

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held on

Monday 2nd October 2023 at 7.00 pm. in the Village Hall in Dean Prior

Present – Cllrs Bailey (Chair) Chew, Rutley, Smerdon and Thorn
C Cllr Dan Thomas and Dist Cllr David Hancock (left after Planning)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

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

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr Hancock confirmed that preparations were underway to ensure that all refuse / recycling collections were carried out in the same way across the District - replacing the blue see through plastic bags and collecting food waste from caddies . Householders affected would be contacted by letter from SHDC

A new Corporate Strategy for SHDC had been adopted - details on its website

DEVON COUNTY

C Cllr Thomas advised that the Mobile Library service was undergoing a second review in the hope that there may be other revisions which might secure its future

He also advised that Devon County had written to Government objecting strongly to the closure of Railway ticket Offices

DNPA

It was reported that a new Head of Spatial Planning had been engaged at Dartmoor National Park - having served previously in Exmoor National Park

23/10/01 Apologies for absence - Dist Cllr Guy Pannell

23/10/02 Approval of Minutes

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

23/10/03 Declarations of Interest. Cllr Smerdon - Planning - as DNPA member
Dispensation requests - None

23/10/04- Parish Council admin - It was **AGREED** that Dean Prior PC would purchase a Poppy Wreath this year

23/10/05- Emergency Planning for the Parish - ongoing

It was **AGREED** that the Village Hall would be made available for a Police Hub -
ACTION : Cllrs Thorn and Rutley to progress

23/10/06 Clerks Report

The Clerk advised she had been contacted by the Town Clerk at Buckfastleigh to ascertain whether there had been any problems in the Parish for students attending colleges in Exeter and Plymouth (and locally) following the timetable region of Bus services

Cllr Bailey further explained that a local solution was being looked into
County Cllr offered to help in any way he could

23/10/07 Planning

NB COUNCILLOR SMERDON DECLARED AN INTEREST AS A MEMBER OF DNPA REMAINING IN THE ROOM TO LISTEN TO DEBATE - BUT TOOK NO PART IN DECISION MAKING NOR OFFERED ANY OPINION

0364/23	Outline Planning Permission	Land At Timbers Road, Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0DR	Creation of circa 75 dwellings and associated infrastructure (with all matters reserved apart from access)
0363/23	Full Planning Permission	Land At Rocky Lane And Timbers Road Junction, Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0DH	Highway improvements to Timbers Road

There had been a great deal of communication over the last month
It was **NOTED** that the applicant was in the process of obtaining an up to date Housing Needs survey after which the Parish Council will again be consulted - as confirmed by the Case Officer

The online comments were also **NOTED** and the Clerk agreed to monitor the application

Cllrs Hancock and Thomas left the meeting

23/10/08 – Finance

a) Approval of cheque **APPROVED**

KAREN GILBERT EXPENSES £76.25

The Clerk added that she had attended the DALC AGM / conference that month and that the cost was to be shared between three Councils

The Clerk had circulated the first draft of the 2024/25 Budget and suggested Precept figure
The Council confirmed that at this time , the figures provided appeared reasonable

ACTION ; AGENDA ITEM 11/23

23/10/09 Highway matters

Cllr Smerdon advised that he had yet to meet with Highways regarding the traffic / signage issues at Smallcombe - **ONGOING**

It was **NOTED** that the signage indicating the issues on the slip Road had fallen over

ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS

23/10/10 - Correspondence - correspondence had been emailed during the month.

23/10/11 Councillors business for next agenda. Timbers Lane planning application / Precept and Emergency planning

23/10/12 Date/time of next meeting 6th November 2023

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm

