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**Notes from on-line meeting and emailed discussion held by members of
Shirwell Parish Council
on the 8th October 2020**

Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)
Cllr Ms L Campbell (Vice Chairman)
Cllr R Pelling
Cllr Mrs S Pine
Cllr S Shortridge
Cllr N Turner
Cllr J Watts

Also in attendance on-line was County Councillor Andrea Davis and District Councillor J Tucker

NB. The meeting scheduled for today had been cancelled due to restrictions on public gatherings brought about by Corona virus 19

Officer

G Dwyer (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting by explaining that items requiring complex discussion would be done on-line and the rest of the items would be decided via email.

Oct20/1 Apologies for Absence

There were none

Oct20/2 Public Question Time

Not relevant as there was no meeting

Oct2020/3 Minutes of the online discussion held on the 10th September 2020

RESOLVED that the notes as previously circulated be approved.

Oct20/4 Matters Arising

All matters arising were on the agenda

Oct20/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected by a member of the Public on the Councils behalf.

Oct20/6 Cheques for Payment

Payments for the Clerk's salary (£125.00) and Kameleon (website hosting)(£75.24) were approved and it was agreed that Cllrs Friend and Pelling sign the cheques

Oct20/7 Report of the County Councillor

Attached to the record of this meeting

Oct20/8 Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Oct2/9 Report of the District Councillor (discussed via Zoom)

The regular email updates have been distributed and in addition Councillor Tucker raised the implications for Parish Councils of the white paper on the proposed new planning system which seemed to take powers away from Local Councils, In discussion it was noted that the Parish Council have long been concerned at the lack of notice taken of their views despite the efforts of the District Councillor and felt that this take even more power away from the local element of Local Government. **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the District Council raising the Parish Councils concerns and urging them to raise the matter in their response to the white paper.

Oct20/10 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions.

Oct20/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- Dalc AGM minutes
- Dalc report
- Coronavirus update –NDC
- Office for National stats – monthly digest
- Temporary traffic notice Shirwell Cross to Old Rectory 5th to 9th October 2020

Oct20 /12 Planning Applications

There were none

Oct20 /13 Planning Decisions

There were none

**Oct20/14 Reports from Councillors
Traffic Speeding through Shirwell (discussed via Zoom)**

Concern was expressed by Councillors at the speed of traffic passing Shirwell on the A39 and through the village itself. It was noted that Police traffic checks had been carried out recently but these were at weekends and not during the peak speeding times when journeys to and from work seemed to contain a higher percentage of speeding and dangerously driven vehicles, in particular it was noted that instances of 'tail gating' had occurred to vehicles slowing down to enter the 30 mph section on the A39. **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to the Police raising the Councils concerns and requesting that speed checks be carried out during the weekday 'rush hours', and reminding them of the problems that have been caused in the recent past outside the 30mph limit, adjacent to Waytown Farm, by vehicles speeding and being driven dangerously.

Oct20/15 Open Reach Community Fibre partnership – request for the Parish Council to be involved (discussed via Zoom)

Councillors discussed the content of the information distributed with the agenda and expressed concern that they might become liable for costs incurred to set the scheme up. Questions were also raised about the extent of the coverage and what exactly they were being asked to do. **RESOLVED** The Chairman seek further information and the Clerk to contact the member of the public who raised the issue to question what exactly is being asked of the Parish Council

Oct20/16 Clerks Report

There was nothing to report

Oct20/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

Not relevant

Oct20/18 Urgent Business

There was none.

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

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Coronavirus updates from Devon County Council

I have previously sent out this link but with the situation changing and many interested in what is happening locally this link is a useful starting point for questions and the current situation in Devon.

The link takes you to the Covid-19 pages on the Devon County Council Website, it has daily updated information as to positive cases within the area, information about testing and track and trace.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/coronavirus-data/>

At the time of writing there are two clusters in North Devon, one in the Braunton area and another in the Woolacombe/West Down/Croyde/Georgeham area.

Recycling rates increase during lockdown

Kerbside recycling rates across Devon increased during lockdown according to the latest figures.

This week is the 16th Annual Recycle Week (September 21 to September 27) the figures show a 12 per cent increase between April and June 2020.

Figures show that 1,000 tonnes more glass bottles and jars were separated out and put in kerbside collection bins, 1,300 tonnes more card and 670 tonnes more food waste – all recyclable goods diverted from the rubbish bin compared to the same period in 2019.

Devon has a 56 per cent recycling rate, one of the highest in the country, rates vary around the County; East Devon has the highest recycling rate.

It's encouraging to see that 89 per cent of us in Devon are recycling and doing what we can to keep Devon clean and green, no matter what life throws in the way.

There has been an unprecedented appreciation of refuse and recycling collection crews during lockdown, which included spontaneous rounds of applause, which helped maintain morale amongst the crews.

For more information about recycling at home and lots more, visit the new look Recycle Devon website.

www.recycledevon.org.

Devon Schools

The schools reopened in September and despite warnings to the contrary the attendance rate was 90%, to put this into context the usual attendance rate in September is 96% in Devon.

Our local schools have been excellent at sending out information to parents and keeping children safe.

Speeding in the Village

During the lockdown I have been driving through Shirwell daily early very early in the morning and then about lunchtime. There was so little traffic that I wasn't being harassed by aggressive drivers trying to go fast and 30 exceeding the miles an hour limit. Post lockdown however it seemed to me that we had excessive speeds and aggressive drivers trying to force motorists to go over the 30 mile speed limit, I reported this to the police in September and had a response that I'm not particularly happy with advising me to contact Devon County Council highways to see what they were going to do about the problem.

I did respond to this by asking Devon and Cornwall Constabulary what exactly I was going to be asking Devon highways to do considering they had already provided the 30 mile speed limit and all the infrastructure and traffic regulation orders required, what we need in the villages is some enforcement.

Following that I got another reply saying that somebody had been out to check speeds in the village, I have subsequently asked which days that they have attended and what time of day that was I have not yet received a reply.

Reminder about reporting a highway problem:

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

telephone: 0345 155 1004

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