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Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 12th April 2018 in the Village Hall

Present

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

Also in attendance 4 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Conibear and District Councillor J Tucker

Public Question Time

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

There were no questions

.The meeting resumed under standing orders

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th March 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved

Matters Arising

Sec'n 106 money. The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply from NDC following his letter to the Chief Executive. He had been informed that Mr Miles was dealing with matter and Cllr Tucker had been promised a reply in time for this meeting but that had not arrived. After discussion where the Council expressed their annoyance at being ignored by the District Council it was **RESOLVED** that a further letter be sent (a draft to be agreed in advance) expressing the Council's concern that they being ignored but also that an undertaking given to the District Councillor had also been ignored.

Cheques for Payment

Cheques for the Clerks salary (£110.00), DALC Annual Subscription (£90.26) and the annul hire charge for the Village Hall (£105.00) were signed at the meeting

Report of the County Councillor

With members approval the report of the County Councillor was bought forward to enable her to leave for another meeting

The County Councillor briefly updated members on the present position with Pot Hole repairs, reported that Zig Zag was now open although further work was required for resurfacing (combined total (£393k) The County Councillor had forwarded her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Work on the B3230 at Blakewell, costing £85k would commence in the Autumn.

Questions to the County Councillor

Councillors reminded Cllr Davis that drainage works on Langage Hill were outstanding and she undertook to chase that.

Traffic Problems were still being experienced at the hospital roundabout and the new Pelican crossing timings between the button being pressed and the lights changing were a problem as there was insufficient delay.

Report of the District Councillor

Cllr Tucker had apologised for his non-attendance

Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been emailed to Councillors

- DALC subscription renewal

Planning Applications

A pre planning application consultation letter for a telecom base station at the corner of Youlston Park and Shirwell Road. **RESOLVED** that they had no comments

Planning Decisions

There were none

Relocation of Red Telephone Box – progress report

See agenda item 4 on this agenda, there was no other progress

Website Updating Requirements

The Clerk reported that the transparency fund grant application had been approved and the grant cheque had been received. It was **RESOLVED** that all expenditure and structure changes to the new website to be approved by the Council and that content changes be made by the Deputy Chair or the Clerk in if the Deputy Chairman was not available

Report from Councillors

- Potholes on the A39 were still a problem and details had been lodged on DCC's website
- The flooding at Hill Side cottages should be resolved with the Jet Clearing programme

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 8.00 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillor report April 2018

Additional £4.4 million for road repairs in Devon

The funding for Devon is a share of the Department for Transport's (DfT) £100 million nationwide programme for much needed repairs following the severe winter weather.

This latest grant is on top of £2.5 million pledged to reinstate the A379 at Slapton, which was partially washed away by Storm Emma, and the additional £2 million for Devon from the Pothole Action Fund for this year.

In setting its budget for the coming financial year, Devon County Council also announced last month that it was putting an extra £6.5 million into road repairs and drainage in 2018/19.

The County Council is already drawing up its latest programme of repairs through the third year of Pothole Action Funding. This is allocated in consultation with local County Councillors to target priority areas.

The additional winter damage funding is expected to be allotted in a similar way, to be spent on pothole repairs, patching, surfacing and drainage improvements in order to improve the resilience of Devon's highways.

The freezing temperatures and snow has also taken its toll on our entire 8,000 mile road network, and we're still assessing the full extent of the damage. This funding is excellent news and will certainly help cover some of the costs we will be facing.

Every effort will be made to ensure this funding has the biggest possible impact to improve the condition of our roads. Local County Councillors will be involved in drawing up the repair programme so that local priority roads benefit from this funding, but with the biggest road network of any authority in the country it's unfortunately impossible to deal with every road which might need attention.

Devon's needs around £55 million of capital investment every year to maintain its roads in their current condition. However, only around £23 million is available from its £44 million capital settlement from Government to maintain carriageways – as the funding also has to pay for maintenance of footways, street lighting, traffic signals, bridges, drainage systems, safety barriers and public rights of way, among other work.

A reminder of how to report a highway problem.....

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Phone 0345 155 1004 or 0845 155 1004

Killacleave Recycling Centre in Ilfracombe upgrade

Unfortunately, given the two snow events recently, the Killacleave Recycling Centre Improvement works are now running approximately 1 week behind schedule. As such, the site will continue to be only open to the public at weekends only until 6th April. Between 7th April and 13th April the site will be open but with a limited service. The site should be fully back up and running with a full service from 14th April.

Reminder that it is a basic service for general non-recyclable waste, metal, cardboard and wood and garden waste only.

Snow events

Thank you to everyone who sent messages of support during and after the two snow event we have recently experienced, I've forwarded them all on, the staff are appreciative of them.

Highways teams worked non-stop to clear routes as quickly as possible, using approximately 7,000 tonnes of salt during the first three weeks of March. So far this winter over 21,000 tonnes of salt has been used on our roads – this compares with 9,000 tonnes used throughout the whole winter season last year. Initial estimates suggest these two snow events may have cost around £1.2 million to deal with.

We made the right decision in receiving an additional shipment of salt in between the two snow events and our gritting teams have treated over 160,000 miles this winter..so far.

Construction of a new junction to the east of Tiverton and nearby resurfacing work on the A361 remains on schedule, despite the recent bad weather.

However, from Friday (23 March) daytime, lane closures will be reinstated, restricting traffic to one lane in each direction for around two weeks. The eastbound lane closure will be lifted after this time.

The westbound lane closure between Craze Lowman bridge and Gornhay Cross will remain in place until early summer while junction work continues. The current phase of the new 'left in left out' junction to the east of Tiverton is on track to be completed by June.

The lane closures westbound between Gornhay Cross and Bolham roundabout and eastbound are necessary to complete resurfacing work, which should be finished before Easter. Gornhay Cross junction will be open to traffic while the lane closures are in place.

Work on an acoustic bund, screening neighbouring properties from the new junction, is nearing completion and a two metre high acoustic fence will then be erected on top of the bund.

Works are due to be completed before the summer school holidays.

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