

**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council  
held on the 12th May 2011 at 7.30pm  
in The Parish Hall**

**Present**

M Pine (Chairman)  
J Friend (Vice Chairman)  
A Conibear  
N Inledon  
D Lewis  
R Pelling

**Officer:** G Dwyer (Clerk)

**May 11/1 Also in Attendance** PCSO G Woollaway, PCA Ladley, North Devon Councillor F J Tucker (part meeting), Devon County Councillor Ms A Davis (part meeting)

**May 11/2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor D Tucker

**May 11/3 Election Of Chairman**

The retiring Chairman Mr R Kingdon took the chair for the election of the Chairman.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor M Pine be Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing municipal year. There being no other nominations it was

**RESOLVED**

Councillor M Pine be elected Chairman of the Parish Council.

Councillor M :Pine then assumed the Chair.

**May 11/4 Election Of Vice Chairman**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor J Friend be elected Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing municipal year. There being no other nominations it was

**RESOLVED**

Councillor J Friend be elected Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

**May 11/5 Acceptance of Office**

Councillors in attendance at the meeting signed their declarations of acceptance of office.

**May 11/6 Register of Interests**

The Clerk to distribute the register of interest to Councillors and to collect them at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### **May 11/7 Public question Time**

There were 20 members of the public present but no questions were asked.

### **May 11/8 Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th April 2011 RESOLVED**

That the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

### **May 11/9 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising apart from those on the agenda.

### **May 11/10 Matters Brought Forward from the Previous Meeting**

It was noted that any matters brought forward from the previous meeting had been placed on the agenda.

### **May 11/11 Cheques for Payment**

The Clerk explained that he would defer drawing his salary until such time as a system had been agreed with HMRC for recording of the pay roll for the Parish Council.

There were no cheques for payment

### **May 11/12 Report of the County Councillor**

Deferred to later to allow the County Councillor to arrive.

### **May 11/13 Report of the District Councillor**

Deferred to later to allow the District Councillor to arrive.

### **May 11/14 Report of Police Representative**

PCSO Woollaway informed the meeting that there had been 2 reports made to the Police, one where a policeman was required by an ambulance and one regarding the amount of littering at Potts Hill, Muddiford.

There had been no crimes recorded in Shirwell.

The Neighbourhood Beat Team were working on the introduction of the speed watch system although more volunteers were needed.

### **May 11/15 Questions to the Police Representative**

There were none

### **May 11/16 Correspondence**

The Clerk tabled correspondence from :

- Devon County Council regarding private fostering.
- An email had been received from ex Councillor M Hayward wishing the next Council all the best for the future.
- A circular from the CPRE advertising the 'love your community' initiative.

### **May 11/17 Planning Applications**

**Application** 52137 Extension to dwelling, siting of Solar panels and erection of shed at Copperstones, the Glebe Shirwell Barnstaple

*Councillor N Incedon declared a prejudicial interest in this matter as she lives in the next door property*

### **RESOLVED**

To recommend approval

### **May 11/18 Planning Decisions**

There were none

### **May 11/19 Parish Council Web Site – Position Statement**

Councillor Pine reported he had not been able to make any progress but he was hoping that with the formation of the new Council we should have a functioning web site within the next month.

### **May 11/20 Village Green – Registration**

The Clerk reported that his initial attempt at registering the site had been rejected by the Land Registry and he would re-submit an application taking account of the advice that they had given him.

### **May 11/21 Report from Councillors**

There were none.

**RESOLVED** That Councillors specific responsibilities would be decided at the June meeting

### **May 11/22 Clerks Report**

The Clerk had nothing to report.

### **May 11/23 Urgent Business**

There was none

*The meeting was adjourned at 8pm to enable the Annual meeting of the parish meeting to take place but would be reconvened on the arrival of County Councillor Davis and District Councillor Tucker.*

**May 11/24 The meeting reconvened** at 8.25pm to receive the reports of both the County Council and District Councillor.

### **May 11/25 Report of County Councillor**

County Councillor Mrs Davis opened her report by congratulating the Councillors on their election to the Parish Council and then presented her

report, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the minutes. In particular she commented on:

- the £9 million that was available for pothole repairs and reminded Councillors and members of the public present that this would be done in priority order.
- Those seeking Job Seekers Allowance in Devon was down by a small percentage.
- Devon County Council jobs were down by 100 with a further 900 reductions in the next two years.
- In answer to a question regarding the reduction in jobs she confirmed that the monetary cuts had resulted in the reduction of services offered to members of the public.
- Highways Department was being restructured and she would now have a designated highways officer for her area.
- She confirmed that the water problem on the A39 at Warren Cottages was due to be resolved shortly.
- She outlined the Broadband bid being made by Devon County Council.

#### **May 11/23 Questions to the County Councillor**

- A member of the public questioned her regarding the potholes at Burrige and she confirmed that these should be relayed to the Clerk who would then pass them onto her so that they could be prioritised and dealt with.

#### **May 11/24 Report of the District Councillor**

Councillor Tucker opened his report by thanking the electorate of Shirwell for his re-election and briefly touched on the following points:

- Political control of North Devon Council was under discussion.
- Staffing levels at North Devon Council are still being reduced.
- Affordable and local needs housing is still a major issue and parishioners could help if they could identify sites.
- There was a meeting regarding the Members Code of Conduct on the 27th May 2011 at 10am, any Councillors wishing to attend to advise the Clerk.
- A letter had been received by the District Councillor from the North Devon Council regarding their response to the letter dealing with the methods of the Clerks salary payment.

#### **May 11/25 Questions to the District Councillor**

- In answer to a question, Councillor Tucker confirmed that staff cuts were resulting in restructuring across the authority at all levels.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....