

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held on

MONDAY 4th October 2021 at 7.00pm. in the Village Hall in Dean Prior

Present – Cllrs Chew , Thorn , Bailey (Chair) and Wetherall
Disc Cllrs Peter Smerdon (SHDC & DNPA) & C Cllr Daniel Thomas
& the Clerk , Karen Gilbert

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

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

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL - Cllr Peter Smerdon

Waste 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.

Electric Vehicle Charging

The Council has joined the Devon and Torbay Residential Chargepoint Scheme project which is a partnership with other local authorities and being led by Devon County Council to install electric vehicle charging points (EVCP) in the Council owned car parks

As a result of the Devon and Torbay Residential Chargepoint Scheme, electric charging points will be installed in the following car parks subject to the necessary surveys being carried out:

- Steamer Quay car park, Totnes
- North Street car park, Totnes
- Duncombe Park Car Park, Kingsbridge
- Lower Union Road Car Park, Kingsbridge

DNPA

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON REVISING DARTMOOR'S BYELAWS

Consultation has opened on draft proposals to update Dartmoor's byelaws.

A [six-week public consultation](#) is underway on proposed revisions to the byelaws which exist to protect Dartmoor National Park's special qualities including wildlife, habitats, cultural heritage, archaeology, and the livestock that graze the commons.

The easiest way to respond to the [consultation is online](#).

The webpage contains [answers to commonly asked questions](#) and documents showing current byelaws with the proposed revisions.

The Authority is seeking wide ranging views on revisions to the byelaws to ensure they are fit for purpose and can help protect the National Park for all to enjoy today and into the future.

We'd encourage people to consider the amended byelaws and provide feedback to help us understand why you might support or object to the proposals.

The consultation runs for six weeks and closes on 1 November.

On September 3, [Dartmoor National Park Authority agreed a review](#) of the current set of byelaws which have been in place since 1989.

They are now 32 years old and in that time there have been legal, practical, technological and societal developments. The review aims to ensure the byelaws are revised and updated to be:

- Relevant and proportionate for modern society
- Clear and easy to understand
- Cover the right activities and areas
- Complement other existing powers and legislation.

After the consultation closes, the Authority will meet again to consider responses and agree appropriate changes. The revised byelaws will then be advertised in the press for a further six weeks and subject to any feedback will then be sent to Defra for final confirmation.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL . Cllr Daniel Thomas

- Frontline Health and Social Care workers can now book a booster appointment via the National Booking Service or by contacting 119, provided that 6 months have passed since the date of their second vaccination.

Funding available for organisations to support self-isolating residents

We've launched a new fund to help community organisations provide practical, social and emotional support to Devon residents self-isolating due to COVID-19.

The grants of up to £5,000 for small projects and £20,000 for larger projects can be used to help those self-isolating with any caring responsibilities; accessing food and other supplies; practical tasks such as dog walking; and mental health and wellbeing support to address things like loneliness and boredom.

Groups can also use the money to improve their community's awareness and understanding of the government's self-isolation rules, including when you need to self-isolate, how long for, what it involves and why it is a vitally important part of slowing the spread of COVID-19, as well as what support is available.

For more information about the 'COVID-19 Outbreak Management Grant', including how to apply, please visit our website.

21/10/01 Apologies for absence - Cllr Pannell and Cathie Pannell , Cllr Rutley

21/10/02 Approval of Minutes

To consider , amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th September 2021 - **APPROVED**

21/10/03- Declarations of Interest None from Cllrs **Dispensation requests** - None

21/10/04 Clerks Report - No report

21/10/05 Planning - No planning matters to discuss

21/10/07 - Finance

Approval of cheques - **APPROVED**

Karen Gilbert - expenses/ home allowance/admin/mileage

£53.60

21/10/08 Highway matters inc report on state of Bus stop

One instance of fly tipping in the Parish was brought to the Meeting's attention . Cllr Smerdon advised that it had been reported to South Hams

Cllr Chew presented a quote to repair the Bus stop which the Clerk read aloud . It was NOTED that some aspects required amendment and the Clerk was asked to obtain a revised quote

ACTION ; CLERK TO SEEK REVISED QUOTE AND IF POSSIBLE 2 OTHERS FOR COMPARISON

21/10/09 - Parish Bus shelter - SEE 21/10/08

21/10/10 - PC admin - The Clerk had , last month , presented to the Council a recent recommendation on Clerk's Hours following intensive surveys / research by SLCC stating a minimum of 26 per month . After suitable discussion and suggestion from the Clerk it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's hours be increased to 22 from 17 with immediate effect

21/10/11- Correspondence - correspondence had been emailed during the month.

21/10/12 Councillors business for next agenda -Missing pavement along A38 near Church

21/10/13 - Date/time of next meeting Monday 1st November 2021 at 7pm

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