

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7.00pm. Via ZOOM

Present – Cllrs Bailey Chew , Rutley , Thorn and Wetherall (Chair)
C Cllr Richard Hosking (left 7.15pm) Cllr Peter Smerdon (SHDC & DNPA) Cllr Guy Pannell (SHDC) and Cathie Pannell (DNPA) (left 7.10pm). & the Clerk , Karen Gilbert

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

Full Dist/County Cllr/DNPA reports available from the Clerk

Dist Cllr Smerdon / Dist Cllr Pannell

Cllr Pannell commented that much of the work at SHDC involved the Covid pandemic - adding that the most recent lockdown effective from 5/11/20 would not affect Playgrounds and Toilets opening . The Councillors also acknowledged that the new Waste collection arrangements had caused numerous problems and also many missed collections . Cllrs Pannell and Smerdon had conducted Skype meeting with the Deputy CEO and Head of service at SHDC to put forward the shortfall in service for their wards

Cathie Pannell DNPA - Mrs Pannell advised that the major development for the old Axminster carpet site - 300/19 - Lower Mills, Buckfast Road, Buckfast would be debated at DNPA development management meeting on Friday 6th November

County Cllr Richard Hosking - Cllr Hosking spoke on the recent growth in cases of Covid in Devon stressing that Financial support was still available through the Financial assistance grants available at SHDC . He also asked Parishes to reintroduce the Voluntary Support schemes to assist those isolating / in need
He reminded the Council to ensure grit stocks are checked and re-ordered online where necessary

20/11/01V- Apologies for absence - None

20/11/02V- Approval of Minutes

Approved as a true and accurate record , the Minutes of the regular meeting held on 5th October 2020 - to be signed by Cllr Chew

20/11/03V- Declarations of Interest - None. Dispensation requests - None

20/11/04V Clerks Report

The Clerk advised that the following Planning application had been withdrawn

0410/20. 1 Cross View , Dean Prior

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

It was **NOTED** that there had been no notification regarding a Poppy wreath this year and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk send a donation of £25.00 anyway

20/11/05V Planning - Nothing to report

20/11/06V - Finance

a) **Approval of cheque** - **APPROVED** by all by show of hands
Karen Gilbert - expenses/ home allowance/admin 10/20. £41.00

b) To note spend to date and suggested budget for 2021/2022

The Clerk presented the spend to date for 20/21 and the estimated spend to the end of the year - 31/3/21 . 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 . It was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget . It was **NOTED** that there would be no increase in precept

- especially important as some Parishioners might well be suffering financially due to effect of Covid . It was **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2021/22 remain the same - at £4500.00

20/11/07V Highway matters

It was **NOTED** that the 30mph speed limit through Lower Dean was progressing (Cllr Hosking was monitoring) and also that various surface works had taken place in the Parish .

It was also **NOTED** that the Drainage works opposite the Village Hall had been deferred until February 2020 . The Council expressed extreme concern as properties were being affected by surface water normally taken away by this drain

ACTION ; CLLR HOSKING TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS TO EXPEDITE WORKS

It was **NOTED** that 2 electric charging points had been installed in the Car Park near Searles in Buckfastleigh

20/11/08V - To discuss the level of Broadband provision in the Parish

The various methods / suppliers of Broadband were briefly discussed . It was also NOTED that the Mobile signal was variable / not satisfactory in some areas within the Parish and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether any improvement / assistance was available

ACTION ; CLERK TO RESEARCH MOBILE SIGNAL IN DEAN PRIOR

20/11/09V- PC Admin

The Clerk asked that the Councillors seek a co-ordinator for the Parish Covid voluntary help scheme . In addition , the Clerk agreed to use the Facebook page

20/11/10V - Correspondence - correspondence had been emailed during the month.

20/11/11V Councillors business for next agenda - Nothing specific

20/11/12V - Date/time of next meeting 7th December 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.45 pm