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

Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs N Incedon
Cllr Mrs D Lewis
Cllr R Pelling
Cllr M Pine

Also in attendance 3 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

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

Public Question Time

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

Concern was raised by all public present at the damage caused by traffic using the road between Muddiford and Toll Bar Cross as a 'rat run' during the road works on the B3230 and also a deep pot hole at Upcott Lane, and although a pot hole directly opposite had been repaired this was had been left and was becoming dangerous. Both these problems had been reported on the DCC website. *Cllr Hayward had also raised this as an issue*

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th October 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Cheques for Payment

Cheques for the Clerks salary (£110.00) and Kameleon (web site development) (£865.08) were signed at the meeting

Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor apologised for her non-attendance and had emailed 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

The District Councillor had apologised for his non-attendance.

Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- Letter from MDC requesting the Parish Councils support them in using the unallocated Shirwell Sec'n 106 money as part contribution for the creation of an artificial grass pitch at Tarka Tennis Centre. **RESOLVED** the Clerk to write supporting the use of the money as a contribution to the artificial grass pitch at Tarka Tennis Centre but reminding the District Council that the money was only available as the scheme identified by the Parish Council had been deemed not to conform to the guidelines for spending Sec'n 106 money.
- Letter from resident asking for copies of the minutes and contact details for Councillors **RESOLVED** that Councillors contact details be placed on the notice boards but the letter writer be advised it was not the Council's policy, or a requirement for the Council to provide individual residents with copies of the minutes.
- The local plan had been formally adopted
- DALC newsletter
- Changes to the management of Barnstaple Post Office
- **NOTICE OF APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL to Planning Application 65008:** Outline application (with all matters reserved except access) for demolition of vehicle repair garage and workshop buildings and erection of one dwelling at land to the east of Hartpiece Farm Shirwell Barnstaple.

Planning Applications

- **Application 65328:** Extensions and alterations to dwelling at Monkton House Shirwell Barnstaple. Application for removal of condition 3 (materials) **RESOLVED** not to comment

Planning Decisions

- **Application 65489** Erection of one agricultural building (covered feed yard) at West Plaistow Muddiford Barnstaple **APPROVED**

Website

The website preparation was complete and the Chairman and Clerk to be trained in management of the content

Report from Councillors

- A resident thanked the Council for their support when obtaining permission for the erection of flood defence gates.
- Concern was expressed at the threatening nature of users of the toilets in the Cattle market at times during the day and the cleanliness of the toilets.

Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There was none

Urgent Business

RESOLVED that a letter of support be forwarded to Cllr Davis for her efforts in obtaining funding for improvements to the ND link road

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillor report November 2018

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

Please make a note of the reference number so I can follow up any issues arising.

Budget News

Against the backdrop of significant funding pressures for local government, the Cabinet next week will consider the latest budget position for the County Council and any proposed savings initiatives that could be taken.

While overall the Council is forecast to overspend, we remain in a relatively stable position financially, and it is vital that we continue to do all we can to

carefully manage our budgets to support the most vulnerable people in Devon.

In response to the forecast financial pressures, several measures are being proposed that could help save the authority just under £5 millions in the remainder of this financial year.

These include a two-month delay on recruitment to all non-essential job vacancies; stopping non-essential overtime, and ceasing conference attendance, hospitality, and travel allowances, unless externally funded.

These measures, if agreed by Cabinet on Wednesday 14 November, would begin with immediate effect

You can watch the Cabinet discussion live on our webcast via the DCC website.

A361 roadworks North Devon Link Road

Further overnight closures are due to be carried out on a section of the North Devon Link Road near Tiverton during November as part of a major ongoing maintenance scheme.

From Monday 5 November, both westbound lanes will be open and the eastbound outside lane from Uplowman Bridge to Junction 27 of the M5 will be closed 24 hours a day.

Both eastbound lanes are scheduled to be closed overnight between 7pm and 7am from Monday 19 November to Sunday 25 November.

Contractor Mildren Construction is carrying out the upgrade of the road surface and drainage on 6.5km of the road on behalf of Devon County Council.

More information and details of diversion routes are available and if you wish to sign up for alerts for this scheme please go to a361.today.

Structural repairs A399 and B3230

A399 Combe Martin is now open which is relieving the pressures on the minor road network somewhat in the area.

Both schemes were timed to avoid the peak summer season and the B3230 Blakewell scheme was planned in consultation with local businesses, so it falls outside their busiest periods.

It is essential that both schemes are completed before the cold weather and by carrying them out at the same time we will be reducing the total length of time road works are in place in the area.

Parish Salt If you require salt and haven't yet ordered it please would you email me with the following details:

1. Which would you prefer : 1 pallet of 40x25kg bags or 1x1 tonne dumpy bag? –

2. Address and postcode to deliver to and any access delivery issues –

3.A contact name and phone number –

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