CORNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 2nd February 2021
Zoom Online at 8pm. Meeting ID: 875 2328 2676

Presentation on Community Wind Turbines by SDCE (South Devon Community Energy)

Currently SDCE is exploring the feasibility and the community interest in wind turbines. They will talk to Sparkwell and Shaugh Prior PCs as well as us. The project would be led by the community following a joint plan developed by the three PCs. SDCE are keen to work with the community and have offered a minibus to drive people to a similar wind farm in Cornwall. See Appendix B for further details.

Open Forum
Nothing to report

Present	**Chairman**	Cllr Bertram
	Councillors	Cllrs Atkins, de Mendonca, Hawkes, Haynes, Munford, Offer, Osman, Smith
	Clerk	Maureen Haynes
	Public	1
0221/01	**Apologies**	Cllr den Hollander (technical issues)
0221/02	**Minutes**	Proposal – to approve the minutes of meeting on 1st December 2020 Proposer - Cllr Hawkes Seconder – Cllr Atkins
0221/03	**Declarations of Interest**	None
0221/04	**Report of County Councillor** No report available	
0221/05	**Report of District Councillor** See Appendix A	
0221/06	**Report from Police** No crime report available. Residents are encouraged to be vigilant because of the large number of scams that are happening due to Covid.	

0221/07	**Matters Arising**	**Action**
540	**Highway Matters –** the PC discussed the various options to clear the channels and have agreed that the volunteer road wardens will clear the channels. The waste will be put in a skip/s and a registered waste carrier will dispose of the waste.	**Cllr Haynes**
2666b	**Public Toilets –** Nothing to report	
2688a	**Recreation Areas –** Application for PWLB has been sent, having been first approved by DALC.	
2820a	**Housing Survey –** Nothing to report	
0417/08a	**Community Plan** – The noticeboard in Lutton will be replaced. **Proposal** is to buy	**Clerk**

a noticeboard costing £769.00. **Proposer** Cllr Osman **Seconder** Cllr Smith. Unanimously agreed.

0418/08 **Emergency Plan –** Nothing to report

0419/08 **Asset Register –** Nothing to report

0520/12 **Car Charging Points –** The PC is in the process of establishing the feasibility of placing one in the pub car park. Clerk to liaise with CIAG **Clerk**

0720 **Climate Emergency Declaration –** The council continues to investigate ways to reduce our carbon footprint such as car charging points and wind turbines.

0221 **Broadband –** Cllr de Mendonca asked if he could pursue ways of achieving faster broadband speeds for the outlying properties in the parish under the auspices of the council. Council thought this was a good idea.

0221/08 **Chairman's Time** - We are pleased to welcome a new councillor. Steve Tyers has expressed an interest in improving the community. **Proposal** – to co-opt Steve Tyers onto Cornwood Parish Council. **Proposer** – Cllr Bertram (Chairman) **Seconder** – Preston de Mendonca. Unanimously agreed.

0221/09 **Planning Applications –** no applications pending.

0221/10 **Reports of Representatives** – Good Neighbour scheme is still running successfully.

0221/11 **Footpaths –** Footpath (2) has been tidied up but is still a mess after the hedge trimmer churned up the wet soil. Next step would be to ask DNPA to approach the landowner.
Requests for dog waste bins at Heathfield (already agreed) and Gibb Hill were made. Council agreed in principle but would need to find out how much it would cost to have them emptied by SHDC **Clerk**

0221/12 **Correspondence –** "Great British Spring Clean" (Appendix C). Council agreed that if Covid restrictions allowed, there should be a litter pick and to ask ND if he would be able to repeat the successful picks of previous years. **Clerk**
Friends of Cornwood School wrote about the dangers faced by children and parents at the crossroad in Cornwood. Our chairman offered to reply, explaining that most of their suggestions weren't feasible and advised the School to revisit their Travel Plan. Then, in consultation with Devon Highways, a way forward could be planned.

0221/13 **Works** – no progress to report

0221/14 **Finance –** nothing to report

0221/15 **Payments and Receipts**
The following payments were authorised:

Payments to be Authorised – 02-03-2021

Payee	Goods/Service	Amount (£)
Maureen Haynes	Out of pocket expenses (noticeboard, stationery, and travel)	1,016.90
PlusNet (DD)	Broadband Sept	21.60

Receipts

Payor	Goods/Services	Amount (£)
M Haynes	Refund from Cleaner's pay (off sick)	58.28

Bank Balances 28/02/2021

Treasurer's Account	£3,525
Savings Account	£35,226
Special Savings Account*	£9,136
Total	**£47,887**

16 Date of next Meeting – **Tuesday 2nd March 2021,** Time and venue to be confirmed

Signed ……. **Date:** 03-03-2021

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Appendix A

Report to Cornwood Parish Council
02 February 2021
From Cllr Barrie Spencer
Bickleigh & Cornwood Ward, South Hams District Council
I am pleased to be able to provide you with an update from SHDC based on the last few weeks workload.
Covid 19
This matter is dominant in everyone's lives at the moment with our daily routines continuing to be restricted in the pursuit of a solution. Council meetings continue to be held via Zoom and all are open to members of the public to attend.
Clearly, most people are disappointed in the national lockdown however it was always on the cards that sooner or later we would have to take drastic action. There is clearly growing pressure

on hospitals and many other local businesses and services. The Council continues to work hard in supporting local people in numerous ways be it housing, benefits, grants to businesses etc
The Council was able to roll out the Government grants recently by being able to adapt existing computer systems and create new ones routines and most grants are being paid out very shortly after people apply for them.
The Council has constantly expressed concerns about second home owners in the area and their use of DC facilities mainly at no cost to themselves. A letter was sent to Government again highlighting this and their potential use of NHS services, which are already overstretched. The response was unimaginative as well as disappointing in that it concentrated on quoting the rules which were already known to us.
Waste Collection
Aside from Covid 19 this has really dominated the last three months of my personal workload with ongoing discussions between Officers at SHDC and FCC – the outside contractors.
The number of missed collections has been significant. Whilst in relative terms however, the overall %age of missed collections is low, I find it worrying that the number of repeat missed collections demonstrates some fundamental issues with the contractor. There have been high level meetings between SHDC and FCC and I know that matters are ongoing. FCC are now into fines for missed collections so perhaps a monetary penalty will concentrate the mind.
I had a personal meeting with the regional guy; I have to be honest and say that I was not hugely encouraged but they really now need to deliver. The pressure is certainly on!
The new recycling scheme is being rolled out from 08 March. You are no in the first wave of the rolling out so, hopefully, all the initial issues that might happen will be experienced by others. More at https://www.southhams.gov.uk/newservice

Broadband in Bickleigh, Shaugh, Wotter

The lack of acceptable broadband strength in these areas has been an issue for many years; I ran a business there for over 25 years with little more than 1.9 download speed.

Appendix B

Dear Maureen and Julia,

I am writing on behalf of Devon Energy Collective CIC to hopefully start a conversation with you about the potential for a community wind farm project at Lee Moor. We believe a fair and low carbon energy system can only be achieved with **communities at its heart.**

Devon Energy Collective CIC is a new Devon-wide, not-for-profit, community energy company founded and owned by a network of local-level community energy enterprises across Devon including South Dartmoor Community Energy (SDCE). Our purpose is to deliver the Devon Carbon Plan to achieve net zero carbon emissions as soon as possible, and no later than 2050. We believe that the more we own our energy infrastructure, the more we can retain the economic benefit at a local level, and we plan on creating more local jobs.

The government's Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) has provided us with a grant to carry out a feasibility study to see whether a wind farm could be viable, and at what scale, within the area identified (see attached). This initial phase aims to:

- start conversations with local communities;
- explore potential design and technical feasibility;
- explore environmental and planning considerations; and
- test the financial viability of the project

If the project is technically feasible and we have enough local support, our experienced team would work with your community to help build, own and benefit from this potentially exciting scheme.

We want to discuss and explore this vision with you as early as possible, including during this feasibility stage, to shape the direction of any future project. As the first step, we are contacting you and the following groups to share our vision (attached):

- Shaugh Prior and Sparkwell Parish Councils;
- Devon County Council;
- South Hams District Council;
- Dartmoor National Park; and
- Gary Streeter MP

If you would like to find out more please contact me to arrange a call with one of our team. We would also welcome the chance to listen to your initial thoughts and answer any questions you might have at a forthcoming internal parish council meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Appendix C

Save the Date! 28th May - 13th June 2021

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The Great British Spring Clean 2021

28 May - 13 June 2021

Building on five years of success, we are delighted to announce the dates for our sixth annual mass-action environmental campaign, the Great British Spring Clean.

This year our outdoor spaces and places have mattered to us more than ever before. They have been a sanctuary during challenging times, and from 28 May 2021, we will be calling on hundreds of thousands of #LitterHeroes from across the UK to join us and show some love for those special places that helped us though lockdown.

We have moved the campaign dates a little later in the year than usual, as our great nation starts to recover from the pandemic.

And whether life has returned to normal, or we are still taking precautions to protect ourselves and others, we will provide all the advice and support you need to safely take part in the Great British Spring Clean 2021.

So grab your litter-pickers and get ready - 2021 is going to be our biggest year yet!