

# DEAN PRIOR PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.00pm** **Dean Prior Village Hall**

**Present** – Cllrs Rutley , Thorn and Wetherall ( Chairman ) , 1 member of the Public  
D.Cllr Smerdon , C Cllr Hosking and Cathie Pannell ( DNPA ) and the Clerk , Karen Gilbert

### **Public participation**

The member of the Public introduced himself as a prospective candidate ( covering Dean Prior )  
at the District Council elections due to be held on 2nd May 2019 - Guy Pannell from South Brent

### **Cathie Pannell - DNPA**

Cathie commented on the recent problems with the number and actions of the “snow Tourists”  
visiting Dartmoor during the recent snowy weather and the problems caused . She also advised  
that the DNPA Planning meeting due to take place on February 1st 2019 had to be cancelled due  
to the weather and the applications for consideration would be incorporated in the March 2019  
meeting

### **C Cllr Richard Hosking**

Cllr Hosking congratulated the Parish on its obtaining a significant grant through the TAP fund -  
see 19/01/08 b . He also advised that the Mobile Library service was under review and  
encouraged Parishioners currently using the service to contact Devon County  
[roger.croad@devon.gov.uk](mailto:roger.croad@devon.gov.uk) in an attempt to ensure the service continues in Dean Prior .  
Cllr Hosking confirmed that both the 30mph through Buckfastleigh and Lower Dean and Sign for  
Higher Dean were both being dealt with by Neil Oxtan and Nick Colton at Devon County .  
He also commented on the various changes to the Budget - to be agreed at the next Devon CC  
meeting

### **Cllr Peter Smerdon**

Cllr Smerdon updated the meeting with regard to the Travellers within the Parish . He also advised  
that the Joint Local Plan was progressing well and that a 5 year land supply had been identified .  
Cllr Smerdon commented on the recent Peer Review at SHDC - which had resulted in a  
favourable outcome - and highlighted the problems associated with the lack of domestic Council  
Tax on second homes in the District  
Peter Smerdon also advised that he intended to stand as Councillor covering Dean Prior at the  
District Council elections in May 2019

### **19/02/01 - Apologies for absence - Cllrs Chew and Mabin**

### **19/02/02 - Approval of Minutes**

Approved and signed as a true and accurate record , the Minutes of the regular meeting held on  
3rd December 2018- all in agreement.

### **19/02/03- Declarations of Interest - None**

### **19/02/04 - Dispensation requests - None**

### **19/02/05 - Clerks Report - NOTHING to report**

### **19/02/06 - Website update**

The Clerk advised that the website is being finalised with the addition of a page covering the  
Village Hall

### **19/02/07 Planning**

There were no Planning applications to consider

It was **NOTED** that travellers had entered Devon County land within the Parish , near the A38 . The Clerk had made suitable enquiries to ascertain that the area of land fell with South Hams rather than DNPA

It was **NOTED** that SHDC / DCC would be investigating and that findings would be reported back through the Clerk

#### **19/02/08 - Finance**

a) The Following cheque was approved - all in agreement

Karen Gilbert - B/band /Phone/ 2 months

£48.00

#### **b) To note Village Hall TAP application and SHDC subsequent meeting**

The Clerk advised the meeting that there was now no need for the meeting due to be held on 7th February 2019 - at which the grant applications were to be considered by South Hams

it was **NOTED** that Dean Prior Village Hall had been granted the sum of £5333.08 ( against a bid of £5500 - as shown below )

*The village hall roof is of 'corrugated iron' construction and is in need of refurbishment after showing signs of rust in places and it is important or the community to ensure it is fully weather proof now and in the future*

#### **19/02/09- Highway matters**

The Clerk reported that she had that day received a phone call from a Parishioner regarding the enormous amount of water passing Willow Cottage and Cobblestone Cottage - the water being heavily laden with silt / run off from the fields above .

Cllr Rutley agreed to investigate the gratings in the area and the Clerk agreed to contact Highways regarding this ongoing problem

**ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS OVER DRAINAGE**

#### **19/02/10 - Parish Council admin**

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council elections are to be held on 2nd May 2019 and that nomination papers will be available from 4 March 2019. **All Election notices will be displayed on the Noticeboard and the website** The Election timetable had been emailed around to existing Councillors - copies available from the Clerk

It was **NOTED** that the date of the May 2019 meeting has been changed to 9th May - ( 6th May a being a Bank holiday and too soon after the elections )

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 1st April 2019

**19/02/11 - Correspondence** - most correspondence had been emailed during the month.

**19/02/12 Councillors business for next agenda** None

#### **19/02/13 - Date/time of next meeting**

Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.00 pm - Dean Prior Village Hall

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