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Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
8th July 2021 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)
Cllr R Pelling
Cllr Mrs S Pine
Cllr S Shortridge
Cllr J Watts

Officer

G Dwyer (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting by reminding members that although restrictions on public meetings had eased we should still exercise extreme caution.

Jul 21/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs L Campbell and Cllr N Turner. County Councillor A Davis and District Councillor J Tucker

Jul 21/2 Public Question Time

There were no public present

Jul21/3 Minutes of the meetings held on the 10th June 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Jul21/4 Matters Arising

Meeting regarding the proposed closure of the B3230 for timber extraction at Muddiford attended by DCC and Marwood and Shirwell Parish Councils.(see extract from Euroforest's email)

As we discussed, after working with Andrea and Steve, we have found a way to work with a weekday / daytime road closure only (09.30 to 15.00 Mon to Fri only), but this would mean the partial closure period will go from 4 to 6 weeks. We discussed timings and agreed that January 2022 seemed like the best time to minimise impact on affected businesses, however, we (Euroforest) will invite local businesses to an information / liaison meeting on site soon. Marwood and Shirwell PC's kindly offered to suggest a list of the people to speak to.

Members agreed with the notes of the meeting prepared by Euroforest, and welcomed the offer of a further information/liason meeting with businesses but are frustrated that once again the local community has no option but to

accept what has been foisted on them as the planning system doesn't seem to have been enforced, and are surprised that a Planning Application has not been deemed necessary. It is apparent that the site owner's preliminary work has been instrumental in creating a hazardous environment for the timber extraction process

Jul21/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned. It was noted that there was some confusion regarding the registration of the defibrillator.

Jul21/6 Cheques for Payment

Payment for the Clerk's salary (£125.00), Stationary (£4.49) and Kameleon website Hosting (£75.24) were approved and signed at the meeting.

Jul21/7 Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Mrs Davis had apologised for her non-attendance

Jul21/8 Questions to the County Councillor

Questions were asked about the possible non-registration of footpaths despite grants having been claimed. **RESOLVED** that this be placed on the agenda for August

Jul21/9 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker apologised for his non-attendance
The regular email updates have been distributed

Jul21/10 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Jul21/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- Dalc newsletter
- Parish Councillors guide to rural affordable housing
- A399 Brayford – road closure
- General information

Jul21/12 Planning Applications

There were

Jul21/13 Planning Decisions

There were none

Jul21/14 Reports from Councillors

A Councillor queried as to whether enforcement action had been taken regarding Quarry Corner

Jul21/15 Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Jul21/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There were none

Jul21/17 Urgent Business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 8.04

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors report August 2021

Two key consultations:

Peninsula transport- Shaping the future of Transport across the South West

I would be very grateful if the Parish Council would consider responding to the consultation please. it would be good to hear from residents and businesses too so please do share the message.

Peninsula Transport is the shadow sub-national transport body (STB), bringing together the five lead transport authorities in the Peninsula (Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay) to work directly with the Department for Transport (DfT) on the strategic transport priorities for the region. Formed in 2018, it is a partnership established to transform transport and boost economic growth for the Peninsula.

The work of Peninsula Transport considers the following key areas:

- Resilient road and rail networks to support connectivity to its key markets in the Midlands, the north of England, London and international gateways at Heathrow, Gatwick and Southampton as well as access to our regional airports and ports
- Impact of technology and innovation in supporting our urban and rural mobility challenges
- Infrastructure investment needed to unlock housing development and create accessible enterprise areas
- Take a regional lead in the transition to decarbonisation of the strategic transport network

The first priority for Peninsula Transport is the development of a regional transport strategy, which plans and prioritises strategic infrastructure across the peninsula over the next thirty years. As part of this work, Peninsula Transport has produced a high-level vision document setting out the goals that will ultimately define the overall direction and principles of the full regional transport strategy.

The high level vision will be consulted on throughout the summer into September to ensure that the vision is shared with those across the peninsula and determine if the goals meet the needs of those using the network.

Vison and Goals

The key challenge for the Peninsula is to strengthen strategic links to keep pace with the rest of the UK, reinforcing connectivity and maximising opportunities to boost productivity. Transport is a vital part of every day life and therefore a transport strategy needs to be bold and ambitious, delivering a transport system that that works for people, businesses and the planet.

The vision for the peninsula is: “transforming transport across the peninsula, enabling our society and economy to thrive and our unique and outstanding environment to flourish.”

The vision is underpinned by the following five goals:

- We will improve connections between people, businesses, and places
- We will enhance resilience of the transport network
- We will deliver affordable, zero-emissions transport for everyone
- We will help to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the peninsula
- We will help the peninsula to be a great place to live and work

The Consultation

The consultation will open week commencing 12th July and will close week ending 17th September 2021.

www.peninsulatransport.org.uk.

What happens next?

Once the consultation has closed, Peninsula Transport will use the feedback to inform the full strategy. A number of supporting studies are either underway or planned to support the transport strategy and our website will be updated

as the programme progresses. We expect to publish our transport strategy in 2022, setting out our proposals for the delivery a transport system that works best for people, businesses and the planet.

The consultation is on the website: , www.peninsulatrtransport.org.uk, or you can contact us by emailing info@peninsulatrtransport.org.uk.

Bus Back Better

I am asking for help in shaping the future of bus services in Devon, to do this an understanding of the current network and how it works for residents of Combe Martin would be helpful. Consultation ends on the 15th August.

In March, the government announced a new National Bus Strategy - Bus back better - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). Alongside the delivery of this strategy, Devon County Council have committed to working with our local bus operators to form an Enhanced Partnership by April 2022, and to writing a joint Bus Service Improvement Plan by October 2021.

Following the publishing of the Bus Service Improvement Plan in October there will be a full public consultation.

online survey using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NYQBJCS>

Funding available to help Devon's communities reconnect, rebuild and recover

Community-led facilities and activities, like many things, were quickly suspended during the onset of the national coronavirus lockdown.

As the country begins to return to some degree of normality, Devon County Council is keen to help local communities get back to doing the things they love safely and confidently, so we have created a special fund to support them.

The Reconnect Rebuild Recover Community Fund will provide grant funding of up to £1,000 for smaller projects and between £1,000 and £3,000 for larger projects that help local people to reconnect, rebuild and recover their community-led facilities and/or social activities.

It will support community-led initiatives that:

- encourage a range of people to participate in activities that improve their physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing
- provide safe community-led transportation links and services which encourage and help people to re-connect and re-socialise safely within their communities
- encourage people to develop skills and learning through volunteering their time, knowledge and expertise to help and support the facilities and/or social activity and the people using them

You can find out more, including how to apply, on the Devon County Council website.

Coronavirus updates from Devon County Council

The link below may be of interest to residents 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/>

Reminder about reporting a highway problem:

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

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