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**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
10^h March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall**

Present

Cllr M Pine Chairman
Cllr A Conibear
Cllr J Friend
Cllr Mrs Incledon
Cllr Mrs D Lewis
Cllr R Pelling

Also in attendance 3 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Hayward, County Councillor A Davis and District Councillor J Tucker

Public Question Time

With members permission the Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak

- Complaints were made that the County Council had patched one pothole adjacent to the Shirwell turn off but left one 20 meters away. RESOLVED the Clerk to advise the County Councillor
- Concern was expressed that North Devon and Torridge were the only authority who were not opposing wind turbines in their local plan. It was noted that this would be discussed later on the agenda.
- Sec'n 106 questionnaire. It was noted that there had been just 39 replies and the item would be placed on the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Parish

The meeting resumed under standing orders.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th March 2016

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

Matters Arising

There were none

Community Fund Application for lengthman

The Rural Alliance was proceeding with their application and the Clerk was pursuing the possibility of a smaller initiative with Pilton West Parish Council.

Matters brought forward from the previous meeting

There were no matters brought forward.

Sec'n 106 Money

Dealt with during Public Question time

Cheques for Payment

Cheque for the Clerk's salary (£110.00), Postage (£3.24), and C Wallace tap fund payment (£200.00)

Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Mrs A Davis had apologised for her non-attendance

Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Report of the District Councillor

The District Councillor had apologised for his non-attendance

Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Report of the Police Representative

No report had been received

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC March newsletter
- Emails regarding N Devon and Torridge Local Plan (on this agenda for discussion)
- CPRE email regarding wind energy development issues in the N Devon and Torridge local plan
- Acknowledgement from Shirwell Parish Church for grant payment

Planning Applications

Application 60685- Extension to Barn at Parkhill Farm Shirwell Barnstaple.
RESOLVED to recommend approval

Planning Decisions

There were none

North Devon and Torrridge Local Plan (2nd Consultation)

North Devon and Torrridge Local Plan 2nd consultation was discussed and concern was expressed at the identification of the area as suitable for wind farm development. It was noted that all applications would still be subject to the full planning process. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to oppose any inclusion in the plan that identifies the area as suitable for a wind turbine development programme as we feel that this would give a false impression to prospective developers. *(Cllr Mrs D Lewis abstained from voting on this matter)*

Report from Councillors

The following items arose from Councillor's reports.

- Notice had been given that Devon County would be dumping road soil on the verges between Upcott Cross and Hartland View Farm at Garmans Down and the parish Council had been informed that this was within the guidelines laid down despite the quality of the waste soil being poor as it contained detritus from the road users cars etc. and also possibly contained seeds of Himalayan Balsam etc. **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent expressing the Council's concern due to the quality of the waste soil and its strong likelihood that it contains unwelcome detritus and seeds. The letter to highlight that dumping soil in this manner makes normal hedge maintenance impossible as soil will migrate onto the highway, should this be ignored and the dumping continue then the Council ask that any soil be sterilised to guard against the introduction of non-native plants. A copy of the letter is sent to the North Devon Biosphere reserve who are conducting a survey on the spread of Himalayan balsam.
- **RESOLVED** A letter to be sent asking what action had been taken on the tree enforcement notice to the landowner at Burr ridge
- **RESOLVED** the County Council be advised of the poor state of the post box layby at Burr ridge
- It was noted that the maintenance of the defibrillator was the responsibility of the Parish Council, Cllr Friend undertook to ensure this was done

Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There was none

Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.16pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....