MINUTES OF SPARKWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 9th July 2019 at Sparkwell Parish Hall

**Present**: Cllrs May, Taylor, Lee, Small, Peacham, Pearson-Bunt, Milford

Dawn Johnson (Clerk)

**In attendance**: Cllr Thomas (SHDC)

**Part 1** (Open to the Public)

**109/19 Apologies for Absence**

PCSO Di Summers, Cllr Hart (DCC), Cllr Baldry (SHDC)

**Resolved** that the apologies be noted.

**110/19 Agreement of the Agenda between Parts I and II.**

Councillors noted that two items of business would be considered in Part II of the meeting.

**111/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**112/19 Police Business**

Apologies had been received but a report had been supplied which the Clerk read out:

6 crimes recorded for June

1. Section 18 GBH, Newnham – No viable enquiries
2. Criminal Damage, A38 Plympton – No viable enquiries
3. Burglary, Sparkwell woods (shed) – No viable enquiries
4. Burglary, Plympton, abandoned property – No viable enquiries
5. Assault, Sparkwell – Victim not supporting Police
6. Non counting action fraud, Plympton – under investigation.

**113/19 District Councillors Business**

Cllr Thomas delivered his report:

1. At the last meeting Cllr Small raised a point regarding refuse drivers leaving their lorries. He had taken this up and had a response from the officer at SHDC saying that drivers were allowed to leave the cab as long as they were close enough to respond to an emergency. The engine needs to be running for the lorry to be operational.
2. Regarding the issue of missed bins in Lee Mill, he had joined the Lee Mill Facebook page and posted asking residents to let him know of any problems.
3. He and Cllr Baldry were dealing with a resident of Lee Mill regarding advice from Environmental Health on noise pollution at night.
4. Another resident in Lee Mill has concerns about traffic around the pre-school. He is hoping to speak to Cllr Hart. Cllr Baldry is meeting with the resident.
5. A lot of work is being done by SHDC and Ivybridge Town Council concerning a master plan for the St Leonards Road car park; there are plans to bring a supermarket to Ivybridge.

Cllr Taylor asked whether the District or County are responsible for trimming hedges on the slip road from Lee Mill to pick up south bound carriageway to Plymouth? The bus shelter is used by a lot of people including school children but the bushes are overgrown and making it difficult to see to across the road.

***Action*** *- Cllr Thomas will check and action if District, if County then refer to Cllr Hart.*

Cllr May referred to the ongoing problem of overgrown hedges on the junction to Hemerdon (where the new road is).

***Action*** *- Clerk will raise the matter with Cllr Hart again as this is a Highways issue.*

Cllr Small said that hedges were overgrown in many places around the parish, although there may be places where it is private land. Cllr Thomas said all roads around the Parish will be Highways (County) and if it is a serious problem, then County would do it and charge the land owners. There is the restriction during summer months on hedge cutting.

Cllr Pearson-Bunt asked what the Parish Council could do to stop the problem happening again and again? This is something that should be considered.

Cllr Taylor asked that Cllr May leave the room so he could raise a planning issue with Cllr Thomas (Cllr May left the room).

Cllr Taylor explained that he had attended a meeting at SHDC on Permission in Principle (PIP) planning applications. It had been emphasised over and over that PIP looked at the general requirements and basic questions only and not the minutiae of a full planning application.

A PIP appeal been turned down on appeal and included the full detail of everything you can/cannot do in a full planning application. He was critical of the procedure as this was a PIP and not a full planning application and sought clarity on the amount of detail required for a PIP.

***Action*** *- Cllr Thomas will ask head of development management to comment.*

Cllr May returned to the room.

Cllr Peacham referred to the 4 houses being built in Hemerdon and the issue regarding the developer not putting in the visibility splay. He had previously contacted planning enforcement who has visited said Cllr Peacham should contact when houses are on the market. He has done this but has not had any response.

***Action****- Cllr Peacham to forward information to Cllr Thomas so he can take up.*

Cllr Peacham referred to Chaddlewood Wood, which is off Stoggy Lane. When Plymouth City Council and SHDC did their joint plan the Parish Council proposed that Chaddlewood Wood be recognised as a public space which it was. However, a fence has been put across the path. A hole was cut through that fence and a steel fence has now been erected. Cllr Thomas was asked if he could contact PCC to see if he can find out more. Cllr Thomas suggested that we do a Land Registry search.

***Action*** *– Cllr Peacham will send map to Thomas and the Clerk. Cllr Peacham and the Clerk to identify the land and the Clerk to carry out a Land Registry search to ascertain the owner.*

**114/19 County Councillors Business**

Apologies had been received but a report had been supplied which the Clerk read out:

1. There has been a dust problem coming out of mine. They have been trying to dampen down the land to stop the dust storm but the strong winds two weeks ago created a problem for Wotter.

