

## DRAFT

### Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

#### Present

Cllr M Pine Chairman  
Cllr J Friend  
Cllr A Conibear  
Cllr M Hayward  
Cllr Mrs N Incedon  
Cllr Mrs D Lewis  
Cllr R Pelling

Also in attendance District Councillor J Tucker (part meeting) and 4 members of the public

#### Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

#### Apologies for Absence

There were none

#### Public Question Time

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

- A member of the public reported a spring that had flowed out onto the A 368 at Devils Elbow (adjacent to the layby at Burr ridge) which could cause an accident when the weather turned icy. **RESOLVED** the Clerk to report the problem
- Concern was again expressed at the van which was permanently parked in front of the Village Green. It was noted that a letter had been written to the owner and that Cllr Tucker had approached him twice already regarding this. Cllr Tucker undertook to speak to the person who owned the Van. **RESOLVED** to take no other action at this time

*The meeting resumed under standing orders.*

#### Minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 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**

None that were not on the agenda

## **Sec'n 106 Money**

Deferred to later in the meeting to enable representatives from the charitable trust who owned the land at Shirwell School and were at a Governors meeting at the School to attend

## **Clerks Salary**

Deemed to be a confidential item and deferred until later in the meeting

## **Cheques for Payment**

Cheques for the Clerk's salary (£100.00) and Clevera (£35.96) for website hosting were signed at the meeting

## **County Councillors report**

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting and had not forwarded a report

## **Questions to the County Councillor**

There were no questions

## **Report of the District Councillor**

The District Councillor briefly reported on the following

- Two wind turbine planning applicants had appealed against refusal
- Information on Government grants for loft insulation and boiler replacement was available online
- Trayne Farm planning application had not yet been considered but it was a complex matter
- There were new information requirements for sec'n 106 money including preparation of a list of needs for a Parish
- Refuse collection calendar would be available online and would not be delivered through the post

## **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

- Devon and Cornwall Police – stop poaching circular
- ND Parish Forum – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.00 Brynsworthy Environment Centre
- Local Plan Public consultation 22nd October – 3rd December 2015

## **Planning Applications**

There were none

## **Planning Decisions**

There were none

*With members permission the Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the Public to join in the discussion on Sec'n 106 money*

*The Chairman welcomed Shirwell Primary School Head Teacher (Mr S Allen) and also Mrs Jo Gay and Mrs Lorna Jones who were the nominated representatives of the charitable body that own the piece of land at Shirwell School and would liaise with the Parish Council on the possible joint scheme for this money.*

Mrs Jones informed the meeting that she was an employee of North Devon Council Community section and had cleared her involvement with the Monitoring Officer and council members. She then briefly updated the meeting on the school field project.

The following are the main points raised

- The possible need to be able to use and Public Open Space funded by sec'n 106 money during school hours.( this may be possible by a change to how school space is used)
- General and at times heated discussion on how sec'n 106 Public Open Space money should be used
- Discussions on schemes need to include the school and everyone associated with Shirwell.
- The questionnaire to be placed in the parish magazine and followed up by House to house visits

*The meeting resumed under Standing Orders*

## Report from Councillors

- Devon County Council rubbish was being deposited in a layby on the road between Upcott Cross and Gormans Down. **RESOLVED** they be asked to remove it as it contains Himalaya Balsam plants
- Mud was left on the road after road works at Muddiford which was unacceptable. It was noted that Farmers etc. would not be allowed to leave roads in this state.
- Road drains adjacent to the school had still not been cleared **RESOLVED** The County Councillor be asked for feedback on the possibility of getting a gulley emptier there.
- Cllr Conibear agreed to a store salt in his field gate by his work shop.

## Clerks Report

**Parish Grant and Precept 2016/2017** The Clerk asked Members to consider setting a provisional Precept and Parish Grant for 2016/2017. It was noted that after known expenditure the Parish Council would have a balance of approx. £5,000 at the end of this financial year. **RESOLVED** that the Precept and Parish Grant be kept to the same level as last year (£2510 and £675 respectively)

**Neighbourhood Plan** To be placed on the agenda for the December meeting

## Public comments on the agenda items discussed at the meeting

An update was given on the questionnaire regarding the Village Hall

## Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....