

**Minutes of Shaugh Prior Parish (Shaugh Prior, Lee Moor, Wotter)
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**Shaugh Prior Village Hall
Tuesday 21st May 2024 7pm**

Apologies - Keith Stone, Vanessa Tyler, Nay Proctor, Viv Jenkins

Present - Barrie Spencer (Chair) Cathie Boulting, Sue Burkill, Adam Sims, Tim Clewer, Simon Francis, Pam Golding, Vicky Dann, Liz Nicolls, Don Nicolls, Paul Vann, David Ashton, Kay Ashton, Julia Sanders, Amanda Moore, Marion Cleaver, Ian Cleaver, Jason Ellmers, Becky Ellmers

An invite was sent out for up and coming meeting to The White Thorn (Kat Hurn) who is happy for details provided to be part of the distribution list for the purposes of this Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, not to be shared for any other purpose.

For the purpose of this meeting and future meetings Cathie Boulting (CB) agreed to carry out the role of Secretary.

Welcome

Barrie Spencer (BS) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. (CB) distributed a previously agreed list of those attending to note their attendance and update their contact details. Agreements were sought to keep this information by CB for the purposes of this Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG).

There was round table introductions by everyone present.

BS gave an overview of the purpose of the meeting and what we need to explore

- What is a plan
- What does it do
- Is it worth it
- Funding
- New email address and web page
- Next Steps - Community Engagement

Current position - Application submitted, awaiting SHDC response and Parish News Article

There was a brief discussion in relation to planning applications. BS explained that a Neighbourhood Plan is developed by us, the community. This includes the 3 villages and outlying areas within Shaugh Prior Parish. It is about what we want, we consult and provide the content. South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority control planning applications and other development within the parish from the 'top down'. What the Neighbourhood Plan gives us is the same weight as the SHDC and DNPA local plans from the 'bottom up'.

This is a consultation process which adds power and weight to enable the community to shape the area for working and living. This includes the local mines, wind farm developments, infrastructure, traffic flow, character of the land and development to meet local need. Consideration to biodiversity, pavements, cycle paths, schools and green spaces. This allows the community to express their needs and desires to provide a community vision and neighbourhood development in a positive way. There is land allocation for 10 new houses in Shaugh Prior and Wotter. So, 20 new homes across the Parish. BS explained in his personal view that change when it happens, happens very quickly and that we have the opportunity to add equal legal weight to the decision making and add the detail. The Joint Local Plan had been distributed previously and BS invited members to take a look at this. BS will re distribute.

BS invited members to look at the Ugborough Plan due to its geographical similarities within DNP and SHDC.

Simon Francis - agreed with BS comments and reiterated the benefits, looking at the worth, community views and the detriment of not having a NP.

BS further explained there are 9 steps to the collective process incorporating the 3 villages views and ideas to incorporate in to the NP. An independent examiner will vet the document - engage - critique and amend.

The NP is distributed across all households and 50% have to agree with the proposed NP.

Jason Ellmers asked re conflicts with other existing plans. BS explained that the document goes through an independent examiner and it cannot conflict with another neighbouring NP. The document will be examined alongside the DNP Plan and the SHDC Local Strategic Plan which are very 'loose' with regards our Parish.

Liz Nicolls asked re opportunities to shape existing agreements. BS explained the Bickleigh Barracks 'brick tasting' example with regards to influencing the aesthetics of developments. SF explained the scale of developments will depend on the area. LN asked about sustainable energy SF explained that it is currently driven by Government with policies in place, so no issues. This was reiterated by Adam Sims and expanded on for clarity. BS commented that SF (architect) and AS (Energy Compliance) involvement will add weight to the journey for the NP.

BS further explained re the funding position and waiting for an announcement from Locality. There is funding available, the NP will cost a minimum of 10K, and the Independent Consultant will be 3/5K.

Julia Sanders mentioned the importance of representation from the other villages. I (Cathie Boulting) explained that there are a number of attendees from the other villages who couldn't make tonight's meeting. CB will contact Tommy Bryans (Lee Moor Hall) with a view to requesting the next meeting is held there. BS explained that fair representation is important as this is what the Independent Examiner will look for.

BS mentioned the previous work that was carried out towards a Parish Plan 2007/2009 and how valuable that information is. The area to be covered by the NP is the Shaugh Prior Parish boundary. This has been submitted by BS to SHDC, awaiting response. BS explained there is an article to go into the Parish News. Tim Clewer received confirmation from BS that this will explain the NP. It will be a 150 word article.

BS is attempting to arrange a speaker from another area to come and discuss/explain the problems/issues etc.

BS confirmed the Parish Council have agreed some funds to start things off and that Shaugh Prior Village Hall has been hired free of charge. Thanks to the SPVH Committee.

There was a general discussion prompted by JE re a Strategic Plan and communication methods

I.E.

utilise Facebook

Parish News

Leaflet drops

Door to door

Drop and collect

School projects

Surgery

Notice boards

Church

Drop in sessions

Coffee mornings

Lee Moor Public Hall

Shaugh Prior Village Hall

Workshops/presentations
Julia Sanders
Chris Oram South Hams District Councillor
DNPA rep Peter Smeardon
Links magazine
Next Door (Social Media)

Paul Vann, Simon Francis, JE, Ian Cleaver will look at Communications along with CB/BS with a view to pull something together. IC asked if there was a Project Plan. CB, I explained that there are 9 steps in this process. To date we have had relatively informal meetings to discuss the need, purpose and the worth of bringing it to a larger audience for discussion and this is the purpose of this meeting. So, to date, no Strategic or Project Plans have been embarked on. SF stated and reassured the group that there will be templates for this. JE suggested collating a multiple choice form.

Comms Group agreed as PV, IC, JE, SF, BS, CB

Vicky Dann to approach the school to reach out to Lee Moor Parents.

CB to contact Lee Moor Hall re meeting venue

Meeting to be arranged around availability of LM Hall.

Comms Group meeting date to be confirmed, agreed and arranged by CB

Thanks to BS for pulling this together

Thanks to Nay Proctor Chair of Shaugh Hall for the free hire.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm