

**Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
14th March 2019 in the Village Hall**

Present

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

3 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Mar19/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Conibear, Cllr M Pine District Councillor J Tucker, (County Councillor A Davis had another meeting but would attend if possible).

Mar19/2 Public Question Time

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

A member of the public questioned why the speed limits adjacent to the hospital roundabout were set to 60 mph when the road was a country lane.

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Mar19/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th February 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Mar19/4 Routine Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned. New pads had been ordered and should arrive shortly

Mar19/5 Cheques for Payment

Clerks salary (£110.00) Defibrillator pads (£108.00) and Kameleon (web site hosting etc) (£25.08) were signed at the meeting.

Mar19/6 Report of the County Councillor

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

Mar19/7 Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Mar19/8 Report of the District Councillor

District Councillor Tucker had apologised for his non-attendance

Mar19/9 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Mar19/10 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC Newsletter
- A letters from a resident regarding the Council's decision not to place minutes on the notice board.
- 2019 Election details
- Precept and parish grant confirmation letter
- Survey on users of the Rural Alliance

Mar19/11 Planning Applications

Application 66292. Siting of one double caravan unit (as defined by the caravan sites act 1968 (as amended) to be no larger than 20m x 6.8m) for use as temporary agricultural workers dwelling at land at S Woolley Farm Shirwell **RESOLVED** to recommend approval

Mar19/12 Planning Decisions

There were none

Mar19/13 Report from Councillors

Drainage issues on the Barnstaple side of Youlston Close and Langaford Hill had been reported on the DCC website

Mar19/14 Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Mar19/15 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There were none

Mar19/16 Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 7.44 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council March 2019 County Councillors report

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 do share these contact details with any resident who has a issue to report.

Devon County Council Budget 2019-2020

Next year's budget commits more money for children's services, adult social care and roads.

The authority agreed its budget for 2019/20 by 46 votes to nine at a meeting at County Hall in Exeter. Labour councillors supported the Conservative budget.

There will be an extra £11.5 million for hard-pressed children's services, a rise of over 9.4 per cent.

Spending on adult care and health will go up by £4.5 million or two per cent and the budgets for community, health and environment and highways and infrastructure will both rise by 0.7 per cent.

Overall, the county's spending on services will rise from £479.4 million to almost £494 million.

It will be partly paid for by an increase of 3.99 per cent in council tax. Which is £53.10 extra on an average Band D council tax bill – just over £1 a week. It will take the annual Band D charge for Devon's services to £1,384.29.

The rise encompasses a 2.99 per cent hike for general services and an extra one per cent dedicated solely to adult social care.

Devon's Government grant had been cut by £13.5 million for 2019/20, equivalent to 11.7 per cent. It is a significant reduction to the Council's funding at a time when there are huge pressures on social care services.

The budget is a complex balance of the ongoing effects of reduced Government funding and significant increased pressures in children's social care and special educational needs and disabilities – high needs. This is in addition to ongoing pressures in adult social care, the need to relieve pressure on local hospitals and the need to in-source some services previously provided by private sector partners.

The service savings of £13.4 million included within the 2019/20 budget are the lowest level since austerity began nine years ago. This level of savings

has only been possible due to council tax increases to support services and the Government's one-off additional funding for winter pressures and social care support.

Hospital Roundabout

You may remember I mentioned I was setting up a meeting to discuss the parking issue at NDDH, some of you did say it was a roundabout issue however we have no evidence to support this claim.

As you know I maintain it was/is a car parking issue and therefore was keen to have this meeting.

The meeting happened last month, these are the notes from it and feedback for you.

The meeting was really positive, and to be fair to the NHS they have certainly made a lot of effort recently to sort this out. Below is a list of changes that they have made and it simple is a case of them being reviewed in about 4 to 6 weeks time. But the general conclusion was that this was definitely a good start.

- 1) They have started a shuttle taxi between Fairview car park and the hospital. It is subsidised and those taking up the offer have their passes for the hospital taken off them. This is a 4 week trial.
- 2) Public car park is redesigned and now you can drive around a loop rather than right through and then have to go back in again. This has stopped the queue right inside the barrier and within the car park.
- 3) Car park has been enlarged.
- 4) Staff members have been removed from the public car park which may be up to 100 spaces.
- 5) Staff permits have also been enforced. They have also removed/ are in the process of removing one or two cars being parked long term by staff rather than taking them home. Particularly those living close by and using it as a second drive!!
- 6) They are reviewing the car park charges to make sure they don't become attractive to those working in the town.

My observation is that things are much better now at the roundabout/car park. However I would appreciate your views on this as of course I'm not there all the time and only commute in and out.

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