

**Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council  
held on the  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in the Village Hall**

**Present**

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs N Incedon

Also in attendance District Councillor J Tucker and 2 members of the public.

**Officer**

G Dwyer Clerk

**Feb19/1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr A Coinibear, Cllr M Hayward, Cllr Mrs D Lewis, Cllr R Pelling, Cllr M Pine.

*As the Council was not quorate it was decided that draft key decisions should be circulated by email for approval*

*The District Councillors report was moved to this point on the agenda to allow him to attend another meeting.*

**Feb19/2 Report of the District Councillor**

Cllr Tucker reported briefly as follows

- Detailed increases in Council Tax for 2019/2020
- It was probable that the Parish Grant levels would be maintained for 2019/2020
- A seminar on recreational uses of the estuary and wading bird conservation at 6.00pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Fly tipping prosecutions were necessary but also a financial cost to the Council
- Progress on rebuilding the leisure centre was noted

**Feb19/3 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*

**Feb19/4 Minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

### **Feb19/5 Routine Inspection of Defibrillator**

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned. New pads were required

### **Feb19/6 Cheques for Payment**

Clerks salary (£110.00) Postage (£3.48) Printer ink (£5.99) Kameleon (web site hosting etc).. (£25.08) were signed at the meeting subject to approval.

### **Feb19/7 Report of the County Councillor**

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

### **Feb19/8 Questions to the County Councillor**

There were no questions

### **Feb19/9 Report of the District Councillor**

Taken earlier in the meeting.

### **Feb19/10 Questions to the District Councillor**

There were no questions

### **Feb19/11 Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC Newsletter
- 2 letters from a resident regarding placing minutes on the notice board. It was noted that the system for printing and placing a copy of the minutes on the notice board that had been agreed previously would be expensive in terms of time and printer ink etc. It was noted that the website was now fully functioning and copies of the minutes were in the Village Magazine. **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to Mrs. Deakin advising her of the Council's decision

### **Feb19/12 Planning Applications**

There were none

### **Feb19/13 Planning Decisions**

- **Application 65998** - 2 Blatchford Cottages, Muddiford – conversion of barn to form one dwelling. **APPROVED**
- **Application 66031** - Coxleigh Barton Shirwell Barnstaple EX31 4JL – retrospective application for the construction of a horse riding arena/manege (60mx40m) & a parking/turning area **APPROVED**

## **Feb19/14 Website**

Updated

## **Feb19/15 Report from Councillors**

Discussions were held concerning the problems being caused by accessing the Hospital from the new roundabout. It was noted that additional staff car parking spaces and a suggested park and ride scheme for staff might alleviate the problem

## **Feb19/16 Clerks Report**

The Clerk had nothing to report

## **Feb19/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda**

There were none

## **Feb19/18 Urgent Business**

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

## **Shirwell Parish Council February 2019 County Councillors report**

### **New facility heralds the end of dustbin waste going to landfill in the county of Devon**

A new waste transfer station at Bynsworthy, Barnstaple became fully operational on Monday 11 February 2019.

The new facility will enable Devon County Council to bulk up and transfer non-recyclable 'wheelie bin/black bag' waste collected in the North Devon and Torridge areas away from landfill to Energy from Waste facilities where it is converted into electricity.

The new facility marks the end of household 'black bag' waste being sent to landfill in the county of Devon. This type of waste elsewhere in Devon is already being sent to either the Exeter Energy Recovery Facility or the Devonport Energy from Waste Combined Heat & Power Facility where it too is used as a fuel to generate energy.

The facility was built and will be operated for DCC by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd.

This facility marks an historic milestone, the end to the landfilling of residual household 'black bag' waste in the county of Devon.

### **North Devon Link Road improvement plans approved**

The County Council's Development Management Committee has granted planning permission to upgrade 11km of the A361 between Portmore roundabout, Barnstaple, and Filleigh Cutting at South Molton.

This includes widening of three sections of the Link Road, covering 7.5km, to create three traffic lanes, two in one direction and one in the other direction.

These sections are from Portmore roundabout to Landkey, Harford to Swimbridge and Swimbridge to Filleigh where there is currently only one lane in each direction. These stretches will be widened to provide clearly marked overtaking sections with a one-metre hatched strip separating opposing vehicles.

The investment will address safety concerns about the existing road while also increasing capacity at junctions and improving connectivity.

The lengths of overtaking sections are designed to reduce congestion and avoid slow vehicles from backing up queues of traffic.

To address concerns about excessive speeds, average speed cameras will be provided – a proven safety measure used on similar roads elsewhere in the UK.

