

Minutes of the Meeting of Shaugh Prior Parish Council held on Wednesday 1 July 2026, 7:30pm in Shaugh Prior Village Hall.

Present – Cllr. Clewer (Chairman); Cllr. Thomas; Cllr Tyler; Cllr Chislett; District Cllr. Abbot; County Cllr Carson; Nigel Doran (Clerk).

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Thomas.

1) Welcome

All were welcomed to the meeting.

2) Open Forum

As there were no members of the public present there was no Open Forum.

3) Apologies for Absence

None.

4) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Tyler declared an interest regarding the Reform party.

Cllr Thomas declared an interest regarding LGR as he worked for Plymouth City Council.

5) Election for Parish Council vacancies

Cllr Thomas read out the timetable for the forthcoming election, and it was agreed that the notice of election should be posted on the Parish Council Facebook page as well as the Parish Council's website and noticeboards.

It was proposed that there be no polling cards (proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Clewer), this was agreed by all.

6) Police report

This had been received by email and was read to the meeting.

Between the 1st of June 2026 and the 29th June 2026, there were 12 calls for service received for the Shaugh Prior area these were made through Police 999 / 101 calls.

The break down of these calls were as follows:

2 x Nuisance ASB (anti-social behaviour), this included a Rave ongoing at Blackaton Cross Car park, all occupants on arrival were packing up and any drivers were tested all negative for drink / drug. The second report was for a vehicle unloading E-bikes, for intelligence purposes as units were heavily committed.

3 x Domestic related. (No details as protecting the vulnerable).

1 x Car alert / crash alert – false alert

3 x injured / dead deer in the road

1 x MH (mental health) related incident

1 x Possible drug drive – negative

1 x hit run / dangerous driving – non injury and no vehicle registration seen

The crime levels for the whole of our patch remain low which is good news but with the Summer upon us we will soon be seeing an influx of visitors which can be challenging at times. We will endeavour to be out on patrols in and around the area, liaising with Dartmoor Rangers.

For any non urgent business you can email the Ivybridge Team
ivybridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

7) DNPA report

None received.

8) Tungsten West report

None received.

9) District and County Councillor Reports

County Cllr Carson reported:

Local Government Reorganisation continues to be the main focus at County Hall.

The Government have asked all Councils in the County to get around the table and come up with a plan for Devon that is reasonable for all parties. They do not have long as it is expected to be announced on 19th July.

SEND and the cost of road repairs are the two areas challenging the County Budget.

Delivering this summer's DCC services:

Transport, Tourism support

Managing the heatwave impact.

The team for School placements and transport are busy with the September new intake, and will be working hard all summer to ensure a good start for the new academic year.

Hemerdon Mine have put a request out for recruits, saying they will need 350 people when up and running. So if you know anyone who is interested in a job in mining direct them to the TW Website. There are lots of opportunities.

They are also looking for accommodation, They are having a number of mining experts coming in for up to two years at a time to train a local workforce and are keen to source accommodation for them and their families.

Cllr Clewer asked if County Cllr Carson knew if the B3417 would be on the agenda at the next HATOC meeting. He replied that he didn't.

Cllr Clewer then asked if County Cllr Carson could speak with the officers in the Highways Department to find out if the dates for the public consultation concerning the proposed speed limit for the B3417 had been set and if so, to let him know so that they could be included in the forthcoming Parish magazine.

District Cllr Abbot reported:

Crisis and Resilience Fund

This is designed to support low-income households in the South Hams who are facing an unexpected financial shock, such as a sudden loss of income, the breakdown of an essential household item, or another urgent cost they cannot afford.

- The fund can also provide housing support, financial advice and wider services to help people avoid future crises and build longer-term resilience.
- Residents must be aged 16 or over and live in the South Hams as their main home.
- If councillors are contacted by residents in need of support, they can encourage them to check the eligibility criteria and apply online using this link southhams.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/other-available-support/crisis-and-resilience-fund

The team understands that not all residents are able to complete online applications. We can provide support by telephone and, longer term, we hope to develop a face-to-face offering.

Planning Changes

The Government is making changes to the way in which planning applications are to be determined after 31 October. After that date Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026 introduce a national scheme of delegation for all planning decisions.

The Government's objective is to introduce greater clarity and consistency in the role of planning committees in development management decision-taking. The intended effect is that there will be fewer applications decided by planning committees and more delegated to officers.

The 2026 Regulations adopt a two-schedule structure. Schedule 1 applications must be delegated to officers unless the application is one that is being made by the Council, or by an officer or member of the Council.

Schedule 2 applications, which are the more significant applications, are subject to a presumption of officer determination but may be referred to committee where the nominated officer and nominated member agree that the statutory criteria for referral are met.

The Council is reviewing the regulations and the processes. This is a fundamental change to how planning operates which we have no choice but to implement. Town and parish councils remain consultees and their comments on applications will remain relevant considerations.

Volunteer Drivers

Devon Communities Together have a county-wide appeal for volunteer drivers to support community transport schemes across Devon. Anyone aged 21 or over with a full driving licence, at least two years' driving experience and access to a vehicle can volunteer, with no minimum commitment and mileage reimbursed. Volunteer drivers help residents get to medical appointments, shopping trips and social activities, with 106,561 journeys provided last year.

Contactless payment

Contactless card reader payments machines are being trialled in two car parks in Dartmouth, to consider the broader parking experience in the South Hams.

The new machines are in Mayors Avenue Car Park and the Dartmouth Park and Ride Car Park. The trial will help will inform an assessment of the contactless technology before considering a wider rollout across the South Hams. Motorists can continue to pay for parking using the PayByPhone app, available to download from both the App Store and Google Play Store on smartphones and giving a residents' discount.

Ivybridge Car Parks

Resurfacing and re-lining will take place over July and is bound to cause some disruption. Although weather dependent, the work started today on Harford Road Car Park.

Both County Cllr Carson and District Cllr Abbot urged people to make applications to their locality budgets (DCC via the DCC website, SHDC via email to DC Abbot) – the closing date for applications is 31 March 2027.

10) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 June 2026

These were signed unchanged (proposed by Cllr Chislett and seconded by Cllr Clewer), this was agreed by all.

11) Matters Arising

A Parish Council Facebook page has been created (which was shared before it went live) and currently Cllr Thomas is the Admin for it. He has received positive comments regarding it.

12) Highways matters

Nick Colton (DCC Highways) has said that he intends to re-do the road above Imerys.

He also hopes to attend to the flooding issue on the road between Lee Moor and Wotter but this is quite a complicated matter.

A question was raised that it would be nice to know what monies DCC were spending and when.

Cllr Chislett noted that the road issue reporting mechanism was working well.

13) Financial Regulations 2026/2027

The Clerk explained that the only change required to the Financial Regulations 2025/2026 was in relation to the PC having changed from banking with TSB Bank to Unity Trust Bank. With this change being made it was proposed that the Financial Regulations 2026/2027 be adopted (proposed by Cllr Clewer and seconded by Cllr Chislett), this was agreed by all.

14) Planning

No new applications had been received.

15) Finance

It was reported that access to Unity Trust Bank should be resolved within the next few days.

16) Payments and Receipts

The following payments were agreed by the Council (proposed by Cllr Clewer and seconded by Cllr Tyler), this was agreed by all.

Penny Clapham – Locum Clerk invoice 25 May 2026	£390.73
Lee Moor Public Hall – November 2025 to April 2026	£204.00
Nigel Doran – Clerk salary	£378.60
HMRC – PAYE	£94.60

17) Correspondence

Cemetries

An enquiry through the website concerning the Methodist cemeteries at Lee Moor and Venton had been received asking if the Parish Council would take these on.

It was pointed out that the cemetery at Venton was not within Shaugh Prior Parish and concern was raised that any costs (which were unknown) would be met by all Parishioners, whilst the cemetery was for just one faith.

It was agreed by all (proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Chislett) that the Parish Council should decline to take the Lee Moor cemetery on.

Play Parks

This matter was discussed concerning the two report sources (DTGS and Localities at SHDC) and it was agreed that it would be most appropriate for the matter to be dealt with by the Parks committee of the Parish Council which would be created in September.

18) Matters raised by the Chairman

Cllr Clewer reported that he had attended the recent Liaison meeting with Tungsten West and that there was a positive approach being taken by them.

He further reported that he had spoken to a resident concerning the B3417.

Cllr Thomas raised the issue of the school closing, and it was agreed that the Clerk should send an email to DCC Education raising the points that the Parish Council were concerned about (future use and maintenance of the building in the meantime).

19) Councillor's reports and external meetings attended

Cllr Clewer informed the Parish Council that the draft Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted to SHDC. It was hoped that it would be returned by them by the end of July and then there would be a 6-week public consultation period.

He reminded the Parish Council that it had committed to various items (sections 5.4 to 5.6).

It was agreed by all (proposed by Cllr Clewer seconded by Cllr Thomas) that the Parish Council supported the draft document.

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm

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Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday 2 September 2026 at 7.30pm (Shaugh Prior Village Hall)