

## Draft

### Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

#### Present

Cllr M Pine Chairman  
Cllr J Friend Vice Chairman  
Cllr B Conibear  
Cllr M Hayward  
Cllr Mrs N Inledon  
Cllr R Pelling

Also in attendance District Councillor J Tucker and 4 members of the public

#### Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

#### Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs D Lewis, County Councillor Andrea Davis and PCSO A Berry

#### Public Question Time

*The Chairman suspended standing orders to enable members of the Public to take part in the discussion*

- A member of the Public expressed concern at the possibility of Shirwell archived material being transferred to Exeter as a consequence of the latest round of budget cuts to Local Government. The County Councillor's report indicated that she was unsure of what would happen, and probably wouldn't know until after the Autumn spending review **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Devon County Council expressing the Council's concern at the possibility that the records would be taken from the local area.
- A member of the public thanked Cllr Conibear for his work on the Village Green, it was noted that the well needed strimming round.
- Sec'n 106 Public Open Space money had a 5 year time frame for expenditure. A lengthy discussion took place on the best way to achieve a consensus on how the money should be spent. It was noted that the 'visioning document' for the Village Hall was still with the Village Hall committee.

*The meeting resumed under standing orders*

#### Minutes of the open meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

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

## **Matters Arising**

There were none

## **Matters brought forward from the previous meeting**

**Section 106 money.** The Council noted that Cllr Mrs Lewis was willing to be their representative on the working party tasked with preparing a visioning document for the Village hall. **RESOLVED** that the offer be accepted

## **Cheques for Payment**

A cheque for the Clerk's salary (£100.00) postage and file hangers (£18.54) were signed at the meeting

## **Report of the County Councillor**

County Councillor Mrs Davis had sent her apologies for her absence but had asked for her report to be tabled which dealt with the massive cuts expected in the Autumn spending review which amongst other important issues had implications on the relocation of the Records Office (no decision yet taken) and the termination of the Broadband rollout contract with Open Reach due to their failure to meet targets.

## **Questions to the County Councillor**

There were no questions

*With members permission the Chairman Brought forward agenda item 14 Broadband provision, Shirwell Area as it related to an item on the County Councillors report*

## **Broadband Provision**

Open Reach had promised speedier Broadband to this area by July last year but had not delivered on the promise. **RESOLVED** The Clerk to write to Devon County Council asking for the current position on Shirwell and also invite a representative from Wildwestnet to the next meeting

## **Report of the District Councillor**

The District Councillor briefly reported on the following points

- The District Councillor's discretionary grant of £1000 spread over his 5 Parish Councils will be available again this year.
- There were new Planning guidelines for the erection of Wind Turbines which call for all local people to be consulted
- NDC Building Control successfully prosecuted a businessman for installing wood burning stoves without being licenced to do so
- From the 1<sup>st</sup> July Planning advice on small schemes will be charged for
- CAB is concerned at the number of scams in the area and is urging people to be wary

- The next Rural Alliance meeting is at the Bratton Flemming Sports hall, on the 4<sup>th</sup> August at 7.0pm and will have a presentation from Planning Officers on changes in Planning Law

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

There were no questions

### **Report of the Police Representative**

No report had been received, and no representative attended

### **Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC June newsletter (previously emailed)
- CAB newsletter (previously emailed)
- Planning Approval to application 59296 Heather Cottage Shirwell

### **Planning Applications**

**Application 59398** Conversion of loft space to form additional living accommodation at Burrington Shirwell Road Shirwell Barnstaple **RESOLVED** to recommend approval

### **Planning Decisions**

**Application 59296** Extension to dwelling Heather Cottage Shirwell - **Approved**

### **Report from Councillors**

- Councillor Mrs D Lewis had contacted the County Councillor regarding County Council employees dumping Himalayan Balsam cuttings on the roadside verge. Councillor Davis was following the matter up.
- Councillor Conibear was liaising with Mr Wallace re. the TAP fund work

### **Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that the External Auditor had approved the accounts. There were comments on the need to establish the impartiality of the internal Auditor

**Urgent Business**

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.56pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

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