

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held on MONDAY 7th November 2022 at 7.00pm. in the Village Hall in Dean Prior

Present – Cllrs Bailey (Chair) Chew and Rutley. And Dist Cllr Smerdon

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

It was **NOTED** that there had been flytipping of 3 fridges at Dockwell - which had been reported to SHDC

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

DEVON COUNTY - CLLR DAN THOMAS

A media release had been received from Cllr Hart DCC leader

Grave budget warning from Devon County Council leader

Deep cuts to Devon's vital local services are inevitable unless the Government provides more support, county council leader John Hart warned today.

Mr Hart said he fully agreed with new Prime Minister Rishi Sunak that the country faced a "profound economic crisis".

But he urged Mr Sunak and Chancellor Jeremy Hunt to use the extra time they now have to produce their economic recovery plan to ensure the balance between tax rises and spending cuts was fair and equitable. And that local government is not singled out for cuts.

Mr Hart said Devon was not just calling for financial support and doing nothing to help itself.

The council had already put a freeze on staff recruitment in non-frontline areas, delayed planned investment in IT and infrastructure projects, cut its heating and lighting bills, squeezed all external contracts, stopped some routine road maintenance and reduced winter gritting routes as well as reviewing its school transport contracts and public transport subsidies.

Devon MPs were being briefed so they could champion the county's case at Westminster and the authority was working with the County Councils' Network and the Local Government Association on national lobbying.

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL - CLLR PETER SMERDON

WASTE – Improvement in performance across the board for October

Since taking back control of the waste service from FCC on 3rd October we have seen a marked improvement in staff attendance, resulting in almost no missed collections for the month of October. Recently all the brown bin rounds have been running, compared with an average of only 50% in recent months under FCC. SHDC is now once again responsible for all waste collection services, together with street and public toilet cleaning. The move is likely to result in the council incurring additional costs of several million pounds in the next few years as a consequence of the mutual termination of the contract with FCC. A major review of all collection rounds is currently taking place, the plan

being to move all residents currently on recycling bags to the new boxes by next Spring. This review should allow for better deployment of vehicles and staff, to make best use of our resources.

Preparations for subscription garden waste service

As well as easing financial pressures, ceasing the garden waste (brown bin) service from 31 October will also ease pressure on the core waste and recycling collections, helping to keep those as stable as possible in the early months of the transition from FCC.

The Council will ensure that all households will get their brown bins emptied on or around their last scheduled collection day before the service is ceased. For a long time South Hams District Council has been able to provide the garden waste service without charging a subscription fee but doing so from spring 2023 will bring us in line with most other districts in Devon, who have charged separately for garden waste collections for several years.

The current garden waste service will cease from 31st OCTOBER

The proposed new service will start from MARCH 2023

The subscription will be £49 per bin, with a maximum subscription of two bins per household.

If you want to sign up to the new collection service go to the website www.southhams.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call customer services on 01803 861234

IMPORTANT You MUST subscribe to this service between 1st NOVEMBER 2022 and 22 JANUARY 2023

This will be a yearly service, collection every two weeks, suspended for four weeks over Christmas. If you don't want to sign up for this service no further action is required.

You can keep your brown bin, we would encourage you to re-use it as storage in the garden. If you want it removed go to www.southhams.gov.uk/recyclingwaste and select 'contact the waste team'

IT was **NOTED** that there had been no applications for co-option to fill the vacant seat on Dean Prior Parish Council

22/11/01 Apologies for absence -

Cllr Thomas DCC , Cllr Pannell SHDC , Cathie Pannell DNPA , Cllr Thorn
and Clerk Karen Gilbert - all apologies accepted

22/11/02 Approval of Minutes

To consider , amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2022 - **APPROVED**

22/11/03- Declarations of Interest None from Cllrs Dispensation requests - None

22/11/04 Clerks Report - None

22/11/05 Planning - Nothing to consider

22/11/06 - Finance

- a) **Approval of cheques** - None
- b) The Council **NOTED** the recent pay increase awarded to all Clerks which resulted in the Hourly rate being paid rising by £1.00 - backdated to April 2022

22/11/07 Highway matters

It was **NOTED** that the forestry works in Dean Wood had commenced

22/11/08- PC admin

Councillor Bailey to take over Defibrillator from Mark Wetherall as soon as access codes are clear. To be marked as 'out of order' until battery can be replaced - **URGENT**

22/11/09 - Correspondence - correspondence had been emailed during the month. It was **NOTED** that Bird Flu restrictions were now in place in Devon and also that DNPA were to meet to review the Bylaws this month

22/11/10 Councillors business for next agenda Co-option - Facebook post required

22/11/11. Date/time of next meeting MONDAY 5th December 2022 at 7pm

NOTE - no scheduled Meeting in January 2023 unless necessary

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