

Draft
Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
10th December 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

Present

Cllr M Pine Chairman
Cllr J Friend
Cllr A Conibear
Cllr Mrs N Incedon
Cllr Mrs D Lewis
Cllr R Pelling

Also in attendance District Councillor J Tucker and 5 members of the public

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Hayward and County Councillor Mrs. A Davis

Public Question Time

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

A member of the Public commented on the work currently being done by BT to install Fibre Optic capacity in the Shirwell area. It was noted that at one time different areas of Shirwell Parish had different installation dates.

RESOLVED the Clerk to post the programme link to the minutes to enable residents to check dates for their specific addresses.

Link for Fibre Optic Broadband availability

<http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/where-when/>

The meeting resumed under standing orders.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th November 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Discussion was held on the necessity to prepare a list of Parish priorities as a precursor to obtaining Sec'n 106 money. **RESOLVED** that the list be prepared after analysis of the data from the survey currently being undertaken on the use of the Sec' 106 money from the Glebe

Matters brought forward from the previous meeting

Concern was expressed at the flooding adjacent to the school caused by blocked drains, and it was noted that the possible risks to motorists and pedestrians in this vulnerable location caused by ice forming were high.

Discussion was then held on the initiative from the Rural Alliance to bid for money from the Community Fund to employ a lengthman across several Parishes. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the Rural Alliance confirming Shirwell's interest in this initiative and requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the best way to move this forward without any untoward delays.

Sec'n 106 Money

A questionnaire had been prepared and will be distributed throughout the parish. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Mrs Lewis and Mrs Incedon who together with Mrs Lynn Campbell had prepared the questionnaire and were managing its distribution and collection

Cheques for Payment

Cheques for the Clerk's salary (£100.00) and Clevera (£12.00) for website domain renewal and Contractors payment reclaimable via the TAP fund (£90.00) were authorised at the meeting

County Councillors report

County Councillor Mrs A Davis had apologised for her non-attendance at the meeting, she had forwarded a report which is attached to these minutes. In addition she had obtained the official accident records for Waytown Bend (adjacent to Waytown Farm) which showed only 4 incidents since 2011 which ranks this area 62nd out of 138 for 'A' roads. The consensus was that the records were inaccurate. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Pine speak to the owner of Waytown Farm to obtain more accurate information.

Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Report of the District Councillor

The District Councillor briefly reported on the following

- The Annual Report showing the achievements for the CAB was available, showing it had helped over 10,000 people and managed to obtain £3m for their clients
- The Fire Liaison Office will visit people if requested

- The Refuse Collection and recycling calendar is available at the following link [www.northdevon.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling /collection dates](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/collection-dates)
- Scams are still taking place, mainly targeting older people

Questions to the District Councillor

In response to a question it was noted that the replacement of the Grants Officer for North Devon Council is under consideration

Report of the Police Representative

No report had been received

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC December newsletter
- County Council's December report
- Community Fund information
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Planning Applications

Application 60255 Listed Building Application to replace front door and door frame, and replace glass half-moon window and frame above door at Plaistow Barton Road to Plaistow Barton, Shirwell Barnstaple **RESOLVED** to recommend approval subject to the Planning Authority being satisfied it all relevant criteria.

Planning Decisions

There were none

Report from Councillors

- Drains were blocked at the bottom of Viveham (Rookbeare) Lane

Clerks Report

Parish Grant and Precept 2016/2017 RESOLVED That the precept and parish Grant for 2016/2017 be confirmed at £2510 and £675 respectively

Urgent Business

There was none

Prior to closing the meeting the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year and invited them to join him in a glass of wine and mince pie

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....