

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held on

MONDAY 5th September 2022 at 7.00pm. in the Village Hall in Dean Prior

Present – Cllrs Bailey (Chair) Chew , Rutley and Thorn
Clerk - Karen Gilbert. Dist Cllrs Smerdon and Pannell & Mrs Cathie Pannell DNPA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

The issue of the person camping under the A38 was raised - Cllr Smerdon advised that SHDC was aware and dealing with the matter

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

DEVON COUNTY - CLLR DAN THOMAS

Cllr Hart (Leader, Cons) has been taken the unilateral decision to suspend all locality payments for the foreseeable future as an attempt to fill the multi-million pound black hole. As such, I cannot offer any financial support until he reverses his decision.

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL - CLLR PETER SMERDON / GUY PANNELL

Waste Update- SHDC moves towards taking back control

Officers working on the waste project team are making sure that the service is safe, legal and compliant when SHDC resumes full control from 3 October. In parallel to this, work is ongoing to analyse the collection rounds data, to see if there are any small improvements that can be made in the short term, with an aim to deliver longer term improvements as soon as we can.

The Council will inherit the same problems as FCC on day one; the same rounds and the same staff shortages. While we will look to improve the service as soon as we can, there will still be challenges. It isn't just the waste collection service, it is also the trade waste, bulky / clinical waste collections and the recycling banks, along with the street scene services such as litter bins, street and toilet cleaning services.

SHDC wants to work with Towns and Parishes and other partners to resolve difficulties and will be contacting all councils to ask them to let us know of the recurring problems in their areas. There is a communications plan in place, so we can share the latest updates with residents as and when they happen. Local councils will receive an email inviting them to share their issues in the week beginning 5th September.

The decision to terminate the contract was taken mutually with FCC and followed continuing dissatisfaction by residents over the failure to restore the garden waste collection service to an acceptable level, and the halt to the roll out of the new recycling box scheme to parts of the district. The decision is likely to add significantly to the council's costs for this service

Cathie Pannell DNPA

Cathie updated the Council on the work of the Dartmoor National Park Authority stating that it appeared that Summer visitor numbers were down . Rangers had been concentrating on preventing outbreak of fire by enforcing the No BBQ / Fire Policy . It was also noted that a special Public meeting of the Authority would take place on 14/10/22 to agree the revised Bylaws

Cathie also advised that a new IT system was being implemented at DNPA in September which could cause an interruption to the planning service - DNPA is asking that users are patient

22/09/01 Apologies for absence - Cllr Thomas DCC

22/09/02 Approval of Minutes

To consider , amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th May 2022 and 4th July 2022 - **APPROVED**

22/09/03- Declarations of Interest None from Cllrs Dispensation requests - None

22/09/04 Clerks Report

The Clerk advised that she had

- Contacted Highways regarding the state of the road to Pennywell - **IN HAND**
- Contacted the Contractor re repairs to Bus shelter - **TO COMMENCE LATE SEPTEMBER**

The Clerk advised that she would be unable to attend the October or November meetings due to health reasons . It was **AGREED** that no meeting take place in October unless a major issue arises

22/09/05 Planning - Nothing to consider

22/09/06 - Finance

a) **Approval of cheques - APPROVED**

Karen Gilbert Expenses / Stationery 07/22 & 08/22 £113.94

b) To consider option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements

It was **AGREED** that no action be taken and that the external audit continue with the existing firm of Auditors

22/09/07 Highway matters

It was **NOTED** that the new dog bin was in situ - thanks to Mike Chew for installing it

22/09/08- PC admin

The new Noticeboard ordered by Cllr Bailey had been installed - again thanks to Mike Chew . It was **AGREED** that it was a vast improvement and looked very smart

22/97/09 - Correspondence - correspondence had been emailed during the month.

22/09/10 Councillors business for next agenda Highways matters - drains

22/09/11. Date/time of next meeting

MONDAY 7th November 2022 at 7pm

NOTE - no scheduled Meeting in October unless necessary

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.00pm