

**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at  
7.30 in the Parish Hall**

Present

R Kingdon (Chairman)  
M Pine (vice chairman)  
J Friend  
R George  
M Hayward  
R Vogler

Officer G Dwyer (Clerk)

Also in attendance District Councillor F Tucker

**Jul 10/1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr P Bonds, County Councillor A Davis

**Jul 10/2 Public Question Time**

There were no members of the public present and no questions asked

**Jul 10/3 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes as previously circulated be approved and signed by the Chairman

**Jul 10/4 Matters Arising**

The Clerk tabled an email from Mr K Wickham (Planning Enforcement Officer) outlining the action being taken to control unauthorised signs at Coxleigh Barton

**Jul 10/5 Matters Brought Forward from Previous Meeting**

There were no matters brought forward

**Jul 10/6 Cheques for Payment**

Members approved the following cheques for payment, Clerks salary May/June 2010 (£200.00) and postage expenses (£ 3.86).

**Jul 10/7 Report of the County Councillor**

County Councillor Davis had apologised for her non attendance and no report was tabled

### **Jul 10/8 Questions to the County Councillor**

There were no questions asked

### **Jul 10/9 Police Report**

PCSO Woolway apologised for not having the latest crime statistics with him, he explained that he had been away from his office all day and hadn't been able to collect them and undertook to send them to the clerk for inclusion in the minutes.

*PCSO Woolway later reported that there had been one recorded hit and run. incident during the June period*

He reminded Councillors of the need for vigilance as the theft of farm machinery and tools from sheds was a continuing problem

### **Jul 10/10 Questions to the Police**

PCSO Woolway confirmed that the box on a residents gate in Burridge was, as far as he was aware, not related to traffic matters

### **Jul 10/11 Correspondence**

The clerk tabled correspondence for circulation amongst Councillors. Cllr Vogler agreed, subject to his availability, to attend the 'Empowering Communities' seminar at Barnstaple, the fee to be paid by the Parish Council

### **Jul 10/12 Planning**

There were no Planning Applications. The clerk expressed concern that the Planning Officer had not responded to his email regarding Plaistow Quarry planning application (Raised later on the agenda with Cllr J Tucker)

### **Jul 10/13 Reports from Councillors**

Councillor Kingdon reported that the speed awareness indicator that had been promised to Shirwell as it had malfunctioned when it was here previously had not arrived on the first date, and that no response had been received when he had attempted to confirm when it would be here.

**Resolved** that Councillor Davis in her role as County Councillor be asked to take up the Councils concern

### **Jul 10/14 Landscape Workshop to inform the character assessment of North Devon District on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 2.00pm (Barnstaple Library)**

**Resolved** Councillor Pine to attend this seminar

*District Councillor Tucker arrived at this point*

### **Jul 10/15 Report of the District Councillor**

Councillor Tucker reported that

- The District Council had made budget savings of £800,000 mainly through non filling of vacancies. It might mean that the District Council would become smaller.
- Some Quangos would be axed and also the Standards Board was slimming down
- Tesco had made a Secn 106 payment of £7.75 m in respect of their land at Severn Brethren
- Recycling statistics are improving in North Devon
- Although not strictly a Local Government issue Equitable Life have been required to make compensation payments for miss selling. Anyone affected should contact Mr Harvey MP.
- NDDC liability to its pension fund had increased to £45m.

### **Jul 10/16 Questions to the District Councillor**

- Councillors expressed concern that an answer had not been received from the Planning Officer at N Devon regarding the Councils concern over the District Councils response to the Planning Application at Plaistow Quarry

***A response has now been received and is given below, together with the covering letter***

*Dear Cllr Tucker*

*I replied to the Parish Clerk on the 9th July 2010. I responded by post in that there was an attachment. I have copied Mr Dwyer into this email.*

*With kind regards*

*Jean Watkins  
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Dear Sir

**APPLICATION MADE TO DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE DETERMINATION OF NEW CONDITIONS RELATING TO USE OF QUARRY AT PLAISTOW QUARRY, MUDDIFORD, BARNSTAPLE, EX31 4EX**

Thank you for your email dated the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010.

The District Council is a consultee on applications made to Devon County Council as

Waste and Mineral Authority. The response provided relates to our role as a planning

consultee and considers whether any proposal is in conflict with planning policies at

District level e.g. the North Devon Local Plan. We are provided with the same response

time as any other consultee. We do not undertake any form of external consultation with

Parish Councils or third parties. This is the responsibility of The Devon County Council.

Whilst writing I would bring to your attention the attached letter from the Devon County

Council which may be of interest.

Yours faithfully

Ms J Watkins

Lead Planning Officer

Planning and Development Services

Enc: Letter

**Jul 10/17 Parish Council Website and Posting of Minutes (these items were discussed together)**

Members briefly discussed their requirements for a Parish Council web site and it was noted that it might be possible to liaise with Mr Thompson who had taken over the Shirwell Village website regarding the best way to achieve the Councils requirements. He had contacted the Chairman and expressed a willingness to cooperate

**Resolved** That the clerk invite Mr C Thompson to the next meeting of the parish Council

**Jul 10/18 Any Other Business**

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.44

**Signed**

**Chairman**