

Draft Minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

Sheepwash Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

14th July 2021 at 7pm

Held at Sheepwash Village Hall.

Present, Cllr. Ansell (Chairperson); Cllr. Ritson; Cllr. Wheeler; Cllr. Moys; Cllr Mathews; Cllr. Crossley; Cllr. Hutchings; Selina Woollacott (Clerk), District Councillor Hurley. Seven members of the public.

Before the meeting the Clerk and Cllr Mathews Inspected the Parish Council assets. Clerk will update the asset list.

1) **Apologies for Absence:** PSCO Mark James.

2) **Declarations of Interest:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at Torridge District Council within 28 days of the change. None.

3) **Public Discussion, to allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting, or any matters the public would like the Council to consider on a future agenda. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes.**

A reminder that members of the public can speak when invited to when council is in committee.

No members of the public wished to speak.

4) **Minutes**, the minutes of the following meetings held on 12th May 2021, Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting, and the meeting held on the 24th June 2021 Lukes Farm planning application meeting, have been circulated by email to be approved for accuracy and signed by the Chair. All Councillors agreed the above minutes are accurate. Cllr Ansell signed the minutes.

5) **Introduction from Haydn Beynon, new proprietor of the Half Moon**, Cllr Ansell welcomed Haydn to the meeting. Haydn introduced himself to the meeting and told us about his family. He gave the background of how he became the new landlord of the Half Moon. He is aware that a lot of people were surprised that the pub was for sale. He is here for the long term as he loves the community and the area. Haydn invite the villagers to engage with him on ideas they have and what they would like to see at the pub. Haydn explained he would like to change the outside tables and maybe have patio heaters outside the front of the pub. He has plans to update parts of the pub, the pub will still remain a country sports pub. A few of his ideas are bring back the Quizzes later in the year and opening longer at weekend lunchtimes. He has booked The Hummingbirds for August and hopes to hold an open house, get to know us BBQ on 31st July for the parishioners of Sheepwash. Haydn would like to work with the Parish Council to organise celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 4th June 2022.

6) **County & District Councillors reports.**

No County Councillors report.

District Councillor report,

Northam Burrows visitor centre is now open to the public. The cafe is due to be fully open on 16th July. The Centre is due to be officially opened by Sir Geoffrey Cox on Friday 23rd July at 2pm.

Speed Watch Report

I mentioned last month that I had attended in my Cllr Advocate for the OPCC role a zoom meeting where members of Speed Watch Teams inputted their views of how the Teams were functioning and how the system could be improved. A report recognising those views has now been compiled and published and has made a number of recommendations that could see the scheme rolled out in more communities across the South West. The report also called for greater police involvement and a more data driven approach to the scheme that would allow volunteers to see the real impact of their work in local communities. At present speeding drivers are reported to the police but other than a caution nothing

else happens. Going forward the police plan to deploy more Speed Detection Officers and embed some within Community Speed Watch teams to give them extra 'teeth' when catching speeding drivers, so those groups will be able to issue on-the-spot fines and report drivers who are caught breaking the law.

Across Devon and Cornwall there are currently 426 volunteers who make up 31 Community Speed Watch groups. As I've just said, Devon & Cornwall Police are increasing support for Community Speed Watch which will allow their efforts to result in fines, points or even a court appearance.

I also virtually attended the Police and Crime Panel meeting on Friday 9th July. What I found really interesting was the Police and Crime Commissioner saying that she would like to open more front desks in Police Stations, something many members of the public would welcome, I'm sure.

Councillor Workshops

Torrige Councillors are at present attending two strategic workshops. The Leisure Workshop, discussing the route the Council should take when 1610, who are the present Leisure provider, contract expires next March, took place on Monday 5th July. On Friday 9th July the second Strategic Workshop, Provision of Housing, took place. This was where Councillors discuss how to tackle the present housing crisis in this area and with the help of an experienced in this field consultant, looked at all avenues TDC can take including returning to house building.

Area Advisory Groups

The Chairs of the Torrington and Holsworthy Area Advisory Groups have decided to amalgamate both meetings. These meetings are run to allow Parish Councillors direct access to TDC officers. It is felt that by combining both Area Groups it would not only reduce the administration running separate meetings and that it is hoped that it will promote greater attendance from Parish Councillors.

Taddiport Dairy

The planning applications to redevelop the Taddiport Dairy site will be discussed at a special plans committee meeting to be held on 23rd July.

7) PCSO report.

Clerk read out the local crimes from the Holsworthy rural policing update. As well as an update on the theft and attempted thefts of Precision Agriculture Systems (PAS) from tractors.

8) Chair's Report.

Most items are covered in this agenda, a lot of time has been spent on the Lukes Farm reserved matters planning application. The Parish Council have submitted comments which can be found on the TDC website.

