

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting Held on Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.00pm. Via ZOOM

Present – Cllrs Chew , Rutley , Thorn and Wetherall (Chair)
Disc Cllrs Peter Smerdon (SHDC & DNPA) and Guy Pannell
County Cllr Richard Hosking (left 7.40pm) and Cathie Pannell (DNPA)
& the Clerk , Karen Gilbert

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

Full reports available from the Clerk - all reports circulated to Councillors in advance

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL ENHANCED RECYCLING SERVICE

Delivery of new containers is going smoothly and according to plan. Thousands of households are now officially on the new service and able to recycle more at the kerbside, including glass and mixed plastics. The crews have been able to train on the West Devon service and our team are providing excellent feedback. The team has also been talking to residents and have so far had a lot of positive comments including many remarks on the efficiency of individual collections.

The new fleet of recycling vehicles and the depot at Ivybridge are all functioning as expected. The new recycling boxes and bags will be delivered to properties 1WEEK prior to the new service starting. The details of the new service and how to use it are on the leaflets delivered to each participating household, on SHDC website www.southhams.gov.uk and on the Council's Facebook and Twitter pages. The first month of the new service has gone well, meaning that the roll-out remains on course. Commencement of the new service in most of the South Brent Ward is on track for mid-April. Devon and the Devon Districts now have the second best recycling rates in England.

A38 Litter - Cllr Pannell advised that a deep clean of the A38 would take place to remove the litter along the banks of the A38 - hopefully thereafter on a six monthly basis - with the idea of increased litter bins in lay bys being considered

COUNTY CLLR RICHARD HOSKING

Cllr Hosking provided an update on the current Covid situation in Devon

CLLR PETER SMERDON

Cllr Peter Smerdon updated the Council on the proposed arrangements made by DNPA to cope with the anticipated influx of Visitors to the Moor in the immediate future
He also commented on the publicised proposals on the alterations to the Governance of Dartmoor National Park whereby the running of all National Parks and some AONBs would be amalgamated and covered by one central body . He stressed that negotiations were ongoing.

CATHIE PANNELL

Cathie advised that the Visitor centres on Dartmoor would be re-opening on 12th April 2021 with the Moor Otter trail starting on 28th May . She also commented that the Defra grant / budget had been agreed at the same level as last year

21/04/01V- Apologies for absence - Cllr Bailey

21/04/02V- Approval of Minutes

To consider , amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st March 2021 - **APPROVED**

21/04/03V- Declarations of Interest None from Cllrs **Dispensation requests** - None

21/04/04V Clerks Report - No report

21/04/05V Planning - No planning matters to discuss

21/04/06V - Finance

Approval of cheques - **APPROVED** by all by show of hands

Karen Gilbert - expenses/ home allowance/admin /domain renewal

£114.79

a) To consider the Internal Auditors report - NOTED

The Clerk presented the internal Auditors report which had been previously circulated to all

b) To consider & approve the Parish Council Accounts y/e 31/3/21 /exemption form

The Clerk presented the Accounts for Dean Prior Parish Council for the year ending 31/3/21

The Clerk also presented the Exemption from Audit form

Both were **APPROVED** by all - SHOW OF HANDS

IT WAS **RESOLVED** THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE ACCOUNTS AS ADOPTED AND SIGN THE EXEMPTION FORM

c) To consider/ agree Annual statement of Governance y/e 31/3/21

The Clerk read out the statement of Governance

APPROVED by all - SHOW OF HANDS

IT WAS **RESOLVED** THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

d) To consider & approve Statements on Annual return y/e 31/3/21

The Clerk presented the Annual Return - previously circulated

APPROVED by all - SHOW OF HANDS

IT WAS **RESOLVED** THAT THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE RETURN

21/04/07V Highway matters - Nothing to report

21/04/08V - PC admin - Scheme of delegation - **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman .

The Clerk explained that Zoom Meetings would not longer be lawful after 6th May 2021 under current legislation - but that this was being challenged through the Courts . As the AGAR and accounts had been agreed and signed , it was not envisaged that any major business would be imminent . The scheme of delegation allowed for Council business to continue

21/04/09V- Correspondence - correspondence had been emailed during the month.

21/04/10V Councillors business for next agenda - Cllr Wetherall asked that the ownership of the bus shelter be investigated for future discussion and also the status of the emptying of dog poo bins

21/04/11V - Date/time of next meeting Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

The Annual Parish meeting would take place at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting /regular meeting

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10 pm