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Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 8th March 2018 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr M Pine Chairman
Cllr J Friend Vice Chairman
Cllr A Conibear
Cllr M Hayward
Cllr Mrs N Incedon

Also in attendance 3 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs D Lewis, R Pelling and District Councillor J Tucker

Public Question Time

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

- A member of the public expressed concern at the increasing number of potholes in the area and that the attempts to repair them seemed largely ineffectual.
- The speed restriction sign at Burrige is pointing the wrong way which could be dangerous
- Thanks were recorded for the snow wardens, plus Rex Woodman, for their work during the recent inclement weather

.The meeting resumed under standing orders

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RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved

Matters Arising

There were none that were not on the agenda

Cheques for Payment

A Cheque for the Clerks salary (£110.00) was signed at the meeting

Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor had forwarded her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

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 newsletter
- Parish Grant funding – cuts for this year will not happen
- ND Boundary review
- NDH newsletter
- Local Plan – appeal details

Planning Applications

There were none

Planning Decisions

There were none

Drain and Gulley Clearance scheme

It was noted that the drain and gulley budget had been used up. Flooding and blocked drains can be reported via the DCC website

Relocation of Red Telephone Box – progress report

The Clerk reported that the application for Sec'n 106 funding had not been taken to the February meeting of ND Executive as previously indicated. Councillors discussed the email timeline of correspondence with the Officer responsible for progressing the application and also noted that British Telecom had indicated they might put the box on the market. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk prepare a letter to NDC Chief Executive (copy to Cllr Tucker) complaining at the lack of action and requesting a quick response to the application.

Website Updating Requirements

The Clerk reported that the transparency fund grant application had been approved. It was resolved that the website be designed by Kameleon on the lines of the existing website. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk make the initial contact

Report from Councillors

- Potholes on the A39 were still a problem and details had been lodged on DCC's website
- Complaints were made about the amount of rubbish and the poorly maintained roadside tress between Barnstaple and S Molton on the A39
- The timing of the crossing signal on the new pelican crossing adjacent to the hospital was such that motorists had insufficient time to brake
- The crossing between Costa Coffee and the B&Q complex was dangerous.

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 March 2018

Budget 2018-19 and unfair funding

The unfair funding of rural counties over urban areas has been condemned by the deputy leader of Devon County Council, (Cllr John Clatworthy) residents are suffering from historic under-funding. He said the budget would have been very different if the county was funded at the national average.

Devon is disadvantaged on both revenue and capital funding;

- Devon residents received £161 per person less Government funding than their urban counterparts.
- Public Health, Devon got £35 per person compared with a national average of £57.
- If Devon received average funding under those three headings, there would be an additional £211 million available for services.
- When it comes to capital funding for transport infrastructure, the South West is the second lowest funded in the country and for every £100 spent in the South East, the South West region receives £7.50

But, for 2017/18, the county council would still be spending £477 million on services.

There would be an increase of £13 million in the budget for adult care and health and £6.5 million extra for children's services to reflect increased demand.

There would also be a one-off sum of £6.5 million made available for highways, drainage and patching.

The Council has decided to accept the Government's offer of an increase of two per cent in council tax to help fund adult social care and health on top of the 2.99 per cent for general services.

With reduced Government support and increased demand and cost pressures on adult social care and health and children's services, we need the certainty of income to protect services as caring for the elderly and disabled together with children, are our highest priorities.

Against this background, there will be an increase this year of 4.99 per cent which will provide £18 million of additional funding.

This represents an increase of £63.27 on a Band D property or £1.22 a week, making it £1,331.19.

Longevity, which is very welcome, creates a whole set of new problems to deal with and the Government needs to make more resources available. It is no good the Government reducing support on one hand and expecting local government to raise the additional funds locally on the other.

Safety defects

The unfortunate normal spiking of potholes after Christmas has again happened this year, with just over 7700 dealt with in January, The number of gangs has equally been increased to deal with the increase in numbers.

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

Major waste contract in North Devon and Torridge awarded to Suez

Devon County Council (DCC) has awarded a long-term contract to process residual waste collected from households in North Devon and Torridge to [SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK](#).

The ten-year contract will run from February 2019 to February 2029 and is worth approximately £60million with an option to extend for a further five years.

It includes the development of a new waste transfer station at Brynsworth. Work on the new facility will start this year and once completed will manage more than 40,000 tonnes of residual household waste annually for processing. The new facility will also manage a further 3500 tonnes of residual waste collected from six county council [Household Waste Recycling Centres \(HWRC\)](#) every year.

Once the transfer station is operational in 2019 the residual waste will be processed at the Severnside Energy Recovery Centre near Bristol.

SUEZ is currently contracted to operate 18 of DCC's HWRCs and two of its waste transfer stations.

We are pleased to be working with SUEZ to deliver a new waste transfer station in the North Devon and Torridge area which will enable waste that is currently landfilled to be bulked up and processed to produce energy. This will mean that from February 2019 all but a small fraction of Devon's household waste that cannot be re-used, recycled or composted will have been diverted away from landfill and used to generate energy for the national grid.

Killacleave Recycling Centre in Ilfracombe upgrade

Out will be the concrete cobbles, and in will be extensive resurfacing of smooth concrete container areas, tarmac surfacing and associated drainage works.

Large concrete pads around the outside of the space will mark the new locations for the bins – changing the layout from a gyratory circle around the central row of bins, to a new more spacious and leisurely route that optimises manoeuvrability.

But the site's not large enough for the work to happen while the recycling centre's open. There is not enough space and it wouldn't be safe. So for as minimum a period as possible, the Council is curtailing the site's opening hours to weekends only, with the improvement works being carried out throughout the week while it's closed.

The work will begin on Monday 19 February, and the site is expected to fully reopen on Friday 6 April. It will operate normal opening hours at the weekends, but because space is an issue, it'll be a basic service for general non-recyclable waste, metal, cardboard and wood and garden waste only.

All other waste, such as batteries, plastics, oil, electrical equipment, fridges, TVs, glass, fluorescent tubes, gas bottles, paper, soil/rubble, textiles, tyres, and such like, will have to be disposed of in other ways, either via the kerbside recycling collections (see <http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/what-goes-in-your-binorbag/> for what can be accepted), or taken to Barnstaple' Seven Brethren Recycling Centre, or Maclins Quarry Recycling Centre in South Molton.

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