

**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 9th September
2010 at 7.30 in the Parish Hall**

Present

R Kingdon (Chairman)

M Pine (Vice Chairman)

P Bonds

J Friend

R George

M Hayward

R Vogler

Officer G Dwyer (Clerk)

Also in attendance County Councillor A Davis, PC A Laidly, PCSO G Woolaway

Sep 10/1 Apologies for Absence

North Devon Cllr J Tucker

Sep 10/2 Public Question Time

There were 3 members of the public present and no questions asked

Sep 10/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th August 2010

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

Sep 10/4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Matters Brought forward from previous Meeting

There were no matters brought forward.

With members approval the Chairman brought forward Agenda item 9 to this point in the meeting

Sep 10/5 Police Report

PCSO Woolaway apologised for the non attendance of the Police at last month's meeting. He had been advised that 7 incidents had been logged for Shirwell and they were all of a domestic nature. Councillors queried why the accidents (at least 3) adjacent to Plaistow Quarry were not logged and it was felt that these had been missed due to the non-synchronising boundaries of the Police service and the Parish. He undertook to check with the beat manager for the adjacent area and report back. Cllr Mark Pine will prepare a map of the Shirwell Parish area.

PCSO Woolaway also reminded Councillors of the need for vigilance as there had been two cases of sheep rustling recently where top quality animals had been stolen

Sep 10/6 Cheques for Payment

There were no cheques for payment

Sep 10/7 Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Davis spoke to her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes; in particular she highlighted the poor take-up on the free health checks for carers, the winter service letter which was to be considered later on this agenda. A full copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

Sep 10/8 Questions to the County Councillor

In response to a question Councillor Davis undertook to take up the return of the speed awareness indicator which had not been operational when it was last sited at Shirwell. It was noted that it was due to be in position by the 16th September 2010

Sep 10/9 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker had sent his apologies for his non-attendance

Sep 10/10 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Sep 10/11 Correspondence

General correspondence had been emailed to members in advance of the meeting.

Councillors confirmed that the location of the gritting bins in the Winter Service letter from the County Engineer were correct

Sep 10/12 Planning

Application No 50874 Erection of Dwelling and Garage at land adjacent to Brightlycott Cottage, Burr ridge, Shirwell, Barnstaple

Cllr P Bonds declared a prejudicial interest in this application as he is a neighbour of the applicant, he left the room and did not take part in the debate or vote thereon

RESOLVED to recommend **approval** although concern was expressed at the passing traffic issue and the suggestion was made that a single entrance could serve the applicants existing property and the proposed development. It was noted that the application was by a local person and it was hoped that future occupation of the new dwelling could be restricted to local needs

**Application No 50877 Erection of Detached Garage / Store at Deer park
Shirwell, Barnstaple**

Prior to the consideration of this application the Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the Public to speak. Two members of the Public in their roles as committee members of the Village Hall raised concerns regarding the application

RESOLVED to recommend **refusal** as it will detract from the natural light amenity of the village hall and the lack of air circulation will lead to damp.

Should the application be approved then the Council would have concerns over the long term use of the building

**Application No 50917 Extension to dwelling at the Piggery New Barn Farm
Shirwell, Barnstaple**

Cllr J Friend expressed a prejudicial interest in this application as he is related to the applicant, he left the room and did not take part in the debate or vote thereon.

Cllr R Kingdon expressed a prejudicial interest in this application as he has a business relationship with the applicant, he left the room and did not take part in the debate or vote thereon

RESOLVED to recommend **approval**

**Application No 50887 Erection of one agricultural storage building at field
ss5839se, Hartland View Shirwell**

Cllr M Hayward declared a prejudicial interest in this application, he left the room and did not take part in the debate or vote thereon

RESOLVED to recommend **approval**

Sep 10/13 Planning Decisions

There were no Planning decisions

Sep 10/14 Reports from Councillors

Councillor Hayward informed council that the signage problems on footpath 13 had been resolved but he was unsure whether this would solve the problem of inappropriate use

