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Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 11th October 2018 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr J Friend Chairman (elected at this meeting)
Cllr A Conibear
Cllr M Hayward
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 Mrs N Incedon and District Cllr J Tucker

Before dealing with the items on the agenda Cllr Pine announced that he was stepping down as Chairman due to ill-health, but would continue in his role as a Councillor.

Chairmanship of the Parish Council

The Clerk took the chair for this item only

Cllr Friend was nominated and seconded, there being no other nominations it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Friend take the chair for the remainder of the Council year. It was also **RESOLVED** that the post of Deputy Chair be left vacant.

Councillor Friend thanked Cllr Pine for the work he had done for the Parish whilst Chairman and joined all present in a round of applause.

Public Question Time

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

- Discussions were held with the County Councillor to identify what improvements could be made to the warning signs for the roadworks to the B 3230; Cllr Mrs Davis undertook to do what she could to tweak the signs to make them more user friendly. Concern was expressed at the amount of traffic cutting through to the A 39 from the B 3230 and the damage being done to verges etc.
- The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee expressed regret that it had been necessary to withdraw the Planning Application for land to the rear of the Village Hall, discussions were held as to the issues that this caused

both for neighbours and users of the Village Hall, and the effect on the potential income that the Hall could generate. An amended application would be made in the near future.

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th September 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved subject to noting that the circulated copy had the wrong meeting date on them and that Cllr J Friend had declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application 65489.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Cheques for Payment

Cheques for the Clerks salary (£110.00) and Carrier 3pl (web site hosting) (£15.60) were signed at the meeting

Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor had emailed her report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. She highlighted the repairs being carried out to the B 3230 (see under public question time, earlier in these minutes) the amount of food waste generated and the online system for reporting Highways issues. A jetter will carry out clearing work to the blocked drain at the Old Rectory on the A39

Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions.

Report of the District Councillor

The District Councillor had apologised for his non-attendance as he was at another meeting.

Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Correspondence

The following was discussed at this meeting

- CPRE seminar on rural housing needs on the 12th October
- A letter from a resident regarding posting of minutes etc. The Clerk to reply

Planning Applications

The following applications had been discussed outside committee and the following comments forwarded to the Planning Officer at NDC

Cllr Mrs D Lewis and Cllr J Friend declared a prejudicial interest in this application and did not take part in the discussion

- **Application 65489** *Erection of one agricultural building (covered feed yard) at West Plaistow Muddiford Barnstaple* **RESOLVED** to recommend **APPROVAL**
- **Application 64912** *Reserved matters application for erection of 2 Bungalows (Outline Planning Permission 627427 Erection of 2 Bungalows (all matters reserved) at Paddock adj Six Acre Shirwell.* **RESOLVED** to recommend **APPROVAL** subject to the Traffic Engineers being satisfied that the site entrance will not constitute a hazard to people accessing the school

Planning Decisions

- **Application 65328:** Extensions and alterations to dwelling at Monkton House Shirwell Barnstaple **APPROVED**

2019/020 Precept Planning

Councillors considered a report from the Clerk outlining the projected financial balances to the year end, together with a note of future possible expenditure. After consideration it was **RESOLVED** that the report be noticed and its contents form part of the decision process when setting the precept later in the year.

Website Updating Requirements

The agreement for website management was signed at the meeting

Report from Councillors

There were no reports from Councillors

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 8.15pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillor report October 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.

Food Waste

A very successful Food waste conference was held in Crediton recently, the event was called 'The Cutting Edge' it looked at Food Waste Prevention opportunities across Devon.

The initial idea for a conference on food waste prevention came from the joint working group of Devon local authorities, the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee that is DCC, Torbay Council and the 8 district councils of Devon.

The committee is set up to achieve the aims and objectives of the Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon. This is due to be updated early next year when the Government publishes their own Strategy later this year. The aim of the conference was to get the participants involved in developing the food waste prevention element of the Strategy.

The focus on food waste prevention took on new energy when an analysis of 1800 black bags/bins from across Devon and Torbay was carried out on behalf of the Joint Committee in October 2017. The results showed that despite nearly all the authorities collecting food waste separately, 30% of the rubbish in those black bins was food waste. Overall, 40.8% of the contents of the residual bin were found to be recyclable with the current systems – the cost of sending this material to disposal instead of recycling is £6.7 million. This has led to behavioural change campaign work focussed on helping householders to reduce their food waste such as the Guilty Food Waste Secrets Competition to win a FridgeCam. The messages are communicated by the authorities' RecycleDevon team, in schools, at roadshows and via social media.

Recycling

Devon has consistently been one of the top four recycling counties in the UK over several years.

Unfortunately, three quarters of households (76 per cent) continue to include items to their recycling collections that are not accepted locally – this can cause problems in the recycling process. More than half of those households (54 per cent) put at least one item in the general rubbish that could be recycled.

As a reminder please would you help by pushing the messages to your Parish and Town councils and of course residents:

- Recycle more bathroom items. Almost a quarter (24%) of plastic shampoo and shower gel bottles and 19% of cleaning product bottles don't get recycled. By recycling more empty containers you will help increase Devon's recycling rate.
- Make use of your local food waste collections* - any cooked or uncooked food waste, including bones and carcasses, can be put in your food waste collection or used for composting.
- If you're at all unsure about how to recycle a specific item, www.recycledevon.org can show you exactly what needs to go in the recycling bin where you live.

Highway Update from DCC

Really good progress has been made over the last few months in completing structural works on the road network, by the end of August we had completed over 50% of all the work on the non-principal network.

There was some concern amongst County Councillors about progress with the gully cleaning programme last year, this year Skanska are ahead of programme at approximately 60% complete. Work starts with earnest on the 1st October on the cleaning works allowed for within the extra monies that were given to the highways team this year.

And finally, many of the salt bins are full and ready for the winter. Teams are also out replenishing the grit bins and good progress is being made on this, if you come across a bin that has been missed please report it to the number at the top of this report, thank you.

Structural repairs A399 and B3230

Both works are vital. The roads need to be closed during the works for safety reasons.

The A399 Combe Martin scheme will stabilise an embankment next to the highway while the B3230 Blakewell scheme involves the construction of a new retaining wall to stabilise the road.

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.

However, there are contingency plans in place and I have been assured that both sets of works will be constantly monitored and could be reopened under traffic lights if it is safe and practical to do so.

Official diversions are in place and the A39 from Blackmoor Gate to Barnstaple could be another option for some motorists.

Diversions are a recommended route only, using roads of equal category to that on which the road works are taking place. They're not compulsory, and people with good local knowledge of alternative routes are able to use those if they wish to. Readers can be assured that we'll get the job done as quickly as we can.

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