

Draft
Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
9th February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

Present

Cllr J Friend Vice Chairman
Cllr A Conibear
Cllr Mrs Incedon

Also in attendance District Councillor J Tucker and 3 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs M Pine, Hayward, Lewis, R Pelling and County Councillor A Davis

Public Question Time

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

A Church representative asked for help in progressing the Sec'n 106 application for a footpath in the Churchyard as N Devon had raised complicating issues. Cllr Tucker offered to contact the Community Officer on behalf of the Church.

It was noted that a coach was parked in the layby at Devils Elbow and it was agreed that this should be monitored to ensure it didn't become a permanent fixture

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2017

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

Matters Arising

None that were not on the agenda.

Matters Brought Forward from previous meeting

- **Renewal of Notice Boards.** A cheque for the notice boards would be signed later in the meeting

- **Sec'n 106 money**
 1. Possibility of footpath in Church grounds was discussed under Public Question Time
 2. Awaiting information on the suggestion of helicopter landing pad for air ambulance.
- **Red Telephone Box, possible locating to Village hall.** Awaiting response from BT's 'adopt a kiosk' section

Cheques for Payment

Cheques for the Clerks salary (£110.00), postage (£3.30), Clevera web site hosting (£35.96) and Notice Boards (£840.00) were signed at the meeting. A cheque for a grit bin located at the school (£172.50) had been signed outside the meeting (see minute Dec16/15)

Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Mrs Davis had apologised for her non-attendance and forwarded a copy of her report which is attached to these minutes

Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Report of the District Councillor

District Councillor Tucker commented briefly that ..

- The Council owned garages at Cross Park Close were to be sold to a private individual
- North Devon Theatres were in administration. It was hoped they could be reopened in 4-6 weeks for a 12 month period to whilst a rescue package was developed
- CAB continues to be exceptionally busy and was the only virtually free advice service available
- There had been Prosecutions for a Trade Waste infringements, and trade waste being placed in black bins

Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Correspondence

Correspondence emailed to Councillors had been discussed elsewhere on the agenda

Planning Applications

There were none

Planning Decisions

Application 62354 Prior notification for erection of one agricultural building (grain and fodder store) at land at Shirwell Road Part Woodbury Farm, Shirwell Barnstaple **Approved**

Drain and Gulley clearing scheme

Cllr Hayward reported by email that the pressure jetter would not be available for use in Shirwell Parish **RESOLVED** the Clerk to email County Councillor Davis to see if anything could be done.

Report from Councillors

Large pothole in School Lane would be logged on DCC website by Cllr Incedon.

Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Public Question Time for Items Discussed at this Meeting

There were none

Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 7.59pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors Report February 2017

Consultation on Public Health Nursing Service

Devon County Council's Cabinet has approved a consultation to consider the future arrangements for Public Health Nursing services in Devon.

The consultation will seek the views of the local community and stakeholders on three options for the nationally mandated Public Health Nursing Service, which includes school nurses and health visitors. The service is currently part of an Integrated Children's Services contract, which comes to an end on 31 March 2018.

Children's services are currently commissioned jointly on behalf of health and social care commissioners across the County including NEW Devon and South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Groups, Devon County Council and NHS England. As well as the Public Health Nursing Service, they include specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and specialist services for Children with Additional Needs or Complex Needs, such as physical and learning disabilities.

Health visitors and school nurses will continue to deliver the high standard of services across Devon, and in the same way as other Public Health Nursing Services up and down the country, so there would be no change to the scope of services being provided as a result of the consultation. However, the consultation will provide an opportunity to hear the views of local people.

The consultation will end on 22 February 2017. The County Council's Cabinet will consider feedback from the consultation and decide which approach to take on future arrangements at its meeting on 8 March. The consultation is on the DCC website.

New Healthy Lifestyle Service

A new healthy-lifestyle service commissioned by Devon County Council aims to help the increasing number of adults at risk of developing long-term health conditions take small steps toward a healthier lifestyle.

OneSmallStep, provided by leading health services organisation Optum – in partnership with Solutions4Health, which will provide specialist stop-smoking services – will help Devon's residents adopt healthy lifestyle choices and reduce their risk of more serious health issues.

The free service, which goes live on 1 February 2017, provides inspiration and tools for people to take control of their own health and wellbeing, by motivating them to achieve and maintain a healthy weight, increase physical activity, address smoking and reduce the risk of harm from alcohol.

Support will be delivered by trained staff and evidence-based tools available online, by telephone and via social media; and will include signposting to local groups and

activities, or into other specialised services where face-to-face support is required for people in greatest need.

Optum will work alongside GPs and other health professionals, community pharmacies, voluntary networks and community organisations and will connect with other services to increase reach to capitalise on a wide range of local assets.

The contract to deliver the service represents an investment of potentially £3m over a five-year period.

We want to help support and motivate Devon's residents to live the healthiest life they can and reduce the risk of health issues later on in life.

By taking action early, people can prevent many of the common illnesses later in life that are often associated with unhealthy lifestyles.

OneSmallStep will provide a comprehensive gateway to information and support for people to make better choices and take control of their health.

For more information, visit www.onesmallstep.org.uk.

Hospital Roundabout

Alun Griffiths Civil Engineering and Construction have been awarded the contract to construct a new roundabout to upgrade the current signalled controlled junction on the A39 North Road in Barnstaple, serving Westaway Plain and North Devon District Hospital.

The scheme costing £1.1m is being funded from developer contributions and is due to start in early February 2017. *It is anticipated that construction will take place for 15 weeks until the middle of May. I would advise avoiding the area if at all possible!*

Devon County Council and North Devon District Hospital have been working closely together with the Contractor to plan the works to minimise the effects on the public accessing the Hospital. The new arms of the roundabout are to be constructed off network to reduce traffic management wherever possible, however temporary lights will be used for some periods during the works. Regrettably as part of the works Roborough Lane to the A39 Shirwell Road will be closed for a period of two weeks during the works.

The current traffic signalled junction experiences traffic delays during the peak hours. In order to manage increased traffic demands from new developments and to maintain access for emergency services. Different options to improve this junction were considered prior to public consultation for a roundabout scheme in 2014. The proposed roundabout will provide the additional capacity that is needed to meet the current and predicted traffic demands for this area and it has been designed with a wide circulatory area to allow emergency vehicles to pass other traffic on the roundabout. The roundabout scheme incorporates pedestrian and cycle facilities at the junction and on North Road to the south, which will be accompanied by a new 'Toucan' crossing linking Westaway Heights with the lower pedestrian entrance into the Hospital.

I am disappointed that this roundabout is necessary in the first place however with the amount of development that has been agreed it is vital that this roundabout goes in to prevent total grid lock in the area. It will be disruptive for the duration of the construction however it is good to see local infrastructure being improved for residents.

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