9) Clerk's update,

Flooding Signs, Cllr Morrish discussed the need for the flooding signs near the bridge with Highways. Cllr Morrish has confirmed the need for signs has been agreed and will be placed on the list of jobs for Highways to complete by the end of Autumn.

Second first aid course is booked for 1st September. The first course is booked for the 28th July. Still need to confirm if the Bridgeland Trust are willing to contribute to the cost. Both courses are fully booked, a third course date can be booked as long as 4 people are able to attend. The course is £5 per person for people who live or work in the parish.

Footpath finger signs, Clerk was informed that all the finger signs have been replaced however the Council do not think the sign at Old Court has been replaced. Clerk to check. Cllr Ritson is checking and replacing the round arrow markers.

Bin relocation, the bin has been removed from the parishioner's wall, Councillors agreed the bin is beyond repair so will not be relocated or replaced.

Finger sign in the Square, I have reported that the sign is missing one of its fingers the report has been passed to non-safety defect signs team. It is not high priority so I am unsure when it will be replaced.

10) Update on Gazebo.

The uprights on the gazebo were going to be replaced before the end of June. However, the cost of wood has gone up and the council decided to not replace the uprights yet. The floor mats have been turned over and pinned down. Councillors agreed to review what to do with the gazebo after the inspection which will be booked for September or October.

11) EV Charging point.

Cllr Mathews is going to discuss with the new landlord if the pub would be interested in installing a EV charging point in the pub car park. Another option is to discuss if any of the business in Sheepwash would install a charging point. The Parish Council feel an EV charging point would encourage visitors to the village.

12) PLANNING:

Planning Applications, 1/0690/2021/DIS, Discharge of conditions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 16 of planning approval 1/0643/2017/OUTM, Lukes Farm, Sheepwash, Devon, response requested by 26th July 2021. This item has been moved to the next meeting.

1/0698/2021/FUL, Application for reserved matters (access, appearance landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to permission 1/0422/2018/OUT (Variation of condition 2) Land at Grid Reference 248397 106445, Sheepwash response requested by 30th July 2021. The property has been built however the front of the property encroaches into the easement zone of SWW mains water pipe. This planning application is a redesign of the properties layout so that the property does not encroaching on the easement zone. The Parish Council agreed No Objections.

Planning Decisions, None.

13) FINANCE:

13a) On 06th July 2021:

Main Account £3,723.02

Savings Account £15,107.67

Expenditure:

Date	£	Detail	Transfer
21.06.2021	655.28	Came and Company, Insurance	Bacs
21.06.2021	8.98	Clerk's A4 paper and A4 folder	Bacs
21.06.2021	80.00	Stuart Entwistle Weed Spraying	Bacs
21.06.2021	325.12	Clerk's Salary	Bacs
21.06.2021	36.00	Tim Cartwright audited end of year accounts.	Bacs
21.06.2021	62.12	DALC membership	Bacs
03.06.2021	18.00	Account Service Charge	DD
Total	1185.50		

Income:

Date	£	Detail
Total	0.00	

13b) Booking annual play equipment inspection. Clerk and Cllr Ritson to book an inspection for all the play equipment and the gazebo. September or October.

13c) Contributing towards the Dipper Mill flooding system. At a previous meeting the flood alert system at Dipper Mill was discussed as parishioners of Sheepwash use the website to see what the river is doing at Dipper Mill as this is upstream from Sheepwash. It was discussed previously that maybe Sheepwash Parish Council could contribute to the maintenance of the system. Clerk enquired and the annual cost for the replacement of a battery by an engineer is £150 -£200. Councillors agreed to contribute £50 towards the upkeep of the system. Clerk to arrange the payment of £50 to Shebbear Parish Council.

Items for Information. Send out via email since the last meeting.

Holsworthy Annual Meeting invite.

Torrington and Holsworthy area joint advisory meeting.

Response from Shaun Harrington TDC Planning Manager. Cllr Hurley asked the Parish Council what their feelings are on the response Shaun Harrington gave with regards to Parish Councils commenting on planning applications and having the comments taken into account. The Parish Council replied it will be interesting to see what happens as the Parish Council is current responding on a few planning applications. The proof is in the pudding. Cllr Hurley said he will be holding Shaun to his response.

Road Closure,

Road from Black Torrington Bridge Cross to West Road, 18th July 2021

Near Larcombe House. From Swardicott Cross to North Street. 12th -16th July 2021

Cllr Riston informed the council that the hedges in Jubilee Park need cutting back before the shindig on 14th August. Clerk to contact Mr Stockwin to book him in to cut the hedges back.

Items to be included in the agenda for the next meeting. Meeting to be held before the 26th July 2021 to discuss the Parish Council response to the above Lukes Farm planning application and the Park Farm planning application.

Meeting Closed 8.00pm

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