

DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held on

Monday 4th December 2023 at 7.00 pm. in the Village Hall in Dean Prior

Present – Cllrs Chew, Rutley, Smerdon and Thorn (Chair)
and Dist Cllr David Hancock and the Clerk , Karen Gilbert

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

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

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Residents can support us by reporting a missed collection on our website. The way we will measure the success of the service is via Whitespace (computer programme), which is why it's so important that missed collections are logged online. Reporting online allows us to address missed collection data in real time and improve our service.. We will try to collect missed collections within two working days of receiving the report. Residents can visit our 'Missed Collections' page to let us know if we haven't collected their waste and recycling. Householders still presenting recycling bags or extra cardboard will receive a note explaining where they have gone wrong. It is hoped to reintroduce the collection of extra cardboard within a few weeks. Some residents may wish to make a complaint about a different aspect of the service. Complaints should generally be logged online – find out more here: www.southhams.gov.uk/your-council/comments-and-complaints/complaints-and-feedback

DEVON COUNTY - No Report

DNPA

Changes to DNP Planning Team

DNP are pleased to announce a new structure for our planning service to better support changing circumstances and help meet future requirements

From 3rd January 2024 Dartmoor National Park will have a new Chief Planning Officer when Dean Kinsella will take up the role of Director of Spatial Planning. Dean joins us from Exmoor NP where he has been Head of Development Management.

Chris Hart will continue in the post of Principal Planning Officer (Development Management) in a part time post (3 days/week)

James Aven will become Principal Planning Officer (Enforcement) from 1st January 2024

Ollie Dorrell has been promoted to Senior Planning Officer, and further promotions and appointments will be made once Dean is in post in order to bring the DM team up to full strength.

Formal response made to Independent Review of Protected Site Management (The Fursdon Review)

The Authority has submitted a formal response to the independent review of protected site management on Dartmoor announced by Defra.

The review, chaired by Lord-Lieutenant of Devon David Fursdon, was to work with farmers and stakeholders to examine how Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) across Dartmoor are managed ecologically.

The review will make recommendations on the management of SSSIs in order that they maintain or achieve 'favourable condition' whilst balancing long-term and sustainable delivery of other priorities such as agricultural production, public access, and cultural and natural heritage.

23/12/01 Apologies for absence - C Cllr Dan Thomas , D Cllr Pannell
and Cllr John Bailey (Approved)

23/12/02 Approval of Minutes

To consider , amend as agreed by the Council (if required) & approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2023 - **APPROVED**

23/12/03 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Smerdon - Planning - as DNPA member (standing Interest)
Dispensation requests - None

23/12/04- Parish Council admin -

To delegate authority to Clerk in consultation with the Chair for emergency decisions / payments during Christmas recess - **APPROVED**

23/12/05- Emergency Planning for the Parish - ongoing

23/12/06 Clerks Report - NOTHING

23/12/07 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

a) To decide on a speaker at DNPA planning Committee meeting re app at Timbers Road
DEFERRED - NOT GOING TO 01/24 COMMITTEE

b) To consider consultation on tree works at Hillyfield - **NOTED**

23/12/08– Finance

a) **Approval of cheque APPROVED**

Karen Gilbert	expenses 11/23	52.25
Society of Local Council Clerks	subs	25.00
Karen Gilbert	NALC sal inc 04/23 - 12/23 incl. 9 months at 26.00	234.00

23/12/09 Highway matters

Cllr Chew commented that the signage at the end of the A38 slip road into the Village was not fit for purpose and had led to near misses

It was suggested that a STOP sign be preferable to a GIVE WAY . But in any event the signage should be reviewed to ensure motorists take appropriate action

ACTION : CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS

23/12/10 - Correspondence - correspondence had been emailed during the month.

23/12/11 Councillors business for next agenda. Emergency planning

23/12/12 Date/time of next SCHEDULED meeting. 5th February 2024

NB A MEETING MAY BE CALLED IN JANUARY IF SO REQUIRED

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.50pm