Cllr Pearson-Bunt raised the problem of the flooding at Venton Bridge.

***Action*** *– Clerk to contact Cllr Hart for update*

**115/19 Open Forum**

1. Wolf Update – There was no further news on the mine. The PC gave Cllr Thomas background information on the.

***Action -*** *Clerk to contact Cllr Hart and DCC for an update to circulate.*

**116/19 Matters Arising**

1. 097/19 Matters Arising (a) – Broadband update. The Clerk said that she had contacted Matt Barrow who attend the last meeting for an update but had not received a response. Nothing had been circulated within the village.

**117/19 Minutes**

Councillors considered the minutes of the meeting on the 11th June 2019

**Resolved** **unanimously** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th June 2019 be approved.

**118/19 Policy Review**

1. Data Protection policy

Councillors considered the Data Protection Policy and **Resolved** to approve.

1. Data Protection Risk Assessment

Councillors considered the Data Protection Risk Assessment and **Resolved** to approve.

Cllr Lee joined the meeting

**119/19 Planning**

1. Planning Application Ref: 1703/19/HHO  
   Applicant Name: Mr Barlow   
   Description: Householder application for formation of vehicular parking area and associated access   
   Address: 6 New Park Road Lee Mill Bridge Devon PL21 9EB

**Resolved** to support the application with a comment that double yellow lines should be painted along the new parking area if approved.

Cllr Thomas said he thought the formal response from Highways might be to object.

1. Planning Application Ref: 1878/19/FUL

Applicant Name: Mr Nigel Passmore - Unitbuild (SW) LLP & Plymouth City Council

Description: Proposed development of land parcel (known as Langage South) to provide 33 commercial units (Class uses B1(a)(b)(c), B2 & B8) of varying sizes; Remaining portion of land (South Eastern corner) to be subject of a further full planning application in the future

Address: Land at SX568555 South of Langage Business Park Plympton

**Resolved** to support the application.

1. Planning Application Ref: 2027/19/PAD

Applicant Name: Mr I Whitehead HM Land Registry

Description: Application for prior notification of proposed demolition of the extension adjoining the existing warehouse building

Address: Eagle House Eagle Road Plympton PL7 5JY

**Resolved** to support the application.

Cllr Thomas left the meeting.

**120/19 Road & Snow Warden**

1. A resident had reported an incident of fly tipping above Hemerdon. Cllr Peacham had taken a photo and reported it using the DCC website. The next day he received notification saying that it would be collected the following day and it was. This is an excellent service from DCC.
2. He had reported a large pothole which has been filled, again the DCC system worked.
3. He has a volunteer who is clearing the ivy off bus shelter in Hemerdon.

**121/19 Chairman’s Business**

1. The dog waste bins in Sparkwell need more frequent emptying.

***Action*** *- Clerk to contact SHDC regarding frequency.*

1. Cllr Small stated that he was not happy with the proposed reduction in fire service provisions.

**122/19 Correspondence**

1. Proposed road/footpath closures at New Park Road, Lee Mill

Information has been circulated. The clerk had contacted the Plymouth & Exeter Planner at Wales & West Utilities Ltd to invite them to this meeting. The reply was that that they are hoping to confirm proposals with Highways England before they would look to present their proposal. If it is all confirmed they will then be in touch to arrange a meeting to discuss the works. They would also make sure all letters are sent out in plenty of time to the surrounding area so they are aware of the proposed works.

1. Bottle Park play area – The PC had received a complaint about the area being overgrown which has been investigated.

The close liaison between the Lee Mill Community and the PC will continue and is welcomed by all.

**123/19 Finance**

1. The Clerk had submitted the budget analysis report and bank reconciliation for June 2019

**Resolved** that the reports be approved.

1. Cllrs May and Taylor signed the cheque and letter to close Nat West account and transfer the balance to the Lloyds Bank account.
2. The Clerk explained that there had been further problems with approving online payments. She therefore suggested that Cllr Lee become a signatory and two other Cllrs get a replacement card/reader.

**Resolved** that Cllr Lee be added as a signatory to the account.

**124/19 Payments and Receipts**

1. Payments list

**Resolved** that the report be approved.

**125/19 Date of next meeting** -

The next meeting will be held on the 10th September 2019 at 7pm at Hemerdon Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.33pm

This is a true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed ……………………………………………………………….

Name ……………………………………………………………….. Date …………………………………………..