The development will also improve two junctions – providing a junction and bridge at West Buckland, and a roundabout would be developed at Landkey. During a public consultation in 2017, 83% of those who responded agreed with the need to improve the North Devon Link Road between South Molton and Bideford. North Devon Council and a number of local parish councils have supported the application. There were also no objections from Highways England, Historic England, Natural England and Environment Agency.

The application is part of the wider £93 million scheme to improve the North Devon Link Road, which also includes improvements at five other junctions; Buckleigh Road, Heywood Road Roundabout, Westleigh Junction, Bishop's Tawton Roundabout and Borner's Bridge.

Devon County Council is due to submit its full business case for the scheme to the DfT in summer 2020. The authority successfully bid for £83 million of Local Majors Funding earlier this year. The Department for Transport (DfT) will make a final decision on the funding once it has reviewed the full business case.

Work is due to start in Spring 2021, with Landkey roundabout being the priority.

### **A361 roadworks North Devon Link Road**

From Monday 4 February to Sunday 24 February there is a contraflow 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.

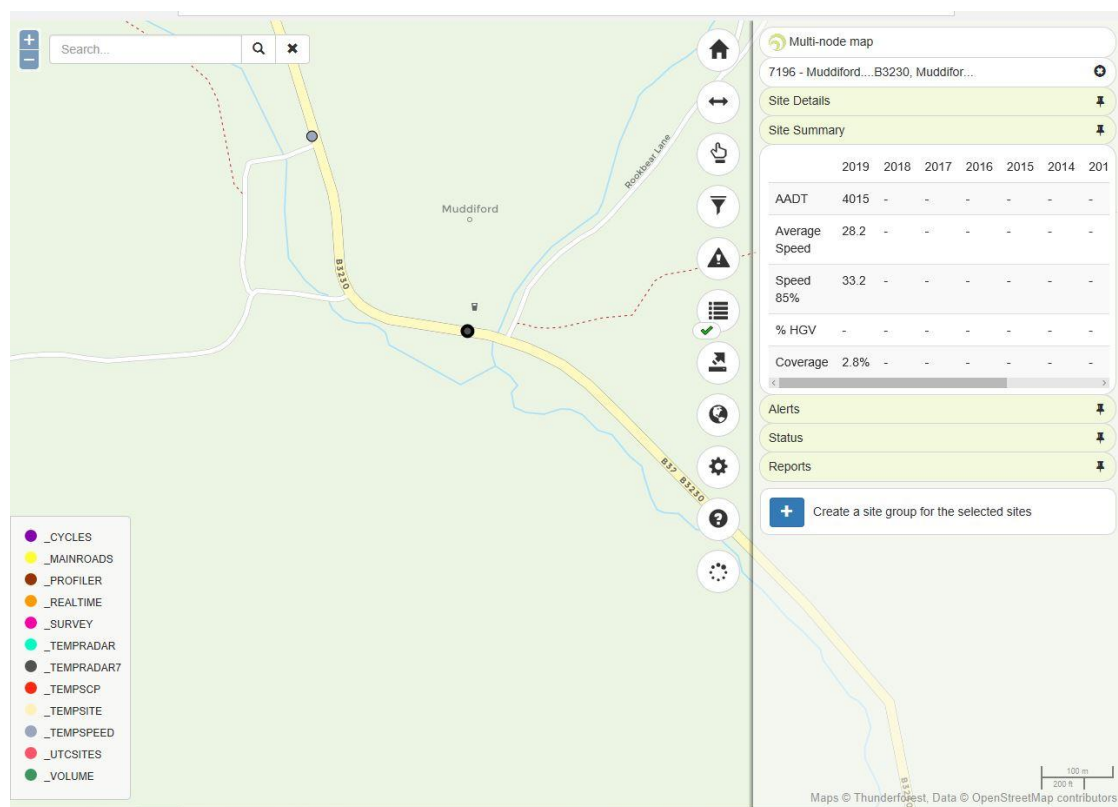
Recycle Devon is a partnership of 10 councils including Devon County Council, eight district authorities and Torbay Council.

### Muddiford Speed Survey. (neighbouring Parish for information only)

Gareth at the Muddiford Inn asked me if we could do another speed survey as it was felt that traffic speeds were above 30mph.

This was done after the road closure at a site agreed with Gareth as being the best available site.

The results have come back as average speed 28.2mph .....85 % 33.2mph this would not meet criteria for progressing to Scarf, which is where sites identified as having excessive speeds are examined for intervention measures.



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