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Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 9th January 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

Present

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

Also in attendance District Councillor J Tucker, PCSO A Berry and 2 members of the public

Officer G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Councillor D Tucker. County Councillor A Davis was detained at another meeting

Public Question Time

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to enable members of the public to ask questions of the Council

- Sadly, Mr T Squire who had been the Village Postman for 20 years was critically ill. All present acknowledged the service he had given the village and it was agreed that a Village collection should be made in recognition of his service. It was **RESOLVED** that an article be placed in the Parish Magazine to this effect.
- It was noted that no action had been taken by the County Council on cleaning roadside signs. Dr McElderry will raise with them.
- A letter had been placed on at the village notice board containing an extract of a letter sent by the Chairman to a member of the Village who had made a general complaint regarding other residents in the Village. Cllr Pine felt he had been overly hasty in sending the letter and offered to resign as Chairman. He rose to leave the meeting to allow members to discuss this but was asked to stay by those present. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that in the unanimous opinion of his colleagues he had done nothing wrong or anything that would bring the Council into disrepute and therefore his offer to resign was not accepted

Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th December 2013

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

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Matters brought forward from the previous meeting

TAP Funding defibrillator

The Clerk updated members on the present position, it was noted that Barnstaple Town Council were experiencing delays in opening an account with the provider but the purchase would be completed shortly.

RESOLVED that present position be noted

Cheques for Payment

Cheques for Grass Cutting (C Seage) for £35.00, Clerks salary (4 months) £400.00 and postage etc £5.00 were signed at the meeting.

Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor was detained at another Parish Council meeting and phoned her apology for non-attendance. She had asked all those possible to visit the Tough Choices website which contained information on the budget dilemmas facing the County Council.

Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Report of the District Councillor

The District Councillor reported on the following issues

- Cllr Tucker reported that a planning application had been received for Trayne Farm and reminded the Council of the potential penalties should the District Council refuse the application and the refusal then be overturned on appeal. The penalties could include losing Secn 106 money and the new homes subsidy. The District Council are lobbying to get this changed.
- There is new Government advice on consultation for wind turbines
- The District Council have constructed a Parish Council webpage
- The District Council are disappointed at the Grant Settlement which will reduce from £6.6m in 2013/2014 to £4.8m in 2015/2016.
- North Devon Council will relocate away from the Civic Centre when their lease allows.
- Rural Alliance meeting on the 21st January at East Devon Village hall will be Highways oriented

- Councillor Tucker suggested that the Parish Council should arrange to receive the Police Newsletter

Questions to the District Councillor

In response to a question Councillor Tucker advised that he was not aware of any planned future use for the Civic Centre

Report of the Police Representative

PCSO A Berry spoke to his report a copy of which follows

Crime Report

Shirwell Parish Council

01st December 2013 – 31th December 2013

This Report comprises all incidents recorded and crimes recorded within the time frame stated above, as recorded with Devon and Cornwall Police. It also contains any proactive policing / other policing operations that might have taken place. All statistics are gathered from the Shirwell area only, and are in accordance with Data Protection legislation:

INCIDENTS (4)

- 2 incidents relating to trees in the road
- Vehicle across driveway
- Cows in road

RECORDED CRIMES (1)

- Driving under the influence

OTHER OPERATIONS

- There are currently no other operations

OTHER INCIDENTS TO BE AWARE OF

- We have had oil tanks are often targeted this time of year so please ensure they are as secure as possible.
- We have had a recent spate of vehicle crime in the Barnstaple area, with fuel tanks on cars being targeted and also the car model Peugeot 306 has been the victim of 6 vehicle damages/thefts from vehicle over the last month. Please be aware of this and be mindful of where your vehicle is parked.

- Travelling in bad weather- Devon and Cornwall Police and partner agencies across the region continue to monitor the possibility of severe weather. Environment Agency issue Flood Warnings on rivers across Devon or any large waves expected to hit the region's coastline – particularly at high tide. Please drive carefully bearing in mind the weather conditions.

Any questions arising from this crime report should be directed towards your local Police officer, PCSO Adam Berry 30626
Email: 30626@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

A discussion was held on the implementation of a Farm Watch initiative and it was agreed that the use of community messaging was the best way to contact farmers.

Any information for the Neighbourhood watch initiative to be passed to the Clerk who will forward them the editor of the Parish Magazine

Questions to the Police Representative

PCSO Berry stated that investigations were continuing regarding the alleged attempt of a male to enter cars driven by women but it seemed that there was some confusion regarding the incident(s)

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received ...

- NDDC. Precept and parish Grant letter

Council Members **RESOLVED** to confirm their decision to set the rate precept at £2510 and to take the council tax support grant of £115.83. The Parish precept to be £675

- HMRC Penalty notice waiver

Council members expressed their pleasure that the penalty notice from HMRC had been waived

Planning Applications

There were no applications

Planning Decisions

There were none

Report from Councillors

- It was noted that signs regarding access by HGV's had been removed. County Council to be informed
- The condition of the A39 between the Spinney Guest House and the Skittle Alley hut was poor with rocks slipping onto the road and potholes
- Puddles were causing problems at Ashelford Corner in East Down Parish Councils area. The clerk to advise East Down clerk of the problem

Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that his printer which was used extensively for Parish Council business was faulty and to replace it with one of similar quality was approx. £150.00 **RESOLVED** that he be authorised to purchase a replacement printer up to £150.00 and should he leave the employ of the Parish Council he be given the opportunity purchase the printer at its then value

Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....