Moor but was yet to receive any feedback/response.</p>	Clerk
142/24	<p>Chairs Business</p> <p>The Chair gave a brief update on the TW meeting he had recently attended. He confirmed that very little was happening at the mine at present. There were very few staff now employed by TW and that they were optimistic of starting operations again in late 2026 now that the various permits had been secured.</p>	
143/24	<p>Reports from Committees</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Burkill confirmed that a meeting of the Dartmoor National Park Forum was due to take place on the 8th November and that she would report back at the next PC meeting. She also confirmed that there had been no meeting of the Newnham Solar Panels CIC and whilst more money had been distributed in the local area, there was still further funding available to be allocated.</p>	Cllr Mrs Burkill
144/24	<p>Community Transport Survey Questions</p> <p>Prior to the PC meeting, the Clerk had circulated the draft questions to Cllrs relating to the community transport survey being undertaken by South Hams Community Action. It was agreed by Cllrs that draft questions (which were all quite generic) were acceptable and no changes were necessary. In addition, Cllrs agreed that no further questions needed to be added. The Clerk agreed to respond to Jackie Wesley on this basis.</p>	Clerk

145/24	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>During the past month the following correspondence had been received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Ivybridge and District Ring and Ride requesting a grant payment of £140 based upon the journeys it had provided for residents living in the Parish. It was noted that we currently have £25 in the budget to support a grant funding bid. It was proposed by Cllr Sims that this years grant payment be increased to £100 (from £25) and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Burkill. Resolved by Cllrs to make a payment of £100 to Ivybridge Ring and Ride and consider an increased payment for 25/26 when we set the budget in December. • Email from NALC regarding a consultation from Central Government on changes to legislation to allow PC meetings to be held remotely. It was agreed by Cllrs that whilst we should always try to meet in person, having flexibility to host meetings on-line would be helpful (poor weather conditions etc). It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the consultation on this basis. • Email from Dartmoor National Park Authority regarding consultation on their Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). • Devon Climate Change Emergency Newsletter for November 2024 (circulated to Cllrs) • Email from Devon Countryside Access Forum seeking Cllrs becoming members. • Email from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue seeking views from the public on the amount of council tax people pay towards such. • Email from Tamar Energy Community regarding the Tamar Energy Festival taking place on Saturday 9th November 2024 at the Butchers Hall, Tavistock between 10.00 and 15.00. • Email newsletter from NALC • Email newsletter from SLCC • Email newsletter from DALC. 	Clerk
146/24	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that on the 1st November 2024 there was the sum of £18,567.32 in the Treasurers Account.</p> <p>The 6-monthly bank reconciliation was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting and was signed off by Cllr Mrs Burkill and the Chair. The Clerk confirmed that it would then be uploaded to the PC website.</p> <p>Cllrs were reminded that the PC budget for 25/26 would need to be discussed and agreed at the Dec PC meeting (so that SHDC can be informed of the level of precept required for the next financial year). The Clerk agreed to circulate a draft budget prior to the meeting.</p>	Clerk
147/24	<p>Payments and Receipts</p> <p>It was agreed to make the following payments:</p>	

	<p>£22.00 direct debit payment to EDF Energy (electricity for Wotter defib) £132.00 cheque to J&MJ Widdicombe (Parish Lengthsman drainage works in September) £171.60 cheque to J&MJ Widdicombe (Parish Lengthsman drainage works in October) £28.00 cheque to Scott Smy (reimbursement for purchase of poppy wreath) £200.00 cheque to Shaugh Prior Recreation Hall (grant payment for Apple Day celebrations) £300.00 cheque to Lee Moor Public Hall (grant payment for pensioners Xmas Lunch)</p> <p>Receipts None</p>	
<p>148/24</p>	<p>Works and Maintenance – Works to Lee Moor Biodiversity Area</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that he was still awaiting an invoice from James Friend for the works relating to the installation of the new notice board at Lee Moor (and the removal of the old one). James was also working his way through the list of remedial/safety works identified by SHDC at each of the play areas.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Tyler referred to a matter that had been raised at the Oct PC meeting relating to works to tidy-up the biodiversity area at Lee Moor. Since the last PC meeting it had been confirmed that the area was owned by Imerys who were happy for the works to be undertaken subject to receipt of a Risk Assessment and Method Statement being submitted for the said works.</p> <p>Whilst it was the intention for these works to be undertaken by volunteers, after some discussion over insurance requirements, health and safety training etc, it was agreed by Cllrs that it might be better for these works to be undertaken by a private contractor (who will then be able to provide Imerys with all of the necessary documentation).</p>	
<p>149/24</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 4th December 2024 at Lee Moor Public Hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The meeting closed at 9.10pm</p> <p>Signed:.....Chairman</p> <p>Date:</p>	