

**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
13th February 2020 in the Village Hall**

Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Pine
Cllr S Shortridge
Cllr N Turner
Cllr J Watts

Also in attendance County Councillor Mrs A Davis and one member of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer (Clerk)

Feb20/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs L Campbell, Cllr R Pelling and District Councillor J Tucker

Feb 20/2 Public Question Time

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

There were no questions but the Council thanked the member of the public present who had painted the Village Notice Board

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Feb 20/3 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th January 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Feb20/4 Matters Arising

No sites had been identified for tree planting schemes and the dates for site identification had passed but it was hoped that the scheme would re-open in the Autumn. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk place a notice in the Village magazine and write to the school asking for possible sites to be identified for when the scheme re-opened

Feb20/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and the casing cleaned.

Feb20/6 Cheques for Payment

Clerks salary (£110.00) Kameleon website hosting (£75.24) Village Hall Grant (£400.00) Methodist Church Circuit grant (£75.00) Shirwell Parish Church grant (£150.00) The Clerk reported that the cheque for Kameleon drawn in January had been cancelled and re-issued

Feb20/7 Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor had forwarded her report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. **RESOLVED** That the scheme to stop up the footpath adjacent to Blakewell be accepted

Feb20/8 Questions to the County Councillor

Discussions were held on the number of potholes that were dealt with as a single problem rather than being dealt with on an area basis. It was accepted that budget limitations were a factor.

The County Councillor undertook to see if the Loxhore traffic closure could be on a limited hours basis.

Feb20/9 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker reported had sent his apologies

Feb20/10 Questions to the District Councillor

There were none

Feb20/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- Road warden Scheme
- DALC newsletter
- Drainage maintenance responsibilities
- Lorna Jones Funding Solutions
- ND Weekly info sheet
- NDC information and rural bulletin

Feb20/12 Planning Applications

Application 71083 Conversion of shippon to form a dwelling at Parkhill Farm Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4JN . **RESOLVED** to recommend **APPROVAL**

Feb20/13 Planning Decisions

Application 70802 Erection of one dwelling together with associated works including creation of new vehicular access at Garden of Post Box Cottage Shirwell Barnstaple Devon (amended scheme) **APPROVED**

Feb20/14 Report from Councillors

Councillors voiced their dislike of the green bin recycle waste as it was impossible to avoid recyclable materials being strewn along the road

Feb20/15 Clerks Report

- The Clerk advised Councillors that the bus shelter was had been repaired and the excess was covered by the council.
- A report outlining the options and decisions for the 2020/2021 budget would be presented at the March meeting

Feb20/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There were none.

Feb20/17 Urgent Business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.50

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

**Shirwell Parish Council
County Councillors Report
February 2020**

Reminder of how to report a highway problem.

With the excessively wet weather we are experiencing a emergence of potholes, please help by reporting them either on the website or via the telephone.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>

or telephone: 0345 155 1004

(Road maintenance, traffic management and parking, streetlights and signs, and public rights of way.)

Please keep a note of the reference number.

Budget proposals

I am pleased that the overall Highways and Traffic management budget is showing an overall increase of £2.585m, including the addition of £1m to assist in dealing with some of the drainage issues that have been highlighted by this exceptionally wet winter. The budget gets to Cabinet on 14th February, I will of course update you on the progress.

Appledore.

DCC and the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) are working closely with the Government and proposed new owners to agree possible terms for any Government funding. Hopefully they will be concluded this week.

North Devon Enterprise Centre - Roundswell

On Friday 17th January a turf cutting took place to celebrate the building of a gateway building in North Devon to be called ' The Enterprise Centre'. it is hoped to be open by end 2020. It will provide help and support for entrepreneurial and small/medium sized businesses. There will be about 35 tenants. We are now seeking a operator to run the centre.

The centre is funded by ERDF funds, HoSW funds and DCC. This is an important and long held ambition of DCC.

Devon-wide review of waste management carbon emissions commissioned

Devon County Council has commissioned a full analysis of the carbon impacts of its waste management services from international environmental consultancy Eunomia Research & Consulting Ltd.

