

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting Held on
Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7.00 pm.** in the Village Hall in Dean Prior

Present – Cllrs Bailey (Chair) Chew, Rutley, Smerdon and Thorn

Dist Cllr Hancock (left after report)

David Seaton PCL Planning Consultants and one Parishioner

Cllr Smerdon signed his Acceptance of Office form - witnessed by the Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Seaton , a Planning consultant had attended to explain the proposal for a development at Timbers Road - as identified in the Dartmoor Local Plan . He advised that an outline application for the Housing would be imminent - incorporating 45% Affordable Housing . The need for a Highway modification was also required which would form a separate but parallel full application

It should be **NOTED** the site falls into Dean Prior Parish but abuts the settlement of Buckfastleigh

The Chairman thanked both the Consultant and the Landowner for attending

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

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Prioritising climate and biodiversity action

We have pledged £40,000 to support the work of [Sustainable South Hams](#) and the formation of a new council advisory panel for climate matters. Our Executive has agreed to give the substantial grant to Sustainable South Hams to continue their district-wide work in fighting climate change. The organisation supports grassroots climate projects across the South Hams, sharing knowledge and inspiration between its member groups. Our new Climate Change and Biodiversity Advisory Group will use specialist and expert knowledge to support ours and wider community's climate ambitions. Its core aim will be helping develop district-wide projects that have an influence on lowering carbon emissions.

More support with the Cost of Living

With the cost of living crisis still biting for many residents across the District, we are looking at more ways to get support to those who need it through our Household Support Fund. The Executive Committee have agreed to take immediate steps to move quickly to get support payments to those who need it the most. Used to help cover basics essential living costs like food, energy, water and other necessities the households may need, we are spending £168,598 from the Department of Work and Pensions to help residents until the end of summer, with a further £206,064 for the winter period. An additional surplus of £48,245 from the Council Tax Support Fund will be used to top-up the existing Exceptional Household Fund

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL - No report given

PETER SMERDON - DNPA PARISH REP

Peter Smerdon advised that the Appeal regarding the wild camping was to be heard on 12th July - and that £100k had been raised by Dartmoor Preservation through Crowdfunding towards costs .

He also commented that a panel had been set up to consider Natural England's proposal to reduce stock levels on the SSSI areas of Dartmoor against farmers' concerns

23/07/01 - Acceptance of Office - Cllr Smerdon - signed and witnessed - **NOTED**

23/07/02 Apologies for absence - C.Cllr Thomas

23/07/03 Approval of Minutes

To consider , amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th June 2023 - **APPROVED**

23/07/04- Declarations of Interest None from Cllrs Dispensation requests - None

23/07/05 - Parish Council admin

It was **RESOLVED** that delegation the given to Clerk/Chair for emergency decisions / payments during summer recess

23/07/06 - Emergency Planning for the Parish

It was **AGREED** that this would be a useful project and that relevant information would be gathered over the coming months

23/07/07 Clerks Report

The Clerk advised that Parishes had been sent a link where they could register an interest in a scheme which offered Government backed match Funding for expanding the nationwide Defibrillator network

23/07/08 Planning

SOUTH HAMS DC

1708/23/FUL Mr Tony Palmer

General purpose agricultural building Phase III

Land At Sx 733 632 Dean Prior. **SUPPORT**

1707/23/FUL Mr Tony Palmer

General purpose agricultural building Phase II

Land At Sx 733 632 Dean Prior. **SUPPORT**

1706/23/FUL Mr Tony Palmer

General purpose agricultural building Phase I

Land At Sx 733 632 Dean Prior. **SUPPORT**

23/07/09 – Finance

a) Approval of cheques	APPROVED	
JOHN BAILEY.	DEFIB PADS	£116.94
KAREN GILBERT	EXPENSES	£52.25

23/07/10 Highway matters

The Council had expressed an interest in achieving a 20mph zone in the Parish
The Clerk explained that 6 areas in Devon had been selected for a trial from 57 applications but that future consultations / call for potential zones would take place in due course .

It was **AGREED** that Dean Prior should make an application at the earliest opportunity

It was also **NOTED** that the Road Closed sign on a slipway from the A38 was missing
It is the country lane that runs between the A38 Exeter carriageway just below Well Park Farm that runs up to the Old Brent Road which is neglected and overgrown to the extent of nearly being impassable, and the 'Road Closed' sign is missing from the A38 end, but generally this road needs to be cleared and maintained so that it is useable, or if necessary, a permanent solution is overdue.

The Clerk was asked to request that Highways either close the road permanently or clear and maintain the road

ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS

It was also **AGREED** that an alternative contractor be approached to obtain a quote for the Bus Shelter repairs

ACTION ; CLLT THORN TO OBTAIN QUOTE

23/07/11 - Correspondence - correspondence had been emailed during the month.

23/07/12 Councillors business for next agenda. Emergency planning

23/07/13 Date/time of next meeting 4th September

NO SCHEDULED MEETING IN AUGUST - unless urgent planning requires attention

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm