

**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council  
held on the 14th July 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)

**Also in Attendance** North Devon Councillor F J Tucker, Devon County Councillor Ms A Davis

**Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies

**Public Question Time**

- A member of the public questioned the current position with regard to the application to register Shirwell Village Green and the Clerk informed him that progress was being made, albeit slowly and he was hoping to re-present the documentation during the current month.
- It was noted that the cook for the Village Hall Old Folks Lunch Club was leaving, Richard Pelling undertook to take over this job.
- A member of the public expressed their gratitude for the hedge trimming that had been carried out by the County Council.

**Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th June 2011**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

**Matters Arising**

1. Authorised signatories – the Clerk confirmed that the documents had been forwarded to Nat West Bank.  
*(The Bank has since returned the documentation requesting that individual signatories have their documentation authorised before it is re-presented).*
2. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council was now registered as an employer with HMRC.

**Matters Brought Forward from the Previous Meeting**

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

**Cheques for Payment**

A cheque for £305.89 (comprising 3 months salary for the Clerk, £4.60 for postage and £1.29 for stationery) was authorised for signature and a cheque for £75 to A Giles, auditor was also authorised for signature.

## **RESOLVED**

The cheques as listed above be signed.

### **Report of the County Councillor**

County Councillor Davis tabled her report, a copy of which is attached to the minutes. In particular she commented on:

- Highways work at Kentisbury Ford had finished.
- There was a problem with the highways work at Brayford but this would be resolved in the near future.
- She commented on the high percentage of landfill recycling taking place.
- She commented that the Job Seeker Allowance had reduced again.
- The County Council had made savings through library reorganisations.

It was noted that it was not possible for the parking area adjacent to the Glebe to be designated for parking (Councillors specifically made the point they did not feel there was the need for this to be a designated parking area by delineating a section of the road as it was held for general highways purposes and as such was protected).

### **Questions to the County Councillor**

Councillor Mrs Inledon asked why the hedge cutting had not been carried out to floor level as it made it difficult to walk through the village. The County Councillor undertook to take this up.

### **Report of the District Councillor**

Councillor Tucker reported that:

- The police non-emergency telephone number was now 101 but would cost 15pence per call.
- The District Council was considering what action, if any, it could take on the key issue of the number of second homes.
- Wistland Pound reservoir was having works undertaken to offset the effects of climate change costing £1¼ million.
- Affordable Housing within North Devon was still an issue.
- A complaint had been received regarding Tesco's not selling alcohol to adults in the company of minors.
- The noise of the wind farm was an issue.

### **Questions to the District Councillor**

A question was asked by a member of the public on Tesco's refusal to sell alcohol to people accompanied by minors. It was noted that this was an issue for Tesco not for the District Councillor.

### **Report of Police Representative**

There was no member of the Police present and no report had been received.

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

There were none

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk tabled correspondence the following correspondence

- The Village Green
- Devon Assoc of Local Councils newsletter
- Diamond Jubilee information

## **Planning Applications**

### **Application 52365**

Erection of 50mm anemometer mast for meteorological monitoring for temporary period of 18 months, land at Knightacott (OS 6539NE) near Bratton Fleming.

### **RESOLVED**

To recommend approval

### **Application 52166**

installation of 20kw ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels at Brightlycott Barton, Shirwell

*Councillor Mrs D Lewis declared a personal interest in this application as her family business rented sheds from the farmer at one time.*

*Councillor A Friend declared a prejudicial interest in this matter as he is related to the applicant. He did not speak or vote thereon.*

### **RESOLVED**

To recommend approval

## **Planning Decisions**

There were none

## **Parish Council Web Site – Position Statement**

The chairman updated those present on the current situation regarding the web site and felt that it should be finally up and running by the time of the August council meeting.

## **Village Green Registration – Position Statement**

Dealt with earlier in the agenda during public question time.

## **Representation on Village Hall Committee**

After discussion it was

### **RESOLVED**

Councillor M Pine be the Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

## **Shirwell Show Committee – Presentation Cup**

*The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to enable members of the public to speak at this point.*

A member of the Shirwell Show Committee outlined the background to the presentation cup (Amy Royal Cup). The cup had recently been valued and it was felt that it was not reasonable to present a cup with a significant value to individuals as the insurance premiums were high so it was kept locked in a safe. After discussion it was

### **RESOLVED**

- The value of the cup meant that the insurance required was more than the Village show Committee could reasonably afford.
- The Village Show Committee discussed the possibility of making a permanent loan of the cup to the Athenaeum where it could be displayed safely.
- The Clerk to write to North Devon Council seeking their help should it be required.

**Report from Councillors**

- Councillor Pine briefly updated members on the recent Rural Alliance meeting.
- Councillor Pelling enquired what action could be taken to replace the poplars that had been planted adjacent to the phone mast, the poplars had since died.

**RESOLVED**

To place on the agenda for August 2011

**Clerks Report**

The Clerk had nothing particular to report.

**Urgent Business**

Post Box, Blakewell – it was noticed that the post box had been removed and it was

**RESOLVED**

To discuss at the August meeting

The following items were also highlighted for the next agenda:

The Emergency Plan

Training Session for Councillors

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked the catering staff for providing tea, biscuits, cake etc for this meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....