

**Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
10th January 2019 in the Village Hall**

Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)
Cllr A Conibear
Cllr M Hayward
Cllr Mrs D Lewis
Cllr M Pine

4 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs N Incedon, Cllr R Pelling, 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

Concern was raised at the mud on the road adjacent to the new development site at Six Acre. It was noted that the road entrance and adjacent road was now clean and it was **RESOLVED** to monitor the situation..

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda

Cheques for Payment

Clerks salary (£110.00), Contribution to Clerks PC update (£130.00), Village Hall Grant (£400.00), Methodist Church Circuit (£75.00), Shirwell Parish Church (£150.00) C Seage grass cutting (£133.00) were signed at the meeting. A payment to Kameleon of £25.08 was authorised, the cheque to be drawn when the invoice is received..

Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Mrs Davis had forwarded her report and copy is attached to these minutes.

Questions to the County Councillor

Standing water problems adjacent to the new wall at Blakewell and on Langford Hill are still a road safety issue, they were reported at the last meeting and were also logged on the DCC website. **RESOLVED** a site meeting be held with the County Council on these problems.

Report of the District Councillor

Cllr Tucker had forwarded his apologies as he had a meeting elsewhere.

Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC Newsletter
- A letter from a resident commenting on the seeming lack of information on the Parish Notice Boards

Planning Applications

Application 65783 Demolition of barn and erection of one Passivhaus Plus standard dwelling at barn to the west of Norway, Shirwell Barnstaple. Councillors were concerned at receiving what seems a back door application but they acknowledge that this application is more environmentally friendly than the minimum required and thus **RESOLVED** to recommend approval.

Planning Decisions

There were none

Website

The Chairman and Clerk would load the archived minutes etc as soon as possible

Report from Councillors

- See the comments regarding Langford Hill and new wall at Blakewell under 'Questions to the County Councillor'
- The defibrillator at the Village hall was now listed on the official NHS website. **RESOLVED** that it's inspection be listed on the agenda for future meetings

2019/2020 precept

It was noted that the Parish Grant would reduce in 2019/2020 and although the Parish Council could afford to maintain the grant level for one year it would need reconsidering in future years.

Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There were none

Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.03pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council January 2019 County Councillors report

A361 roadworks North Devon Link Road

Work on the first phase of the £5 million project ended on Thursday 20th December and all lane closures were removed from the A361 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

When the scheme resumes on Monday 7 January, the outside lanes of both the eastbound and westbound carriageways will be closed, from east of Gornhay Cross to west of Sampford Peverell, for one week.

There will also be overnight closures from 7pm until 7am each evening during this first week. Overnight on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 January, the westbound carriageway will be completely closed, between east of Gornhay Cross to Junction 27 of the M5. Then on the evenings of Wednesday 9, Thursday 10 and Friday 11 January the eastbound carriage way will be closed from east of Gornhay Cross to west of Sampford Peverell. On the night of Saturday 12 January, the eastbound carriageway will be closed until 1am, before the closure is switched to the westbound carriageway until 7am.

Signed diversions will be in place during all night-time closures.

From Monday 14 January to Sunday 3 February, a contraflow will be in place from east of Gornhay Cross to west of Sampford Peverell while work is carried out on the westbound carriageway.

From Monday 4 February to Sunday 24 February the contraflow will swap to the other carriageway while work is carried out on the eastbound side between west of Sampford Peverell and east of Gornhay Cross.

Recycling Awards

Communities across Devon are being called on to vote for their People's Choice Recycling Hero in the sixth annual Recycle Devon Thank You Awards. This year there have been over 30 nominations in seven different categories including Your Recycling Hero, Collection Crew/Operative and Small Business Champion.

Residents can vote for their People's Choice Recycling Hero on the Recycle Devon website. Voting will be open until the **16 February**.

All the shortlisted candidates have been invited to attend an awards ceremony at County Hall on Friday 22 March in the Coaver Club, hosted by Matt and Victoria from Heart Radio's breakfast show.

The awards are organised by the Recycle Devon team, and were first launched to recognise those people who do that bit extra to help ensure Devon remains clean and green.

Recycle Devon is a partnership of 10 councils including Devon County Council, eight district authorities and Torbay Council.

County Council updates streetlighting policy

Devon County Council's Cabinet has agreed an updated streetlighting policy to continue to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions.

The energy costs of operating more than 88,000 streetlights and other lighting assets across the county is around £3 million this financial year – and it accounts for a significant amount of the County Council's carbon emissions. Over the past three years, the County Council has converted over 25,000 street lights to low energy LED technology and has replaced more than 5,400 streetlighting columns.

Energy reduction over the past five years has saved over £800,000 – although some of these savings have been used to cover energy price rises.

The continued change in technology to LED lighting will also improve the reliability of the streetlights, and "night scouting", to monitor whether lights are working, will be reduced. More reliance will be placed on public reporting of faulty lights, although regular safety inspections will continue.

In limited locations where it is safe and appropriate to do so, and in line with planning and advertising regulations, the County Council will also explore the possibility of advertising banners to be attached to lighting columns as a potential revenue stream.

The County Council will also look into the possibility of using streetlighting infrastructure for the installation of WiFi equipment and trials of electric vehicle charging locations.

Happy New Year

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