

Shaugh Prior Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes of Meeting @ Moorland Hotel Thursday 15th January 2026

Present: Tim Clewer, Tim Thomas, Simon Francis, Lesley Nel,
Jennie Winter, Vanessa Tyler, Pam Golding, Julia Sanders

Apologies: Jason Ellmers, Paul Vann

TC - Meeting opened with Welcome from the Chair.
It was noted that all present would be eligible to vote and agree actions.

Minutes of 11th November 2025 were approved.

Update on Shaugh Prior School Closure:

TC - Referred to a Consultation on the future of the School at the Moorland Hotel, on Thursday 29th January. This is a drop-in event from 3.45pm - 6.45pm.

It is understood that the School's Trust will attend along with Devon County Cllrs.

This Consultation is mandatory before they can close the school.

They will essentially be wanting to hear what people say about the fact the school will closing.

This event has been advertised on social media and the Parish Council Website.

Update on Funding:

TT - An update from Chris at Newnham Solar Funding to say she has received response from the Directors. We are just waiting for a decision whether our Grant has been successful.

Other Funding news - A Neighbourhood Plan is likely to be included for 2026/2027 which Tim has been looking into and will follow up.

Draft Plan Review Process - Discussion and Decisions:

For the benefit of the group, SF explained the process of working through headings of the template.

It was agreed to record the outcome/actions.
This follows as per table on following page.

Please Note: All decisions were agreed by the majority of the Steering Group.

Date of next Steering Group Meeting: Thursday 28th January @19:00hrs
(Returning to the process - Draft Plan Discussions and Decisions from Policies 'C' onwards). NB: This meeting may be extended to 20:00hrs.

Date of St. Grp, social dinner @ Moorland Hotel: Wednesday 11th February @ 19:00hrs
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Meeting January 15th 2026: Draft plan discussion and decisions

It was agreed to change the cover, including photographs from/of each village.

It was agreed to be consistent in using 'homes' rather than houses or dwellings throughout the document.

It was agreed to create a glossary of terms used in the Plan, to be in Appendix.

It was agreed to add criteria used in assessments of data/consultations, to appendix.

Question	Comment / Suggested Changes	
A. Vision Statement: Is the overall Vision Statement clear, aspirational, and accurately reflective of the neighbourhood's future goals?	Add: The Plan seeks to harmonise our residential, commercial & agricultural activities. 2.1. Add to 'encompassing the villages of Shaugh Prior, Wotter and Lee Moor'...and outlying farms, homes and commercial entities	Agreed Agreed
B. Strategic Objectives: Are the strategic objectives clear, measurable, and directly supporting the Vision? Are any key objectives missing?	TT- Consider cross-referencing objectives to policy themes to aid examiner clarity. 4. elucidate 'interpretation' to include 'information on'. 5. add concern over speed, be consistent re speed limits and cross ref/add to community projects.	Agreed. Agreed
Policies		
A1.	Include the Moorland as amenity (check ACV timeline too)	Agreed
A2	Add Local Green Spaces – designated and undesignated are protected through JLP, add policy to Justification Include a specific map (or appendix) showing exact LGS boundaries. Add a short site by-site justification demonstrating how each space meets NPPF LGS criteria. Put photos somewhere. Change 'Bowling Greens' to Lee Moor Bowling Green and the green space on open moor known as Shaugh Prior Bowling Green'. Determine consultation numbers on The Brake (to protect or develop) and place in correct section	Agreed Agreed Agreed Agreed
A3.	add 'progress work to mitigate light pollution' Through parish council, put under community projects.	Agreed

	<p>Add Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment – Simon to annotate maps of V+V that community raised</p> <p>Simon to check with Deborah on adding ‘noise’ and lights in quarries in case of future increased quarrying</p> <p>Rephrase A3.2 to read more clearly. Move Shaugh Beacon to 1.</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>
A4	<p>Change ‘no unacceptable’ to ‘minimal’ / ‘proportionate’</p> <p>Remove ‘colour treatment’.</p> <p>Remove ‘small scale’</p> <p>Simon clarify w deborah?</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>
B1.	<p>Correct all map numbering and cross references. Explicitly state that development outside boundaries will be resisted unless compliant with exception policies. Consistent with JLP TTV26/27, subject to correction.</p> <p>Change 1st line to ‘boundary shown in the 3 maps’</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>
B2	<p>B2.2. Remove ‘individual’. Change all ‘houses’ and ‘dwellings’ to homes (B2.2&4)</p> <p>Remove ‘high value’ agricultural land.</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>
B3	<p>Add definition of local connection to Glossary. Commit to an updated Parish level Housing Needs Survey</p> <p>Cite the specific JLP policy or evidence base supporting the 10+10 housing figure.</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>
B4	<p>Change wording of Adaptive reuse</p> <p>-</p> <p>‘Should it close, the adaptive reuse of the Shaugh Prior School as a new community hub....’</p> <p>Review community data on the Brake</p>	
B5	<p>Add the Local Plans’ conversion policies, and NPPF</p>	