

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 7th September 2020 at 7.00pm.(started 7.15pm) **Via ZOOM**

Present – Cllrs Bailey Chew , Rutley , Thorn and Wetherall (Chair)
Dist Cllr Guy Pannell Cathie Pannell (DNPA) and C Cllr Richard Hosking
& the Clerk , Karen Gilbert

Cathie Pannell (DNPA)

Mrs Pannell commented on the problems with unauthorised camping during the Summer on the Moor . However this was contained with the assistance of Rangers / Police and also Park marshals

She advised that a few Staff had returned to Parke but the majority continued to work from home . Meetings would continue to be held virtually . The Glover review into Governance of National Parks , was still underway

Dist Cllr Guy Pannell (SHDC) - Full report available from Clerk

- **SHDC.** More meetings are now being held remotely using video conferencing. The Climate Emergency Working Group held a public session last week with contributions from organisations which had responded to the consultation.
- **Finance.** Officers have calculated that SHDC is facing a shortfall of £1.3million in its budget for the current year as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic – caused by extra expenditure on emergency measures and loss of income from sources such as car parks, leisure centres etc .We are holding budget meetings to decide how to fund this shortfall, possibly by taking money from some budgets and also from our reserves.
- **Waste services.** The introduction of the new recycling system with plastic boxes replacing bags has been delayed until March, because the crisis has halted construction of the specialised lorries needed, in Ireland, and the building of the new waste transfer station at Ivybridge.

County Cllr Richard Hosking - Full report available from the Clerk

Cllr Hosking referred to the return to School and the laying on of additional transport to allow for social distancing . He confirmed that DCC continued in monitoring the outbreaks and spread of Covid19

Councillors mentioned the weed control on the Highways - Cllr Hosking advised that these matters were under consideration

20/09/01V- Apologies for absence - Cllr Smerdon was unable to connect to the meeting

20/09/02V- Approval of Minutes

Approved and signed as a true and accurate record , the Minutes of the regular meeting held on 20th July 2020

20/09/03V- Declarations of Interest - None. Dispensation requests - None

20/09/04V Clerks Report

The Clerk advised that

- she was awaiting a response re the retention / removal of the BT box in Dean Prior
- an Officer from SHDC was willing to attend a meeting of the Council to explain the changes to the Waste Collection system due to come into force from April 2021
- the SHDC planning application 0425/20 Tolchard Cottage had been approved

ACTION ; CLERK TO INVITE SHDC WASTE OFFICER TO THE 02/21 MEETING

20/09/05V Planning

0410/20. 1 Cross View , Dean Prior

Construction of 2 x detached four bedroom dwellings with parking and turning area

The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Case Officer - who had confirmed that a response date could be extended to allow this to be considered in October

20/09/06V - Finance

a) **Approval of cheque - APPROVED** by all by show of hands

Karen Gilbert - expenses/ home allowance - (two months) plus bal of 07/20 and 08/20 salary
and cost of living in crease 04/20 - 08/20 incl £ 214.90

The Clerk provided a new standing order for signature to cover the increase in salary

20/09/07V Highway matters

The Chairman commented that preparation was required for the distant but forthcoming winter weather and that areas where silting had occurred should be brought to the attention of future meetings

20/09/08V - Parish Council admin

a) To ascertain whether the existing website conforms to the Website Accessibility regulations WCAG 2.1AA and if so to prepare a statement for the website

This matter was discussed at length - it also having been previously debated . The website was relatively new - produced at a considerable cost in comparison to the Precept. It was NOTED that there were areas where improvements may be needed but that , with little funds available for a new site / outside consultancy - and also none of the Council being IT experts , the process of moving forward had begun and would continue to improve what we already have in place

b) If not , to consider commissioning a new compliant website

This was not considered a viable option

It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Bailey and Rutley would take this forward

20/09/09V- Correspondence - most correspondence had been emailed during the month.

20/09/10 V Councillors business for next agenda - NONE

20/09/11V - Date/time of next meeting 5th October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40 pm