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Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 13th August 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

Present

Cllr M Pine Chairman
Cllr M Hayward
Cllr Mrs D Lewis
Cllr Mrs N Incedon

Also in attendance District Councillor J Tucker and 6 members of the public

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs A Conibear, J Friend and R Pelling

Broad band provision – Shirwell area

With members approval the Chairman brought agenda item 14, Broadband provision in the Shirwell area to this point on the agenda and suspended standing orders to enable members of the Public to take part in this and the following item

The Chairman introduced Mr I Crockett from Wild West Net who gave a short presentation and answered questions regarding the system used by Wild West Net for broadband provision in rural areas.

Briefly ..

- The system was 'line of sight' whereby a signal was bounced from receiver to receiver. The largest satellite dish was small (size of a large dinner plate) and had a range of 25 kilometres, smaller receivers were available giving 12 kilometres and 3 kilometres ranges
- Cost are a one off set up fee of £100.00 and for domestic users £25.00 per month, businesses users are £50.00 per month
- Customer's existing routers are unlikely to work so replacements can be bought for £40.00 through Wild West Net or sourced via the internet
- Existing broadband strengths are between 2 to 8 mbs in rural areas, this system gives 25 mbs.
- Maintenance attendance times are 24hrs for business users and 48 hrs for domestic users.

The Chairman thanked Mr Crockett for his time and he then left the meeting. A discussion followed and it was noted that an up to date report would be available from Vanessa Harrison (North Devon Council) regarding fibre broadband availability in the Shirwell area

Public Question Time

Members of the public raised the following points

- Inconsiderate parking adjacent to the almshouses was obscuring the view of the Village Green and the commemoration seat. District Cllr Tucker undertook to speak to the person concerned
- Parking adjacent to the school was causing a problem for vehicles attempting to pass. It was noted that this issue had been raised before. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk raise this with County Councillor Davis and the PCSO for Shirwell
- A long discussion took place on progress with schemes for the Sec'n 106 money. The up-to-date position from the Councils point of view was given and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Lewis (the Councils representative on the working party) would take the feeling of lack of progress to the next meeting of the Working Party.
- Comments were made that the present Council had not been subject to the electoral process. The Clerk reminded the member of the public who raised the question that as there were insufficient candidates to fill the number of vacancies on the Council the seats were filled by an 'uncontested election' A Councillor had since been appointed to the vacant seat through the co-option process.
- **RESOLVED** that an item be placed at the end of future agendas to allow members of the Public to comment regarding items on that agenda

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved and signed by the Chairman. *It was noted that the Chairman of the Sec'n 106 working party was Dr Needham, not Mr Needham as minuted*

Matters Arising

There were none

Matters brought forward from the previous meeting

Section 106 money. This had been fully discussed during Public Question time and it was **RESOLVED** the Cllr Mrs Lewis make the members of the working party aware of the concern regarding seeming lack of progress

Cheques for Payment

A cheque for the Clerk's salary (£100.00) Clevera (£35.96) for website hosting and the internal auditors remuneration (£17.99) were signed at the meeting

Report of the County Councillor

There was no report

Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Report of the District Councillor

The District Councillor briefly reported on the following points

- There had been a presentation by an N D Council Officer on fibre broadband rollout at the recent Rural Alliance meeting. Cllr Tucker passed on the contact details to allow the Clerk to find out the latest position. The next Rural Alliance meeting in November would also have updated information. **RESOLVED** an item be placed on the next agenda
- There had been reports of telephone scams in the area so be aware.
- The recent Planning Policy change regarding the ratio of affordable houses in bigger villages has been challenged in court
- The new Chief Executive Officer at the CAB is settling in well
- The new policy is that planning pre-application advice will be an essential part of the Planning Process and should shorten the length of time planning applications take

Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Report of the Police Representative

No report had been received, and no representative attended. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Police service expressing the Council's concern.

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC August newsletter (previously emailed)
- Speed restriction on the 17th/18th August at Shirwell Cross (previously emailed)
- Notice regarding the Community Hospital consultation venues from the 18th to 27th August 2015

Planning Applications

Cllr Mrs D Lewis declared a prejudicial interest in this application, left the meeting and did not speak or vote thereon

Application 58798 Installation of 2 x 10 kw grid connected wind turbines (height to blade tip 23.45m, blade diameter 6.99 m) **(additional information)** at Coxleigh Barton, Shirwell, Barnstaple. **RESOLVED** to recommend approval subject to North Devon Council being satisfied that it complies with relevant legislation.

Planning Decisions

Application 59398 Conversion of loft space to form additional living accommodation at Burrington Shirwell Road Shirwell Barnstaple **(APPROVED)**

Broadband provision in the Shirwell area

Taken earlier on the agenda

Report from Councillors

- The drain at the almshouse called Heather Cottage is partially blocked by the access ramps placed there by the owner. **RESOLVED** that Highways be informed
- A member of the public asked Councillor Hayward whether the owner of the land to the rear of the Village Hall might be prepared to sell if approached with a specific sum. It was noted that discussions had already been held with the landowner to no avail, but further informal contacts could be made.

Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Public comments on the agenda items discussed at the meeting

There were none

Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.56pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....