Sep 10/15 Parish Council Website

Members considered the details of tenders for the website as a confidential item as it involved financial information. Individual Councillors had discussed with residents of Shirwell whether there was a will to proceed with a website construction in view of the cost and it was

RESOLVED that as a website would be an asset to the Parish, the Clerk pursue the possibility of a Community Grant from Councillor Tucker and that the quotation from Net Tecs be accepted

Sep 10/16 Clerks Report

The clerk reported that he had discussed the registration of the Shirwell Village Green with the Village Green Officer at Devon County Council and had started to complete the necessary forms. He would provide Councillors with copies of the forms that were needed as evidence that the site had been in use as a Village Green for sometime. Each Councillor undertook to obtain 3 completed forms as evidence.

Sep 10/17 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business

The meeting closed at 9.20

Signed

Chairman

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors Report September 2010

GPs and Pharmacists call on carers in North Devon and Torridge to come forward

GPs and Pharmacists across North Devon and Torridge are calling on carers of friends and loved ones to come forward and take advantage of free healthchecks available to them.

One in every 10 people are voluntarily providing care to family or friends, but of those, only a small number have so far taken up free healthcare checks, available from 43 participating GP Practices and Pharmacies countywide.

In North Devon and Torridge, the healthchecks are available from 10 GP surgeries and pharmacies:

Queens Medical Centre, Barnstaple. Tel: 01271 372672
Litchdon Medical Centre, Barnstaple. Tel: 01271 323443
Boutport Medical Centre, Barnstaple. Tel: 01271 324106
Brannams Medical Centre, Barnstaple. Tel: 01271 329004
Fremington Medical Centre, Barnstaple. Tel: 01271 376655
Boots Pharmacy, Barnstaple. Tel: 01271 326772
Bideford Medical Centre, Bideford. Tel: 01237 476363
Warwick Medical Practice, Ilfracombe. Tel: 01271 863119
Waterside Medical Centre, Ilfracombe. Tel: 01271 863840
Holsworthy Medical Centre, Holsworthy. Tel: 01409 253 692

The checks are also available to people already known to Devon's Health and Social Care Complex Care Team, based in Barnstaple.

Carers book the checks with their registered participating surgeries or local pharmacies, and can re-claim the cost of someone looking after their cared-for person while they attend the free healthcheck.

The checks are an initiative by Devon County Council and NHS Devon to support carers. The authorities are concerned that many carers are neglecting their own health needs, and possibly ignoring known or even unknown symptoms that might potentially become serious health issues, unless they are treated sooner rather than later.

In some cases, the healthchecks have identified problems that the carers had not been aware of, and treatments have been put in place to prevent deterioration.

Winter Service Letter.

Civil Parking

Commenced with local authority May 2008

Penalty Charge Notices issued:-

2008/2009	Issued 3,900	Paid 3,037
2009/2010	Issued 5,777	Paid 4,429

The deficit on this service was £918,124 for 2008/09 and £658,882 for 2009/10
A total deficit of £1,577,006

Highways budget

has been hit by an increase in the price of Bitumen of around 29% and a increase on contract renewal prices for street lighting energy supply which amounts to an additional £1.3m.

Children & Young Peoples Directorate

A £3.1m in year budget reduction had to be made following the Coalition Government's reduction to grant funding. Although cutbacks have been made the Directorate is projecting an overspend of just over £1m. Due to the large increase in children coming into care and an increase in numbers of children with additional needs

Debt Over 3 months old

Corporate debt stood at £5.3m and increase of £1.6m since the month 2 report.

Efficiency Savings

DCC have implemented efficiently savings that look like achieving their 2010/11 target of £20.9m.

Andrea Davis

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**Confidential Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 9th
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The Chairman moved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw.

Parish Council Website

Members considered quotations from Net Tecs and Key Skills together with the information received from Mr Thompson regarding a Community Website and it was RESOLVED that the quotation from Net Tecs in the sum of £370.00 be accepted and the clerk be authorised to negotiate with them a cost for a website with the facility to add additional information, i.e. Emergency Plan etc.