Last year Devon County Council endorsed the Devon Climate Declaration by declaring a climate emergency.

The new project, which commenced in December 2019, forms part of the authority's subsequent commitment to become a net-zero authority by 2030. Eunomia's emissions modelling team will establish the carbon footprint of DCC's current waste management services, including the emissions from reuse, recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, residual energy recovery, landfill and transport.

Carbon contributions from each of Devon's eight district waste collection as well as its recycling centres will be included in the analysis.

The results of this analysis will be used to produce a range of options for strategies for achieving carbon neutrality for the service. The research will also factor in the need to meet a 65% recycling target by 2035 at the latest. This important project that will enable us to better understand the carbon impact of how we manage waste in Devon and the potential for reducing this in line with local and national targets. The report will be used to inform the development of our new Resources and Waste Strategy this year which will be produced in partnership with district and neighbouring Unitary Councils.

Any declaration of a climate emergency is followed up with action, Devon County Council is engaging with one of our key areas where we have some direct influence over carbon emissions. We will be looking at the full scope of the emissions from the waste management services to help understand the areas where we can make the largest carbon savings in the least time and in the most cost- effective manner.

Devon Registration Service - applicants to the Government's EU Settlement Scheme

Devon Registration Service can help EU citizens and their families, who want to stay in the UK after it leaves the EU, with the verification they will need to apply to the Government's EU Settlement Scheme.

The Government is inviting EU citizens with valid EU passports to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. It also extends to their non-EU citizen family members who have a biometric residence card issued by the UK.

The deadline for applications to the EU Settlement Scheme is either the end of December 2020, if the Government and the EU fail to agree a leave deal; or the end of June 2021, if negotiators agree a deal for the UK to leave the EU.

The application process can be completed online, but the identity verification part of the application, which is necessary, requires the person to have access to either an Android or some Apple mobile devices.

Anyone in Devon who does not have access to such devices can make an appointment with the Devon Registration Service to have their identity officially verified for their application.

Identity verification is a requirement of the application to the EU Settlement Scheme.

To book an appointment to have your biometric passport or biometric residence card scanned, please telephone the Devon Registration Service on 0345 155 1002. An appointment will be made for you to see a member of the Devon Registration Service team.

You will need to bring to your appointment your current valid EU passport or valid biometric residence card; and a mobile telephone that can receive text messages or a device that can receive email.

The cost of the identity document scanning service is £14 (including VAT).

Permit will help care and health workers ‘to do their jobs’

A new Care and Health Worker Parking Permit has been launched, and it allows professionals visiting people at home to park on double yellow lines in certain circumstances.

Currently care and health professionals who hold the existing permit can park in on-street, limited waiting and residents’ parking bays for no charge when delivering essential services to residents in their homes.

Holders of the improved permit will additionally be allowed to park on yellow lines for up to an hour – but only if there is no other parking available, if they are making a home visit, the permit is clearly displayed and the vehicle is not causing an obstruction.

The parked vehicle must not block access or pose a danger to road users by, for instance, parking on a corner.

The improved scheme is being launched initially as a year-long pilot and the changes are in recognition that in some communities parking can be difficult to find and can add to the stress of an already demanding job.

The new permits will be in the form of a time clock, like those issued to Blue Badge holders, which must be displayed.

For those working for care and health companies, agencies or organisations, including the NHS, the permits will be managed and distributed by their line manager who will allocate each permit to eligible staff.

Devon County Council’s Traffic Management Team has been contacting care and health companies, agencies and organisations with staff who could be eligible for the permit directly.

A separate process to allow eligible sole practitioners to apply will be phased in next year. Sole practitioners providing care and support to Devon clients in their homes can register their interest here by emailing careandhealthpermits@devon.gov.uk.

The new scheme follows a consultation in which 89 per cent of respondents agreed that including yellow lines in the scheme would make their jobs easier and 80 per cent said it would help them care for their clients.

Almost 65 per cent said it would help them manage stress and most said that parking near their clients’ homes would help them feel safer if they were working alone.

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Happy New Year*