

**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council  
held on the 11th August 2011 at 7.30pm  
in The Parish Hall**

**Present**

M Pine (Chairman)  
J Friend (Vice Chairman)  
A Conibear  
Mrs N Incedon  
Mrs D Lewis  
R Pelling  
D Tucker

**Officer:** G Dwyer (Clerk)

**Aug 11/1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from North Devon Councillor F J Tucker, Devon County Councillor Mrs A Davis

**Aug 11/2 Public Question Time**

A member of the public enquired of the Council if they had any knowledge of the mandatory registration of septic tanks. It was thought that the Water Authority were attempting to register all boreholes and septic tanks but it was not known whether this was with a view to charging.

**RESOLVED**

The Clerk to write to South West Water to enquire what the position was.

**Aug 11/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July 2011**

It was noted that a question had been asked regarding the development of The Glebe and the possibility of registering the parking area on the highway as a public parking space.

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes be amended to record the public question regarding the Glebe development and the registering of the parking area as a designated public parking space,

That the minutes as previously circulated and amended be approved.

**Aug 11/4 Matters Arising**

Shirwell Village Show Committee has requested the Town Council to ask the Barnstaple Museum if they would accept the Amy Royle Cup on permanent loan.

**RESOLVED**

The Clerk to contact Barnstaple Museum seeking their approval to do this.

**Aug 11/5 Matters Brought Forward from the Previous Meeting**

There were no matters other than those already on the agenda.

**Aug 11/6 Cheques for Payment**

There were no cheques for payment

### **Aug 11/7 Report of the County Councillor**

In the absence of the County Councillor, the Clerk highlighted the main points of her report which were:

- Shirwell had been registered as being interested in appointing a snow warden.
- The web site for registering to 'ditch the junk mail' was [www.recycleddevon/org.junk](http://www.recycleddevon/org.junk).
- In the absence of the District Councillor, the report also mentioned that the District Council were planning to eliminate side waste (bags left outside wheelie bins) to both encourage recycling and provide a more efficient service.
- A free bulky collection was available on request, one bulky household item a year.

### **RESOLVED**

To place Snow Wardens on the September agenda for inclusion in the emergency plan

### **Aug 11/8 Questions to the County Councillor**

There were no questions.

### **Aug 11/9 Report of the District Councillor**

In his absence the District Councillor had asked that it be stated that North Devon Council planners had assessed the scope for housing in Shirwell as being 5 to 6 units of which 50% would be open market and 50% local needs.

### **RESOLVED**

To place the matter on the next agenda for site identification.

### **Aug 11/10 Questions to the District Councillor**

There were no questions

### **Aug 11/11 Report of Police Representative**

The Clerk read out an emailed report from the Police Representative.

### **Questions to the Police Representative**

There were none

### **Aug 11/12 Correspondence**

The Clerk tabled correspondence from:

- North Devon Council's Standard Committee
- The Go Magazine
- Britain in Bloom

### **Aug 11/13 Planning Applications**

There were none

### **Aug 11/14 Planning Decisions**

Planning Application **52166** installation of 20kw ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels at Brightlycott Barton, Shirwell, Barnstaple – Granted Approval.

### **Aug 11/15 Parish Council Web Site**

The Chairman stated that the web site should be live within the month.

### **Aug 11/16 Village Green Registration**

No movement, the Clerk had been occupied on other matters.

**Aug 11/17 Trees adjacent to Phone Mast**

After discussion, it was

**RESOLVED**

The Clerk to check with North Devon Council whether the trees were part of a planning permission for the erection of a mobile phone mast and if so whether they could be required to replace the dead ones.

**Aug 11/18 Post Box at Blakewell - Unannounced Removal**

It was noted following correspondence from Nick Harvey MP and the GPO that the post box was moved following road realignment and there were no plans to replace it. The Chairman had identified a possible replacement site at the junction of the Muddiford and Shirwell Road and undertook to progress this.

**RESOLVED**

That the Chairman progress this matter.

**Aug 11/19 Shirwell Emergency Plan**

It was noted that the emergency plan would be mainly concerned with the reaction to the Parish in bad weather conditions as other major incidents were covered by Devon County Council, North Devon Council, the Police etc.

**RESOLVED**

To place the Snow Wardens post on the agenda for September and that it be noted that Councillor Tucker had volunteered to take up the post of local snow warden.

**Aug 11/20 Report from Councillors on their Specific Area of Interest**

There were none

**Aug 11/21 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

No meeting held yet but people had expressed interest in co-operating with the lighting of a beacon.

**Aug 11/22 Report from Councillors**

- Concern was expressed at fly tipping at the Devils Elbow.
- Recycling on the A39 and B3230 had not had a service for two consecutive weeks.

**RESOLVED**

The Clerk contact Councillor Tucker to progress.

**Aug 11/23 Clerks Report**

The Clerk had nothing to report.

**Aug 11/24 Urgent Business**

There was none.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

*Following the close of the meeting to Clerk talked explained the role of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations relating to Shirwell Council and Shirwell's place in the hierarchy of local Government.*

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....