

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Public participation - No Public present

Mrs Cathie Pannell

Mrs Pannell presented a copy of a publication Dartmoor matters which included many topics of potential interest - available on the DNPA website She also updated the Council on recent business at Dartmoor National Park

Cllr Guy Pannell

Dist Cllr Guy Pannell brought to the Council's attention a website <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk> which welcomed ideas from Councils and individuals alike - to assist in measures to improve the environment
He also confirmed that arrangements for the forthcoming General Election were in hand and that a recent Customer satisfactory survey had revealed that South Hams / West Devon phone service had improved slightly - but that there was still room for continued improvement

Cllr Peter Smerdon

Cllr Smerdon advised the meeting of a grant available to those fitting certain criteria - for funding for new efficient gas and oil boilers - see <https://www.government-grants.co.uk/devon-boiler-grants> . He also advised that consultations of South Hams business investments - Hotel at Kingsbridge and Supermarket in jivybridge had been placed on hold until after the forthcoming General Election

19/12/01 - To consider any co-options to fill the one vacant seat - NONE

19/12/02 - Apologies for absence - Cllr Rutley

19/12/03 - Approval of Minutes

Approved and signed as a true and accurate record , the Minutes of the regular meeting held on 7th October 2019 - all in agreement.

19/12/04 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 . **NONE**

19/12/05 - Dispensation requests - NONE

19/12/06 - Clerks Report - Nothing to report

19/12/07 Planning

The Clerk advised on the following Planning decision

20/09/2019	0437/19	Stevens Cottage, 3 Higher Dean, Dean Prior Replacement garage and greenhouse CONDITIONAL APPROVAL
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19/12/08 - Finance

a) The Following cheque was approved - **all in agreement**

Karen Gilbert - Admin / expenses OCT / NOV + part SLCC	£119.75
Karen Gilbert (Amazon stationery purchase)	£59.12
Royal British Legion	£23.00

The Clerk had requested that as the workload was increasing , an extra hour per week be added to the Clerk's allocated hours (from 3 to 4 per week) .

it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's hours be increased from 3 to 4 per week

2020/21 Budget and Precept

The Clerk presented the spend to date for 19/20 and the estimated spend to the end of the year - 31/3/20 . It was **AGREED** that the previous precept had been correctly set and that there was a potential underspend of £300

The Clerk presented a draft budget to the Council - it having been circulated to all in advance . This included the increase in the Clerk's hours . It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget

It was **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2020/21 be increased from £3900 to £4500.00 . This represented an increase to a band D property of 14.6p per week

19/12/09- Highway matters -

Various Highway issues were raised including a non-working street light in Lower Dean. The Clerk suggested that she ask Nick Colton , Highway Officer to visit the Parish and travel round with a Councillor to inspect Highway problems

ACTION ; CLERK TO REQUEST HIGHWAY SITE VISIT - CLLR CHEW TO ATTEND

19/12/10 - Parish Council admin

The Clerk supplied the Councillors with a list of meeting dates for 2020 - and asked that a copy be placed on the Noticeboard

19/12/11 - Correspondence - most correspondence had been emailed during the month.

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

19/12/13 - Date/time of next meeting Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7pm

NOTE - NO MEETING SCHEDULED IN JANUARY 2020

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.53 pm