

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.00 pm - Dean Prior Village Hall

Present – Cllrs Chew , Rutley Thorn and Wetherall (Chairman) , Cllr Guy Pannell (SHDC) and Cathie Pannell (DNPA) Cllr Peter Smerdon (SHDC & DNPA) , County Cllr Hosking (DCC) and the Clerk , Karen Gilbert

Public participation - No Public present

The Clerk advised those present that DNPA had considered the proposal below and approved its implementation - to take effect from 1st November 2019

It is proposed that the automatic trigger of parish/town council objection (contrary to officer recommendation) meaning an application is then considered by Development Management Committee is removed. However, should a parish/town council express a view which is contrary to officer recommendation, and where there are clear material considerations, the opportunity would still exist for a Member to 'call in' an application on behalf of the parish/town council.

The Clerk asked Mrs Pannell and Mr Smerdon (both DNPA members) how a PC could gain access to the Officers recommendations prior to decision - when the recommendation was only made public after decision had been made . This blocked any request to ask a Member to call in an application and ensure that it is taken to Committee when the PC strongly opposed a case officer's recommendation

Both Mrs Pannell and Mr Smerdon agreed to make enquiries

Cllr Guy Pannell

Cllr Pannell spoke on the recent removal of ragwort on the A38 verges / reservations and also on the investment strategies approved by SHDC . He commented on the lack of time given to respond on the proposals to remove BT kiosks / phones - apologising for the delay in SHDC informing Parish Councils affected

Cathie Pannell (DNPA)

Mrs Pannell advised that the uncertainty at national Government level was reflected at local level . it was thought that the frequency of the Budget for DNPA - from DEFRA would reduce from a 3 year position to a yearly status - thereby making the DNPA Budget process that more difficult . It was NOTED that a Parish Workshop was due to be held on 17th September 2019 and that consultation on the Final draft of the Dartmoor Local Plan would take place between 16th September and 1st November 2019 - Public Drop-in events were planned - details on the Noticeboard

She also confirm that the Moor otter scheme would be continued in 2020 - details to follow

Cllr Peter Smerdon

Cllr Smerdon commented on the recent accident on the A38 between Dean and Rattery and also on the fly tipping problem affecting the Parish (and also nearby within Teignbridge) . Cllr Smerdon mentioned the improvement in services which 5g might bring to some adding that concerns over Health implications , raised by some , should be taken into account .

County Cllr Richard Hosking

Cllr Hosking updated the Council on Highway issues and the Council thanked him for persevering with various issue on its behalf

19/09/01 - To consider any co-options to fill the one vacant seat - NONE

19/09/02 - Apologies for absence - None

19/09/03 - Approval of Minutes

Approved and signed as a true and accurate record , the Minutes of the regular meeting held on 1st July 2019 - all in agreement.

19/09/04 Declarations of Interest - Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest relating to any agenda item at this stage but reminded that they may do so at any time during the Meeting, should they become aware that they may have an interest in the item being discussed.

19/09/05 - Dispensation requests - None

19/09/06 - Clerks Report

It was **NOTED** that the damage to Warm Bridge had been rectified. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should point out to the Forestry contractor that they should restrict the size of vehicles in future to ensure no further damage occurs

19/09/07 Planning - No applications to consider

a) To consider proposals to remove BT box and facility at Dean Prior

After suitable discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact South Hams to request that the BT kiosk remains in situ - with the current phone inside. It was felt that the level of use showed a requirement - especially in its location near a major trunk road and also in the fact that Dean Prior does have an elderly section of the Community who may not benefit from Mobile phones or internet

19/09/08 - Finance

a) The Following cheque was approved - all in agreement

Karen Gilbert - B/band /Phone/Mileage July and August 2019 £107.07

b) To consider SHDC proposals regarding Council Tax Support Grant for Town and Parish Councils for 2020-21.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk writes to South Hams to agree to the withdrawal of the Council Tax Support grant over a 2 year period

19/09/09- Highway matters - IT was **NOTED** that the long awaited sign for Lower Dean had been installed. Cllr Chew thanked Cllr Hosking to arranging this
Cllr Hosking sought clarification on the area which suffered damage following a cycle event earlier in the year - to enable him to determine ownership

19/09/10 - Parish Council admin

The Clerk was asked to acquire the login details for the Parish website from the current webmaster

19/09/11 - Correspondence - most correspondence had been emailed during the month.

19/09/12 Councillors business for next agenda - Nothing

19/09/13 - Date/time of next meeting MONDAY 7th October 2019

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm