

# DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held on**

**MONDAY 6th September 2021 at 7.00pm.** in the Village Hall in Dean Prior

**Present** – Cllrs Chew , Rutley , Thorn ( Chair ) and Wetherall  
Disc Cllrs Peter Smerdon ( SHDC & DNPA ) and Guy Pannell SHDC & 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**

#### **Waste/Recycling Collection**

The situation continues to be challenging, the current difficulties faced by many Councils across the country around staffing levels, particularly drivers, continue to impact on FCCs ability to collect our waste and recycling. The brown bin service remains suspended.

We will give an oral update at the respective Parish Council Meetings once we have had a chance to evaluate the situation on Monday.

#### **Covid Enhanced Response Area**

In response to high COVID rates, South West local authorities, including the South Hams, have been added to a list of areas receiving an enhanced response package.

Being designated as an enhanced response area will help with support measures for education settings and increased national communications support, clearly outlining the continued risks of COVID-19 and the need to take personal action, such as the wearing of face masks and social distancing. Additionally, prioritised access to Wastewater testing, sequencing, national contact tracing capacity and national support with messaging will also be supported.

The District Council will continue to be required to support this public health advice from Central Govt through its communications with residents and businesses. We have not been asked to carry out any additional tasks at this time.

### **COUNTY CLLR DANIEL THOMAS**

#### **Connecting Devon and Somerset**

This scheme, to improve mobile phone coverage in rural parts of Devon and Somerset, is being expanded. Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) has announced that its Mobile Boost Programme, which aims to upgrade indoor 4G coverage in “not-spot” areas, now includes a greater choice of equipment. It’s targeting small businesses and households in rural communities who currently have inadequate coverage, or have access to only one provider and are currently struggling with connectivity. Businesses and households can apply for a voucher of up to £1,200 towards the cost of a mobile signal booster from a registered supplier. For a list of registered suppliers and an application form, visit [www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/the-cds-mobile-booster-voucher-scheme-guide/](http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/the-cds-mobile-booster-voucher-scheme-guide/)

## **CLLR PETER SMERDON**

### **Farming in Protected Landscapes – Open for Applications**

Defra has recently announced the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, which will run from July 2021 to March 2024. Through the programme, farmers and land managers can be supported to carry out projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage, or support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses. This is a programme of funding for one-off projects covering these areas of work and is available on land already in a scheme. A local team has been developed to handle applications who can be contacted at [fipl@dartmoor.gov.uk](mailto:fipl@dartmoor.gov.uk) or call 01626 832093 and ask to speak with a member of the team.

**Peatland Restoration.** You will see that the SW Peatland Partnership via South West Water (SWW) has been successful in securing a grant of £9m from the Nature for Climate Fund. Members discussed and supported this at the Authority meeting on 9 July.

This is a fantastic achievement and it means that we can continue with a rolling programme of peatland restoration on Dartmoor over the next 4 years, working closely with landowners, commoners and other partners and contributing significantly to targets in the Management Plan. Thousands of hectares of vital peatland to be restored to help tackle climate change and protect biodiversity - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

Our thanks to SWW for leading the application and to the wider team for their hard work in pulling this bid together.

**Recent Visitors** The Authority has hosted visits by Luke Pollard (Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and, separately, two senior Defra officials. We are very grateful to new DNP Member Will Dracup who helped host at Broadaford and East Shallowford Farm. Luke Pollard was very engaged, asked lots of questions and also provided a lot of ideas. Staff were impressed with his level of knowledge. The visit by David Hill and Edward Barker went well despite the weather! We hope that the visits will have helped improve understanding of what DNP do and how we do it. They also provided an opportunity to discuss the Government's response to the Landscapes Review and the Opposition's position on the review

## **CATHIE PANNELL**

Cathie commented on the proposals to amend the DNPA bylaws - confirming that they would be put out for public consultation. All details are available on the DNPA website

### **21/09/01 Apologies for absence - Cllr Bailey and C Cllr Thomas**

### **21/09/02 Approval of Minutes**

To consider, amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th May 2021 - **APPROVED**

**21/09/03- Declarations of Interest** None from Cllrs **Dispensation requests - None**

**21/09/04 Clerks Report** - No report

**21/09/05 Planning** - No planning matters to discuss

**21/09/07 - Finance**

Approval of cheques - **APPROVED**

Karen Gilbert - expenses/ home allowance/admin/mileage £107.20

### **RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL - APPROVED**

23/5/21 - CAME AND CO £218.00 - PC INSURANCE

22/6/21 - DALC SUBS £55.77

22/6/21 - HAWTHORNS. £60.00 - INTERNAL AUDIT

22/6/21 - K GILBERT £82.00 - EXPENSES MAY / JUNE 2021

**21/09/08 Highway matters** - Several instances of fly tipping in the Parish were brought to the Meeting's attention. Cllr Smerdon agreed to report these to South Hams

**21/09/09 - Parish Bus shelter**

It was **RESOLVED** that this shelter be brought under the remit of the Parish Council . . Research within the Community had indicated that works had been carried out by the Parish Council - albeit many decades ago

A schedule of works needs to be drawn up - after which quotes could be obtained

**21/09/10 - PC admin** - The Clerk presented to the Council a recent recommendation on Clerk's Hours following intensive surveys / research by SLCC

**21/09/11- Correspondence** - correspondence had been emailed during the month.

**21/09/12 Councillors business for next agenda** - Bus shelter

**21/09/13 - Date/time of next meeting** Monday 4th October 2021 at 7pm

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