

**DRAFT**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council**  
**held on the**  
**8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall**

**Present**

Cllr M Pine Chairman  
Cllr J Friend Vice Chairman  
Cllr M Hayward  
Cllr Mrs Incedon  
Cllr R Pelling

Also in attendance 3 members of the public.

**Officer**

G Dwyer Clerk

**Dec16/1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr A Conibear and District Cllr J Tucker. *County Cllr A Davis had been detained at another meeting and would be late arriving.*

**Dec16/2 Public Question Time**

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

There were no questions

*The meeting resumed under standing orders*

**Dec16/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

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

**Dec16/4 Matters Arising**

None that were not on the agenda.

**Dec16/5 Matters Brought Forward from previous meeting**

- **Renewal of Notice Boards.** The order had been placed and the boards were being constructed
- **Sec'n 106 money RESOLVED** Clerk to contact North Devon Council to see if a footpath in the churchyard would qualify under Sec'n 106 and to pursue the possibility of purchasing the red telephone box.

### **Dec16/6 Cheques for Payment**

Cheques for the Clerks salary (£110.00), and Grass Cutting (£45.00) were signed at the meeting.

### **Dec16/7 Report of the County Councillor**

To be taken later on the agenda

### **Dec16/8 Questions to the County Councillor**

There were no questions

### **Dec16/9 Report of the District Councillor**

In the absence of the District Councillor there was no report

### **Dec16/10 Questions to the District Councillor**

There were no questions.

### **Dec16/11 Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been emailed to Councillors

- Letter from F Newton objecting to discussion being held regarding his land without him being notified **RESOLVED** the Clerk to write explaining that the matter had been discussed as a report of the Village Hall committee meeting and the Parish Council had not been advised it was confidential
- Plaistow Mill bank slip
- Closure of Chivenor (letter from Braunton PC) **RESOLVED** the Clerk to write expressing the Councils dismay at this unwelcome news
- Request for views on Exmoor National Park (to be printed in the parish Magazine
- Recycle More - trial area **RESOLVED** to note Shirwell is to be a trial area

### **Dec16/12 Planning Applications**

Application 62156 Widening and Improvement to vehicular access at field access at SS5733235470 Shirwell **RESOLVED** to recommend approval

### **Dec16/13 Planning Decisions**

There were none

### **Dec16/14 Drain and Gulley clearing scheme**

**RESOLVED** That priorities are School Lane, Langaford Hill, Opposite Rectory Road. All drains to be jetted if it can be made available. NB The possibility of a visit from the jetting machine to be taken up by the County

Councillor as the surfacing residue from recent road works had blocked a number of drains in both Shirwell and Pilton West

**Dec16/15 Report from Councillors**

- Councillor Hayward reported on the recent Highway conference he had attended, in particular he highlighted the availability of a jetting machine for gully clearance (See minute Dec16/14) and the dismay felt by all attendees at the chaos that will result from housing development that was unmatched by infrastructure improvements.
- **RESOLVED** commercial adverts to be removed from Parish Council notice boards
- A replacement grit bin to be purchased for up to £170.00
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**Dec16/16 Clerks Report**

The Clerk had nothing to report

**Dec16/17 Public Question Time for Items Discussed at this Meeting**

There were none

**Dec16/18 Urgent Business**

There was none

**Dec16/19 Report of the County Councillor** *The County Councillor apologised for her late arrival, she had been at another meeting. Parts of this item have been recorded in the relevant minute for this meeting.*

- It was confirmed that Dean Tucker was happy to continue to act a Snow warden.
- With the schools permission, salt bags will be delivered to the school and the grit bin (when purchased) will be placed behind the school wall

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council  
County Councillors Report  
December 2016

**Council ask residents to help inform budget making decisions**

Devon County Council, this week, launched new consultation seeking residents' views on public services, in order to help influence the Council's budget decision-making next year.

The questionnaire, which is available on the DCC website asks people what their priorities would be for their communities, ranking them from 'essential' to 'not a priority'.

It lists the County Council's public services, asking whether spending on individual services should be protected, or whether people think those budgets could be reduced to a greater or lesser extent.

It also asks people whether they think communities can play a bigger role in running some local services; and whether they personally would be willing to be involved, or are already involved, in any aspect of helping their local community to support itself. And finally, it asks whether people would be willing to pay more council tax in order to protect public services.

With further reductions in Government funding, the Council again has to think about what it is able to provide, and better understanding what people's expectations are of them, helps the Council to make informed decisions.

Over the summer, the Council asked residents what they thought of Devon as a place to live. The results to the [#WeAreDevon survey](#) are on the Council's website, but respondents told the council that they feel that they have good access to the countryside; that they can lead active lives and that they cared about their environment. People said that they felt that they can contribute to community life and that they felt safe.

However, transport, infrastructure, affordable homes, and job opportunities were considered poorer. Most respondents felt that affordable housing was the single most important issue affecting their area, as well as jobs and wages.

Anyone wishing to take part in the budget consultation, and who does not have access to the online form, can request a paper copy from the Council's Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1015.

Go to the DCC website or  
<https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/budget-201718/>

The budget consultation is open until 6 January 2017.

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