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**Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
8th June 2017 in the Village Hall**

Present

Cllr M Pine Chairman
Cllr J Friend Vice Chairman
Cllr M Hayward
Cllr Mrs N Inledon
Cllr R Pelling

Also in attendance County Councillor A Davis and 3 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs D Lewis and A Conibear and District Councillor J Tucker

Public Question Time

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

- A member of the public asked the present position on Honey Hill and it was noted that an appeal had been lodged against the enforcement notice.

The meeting resumed under standing orders.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th May 2017

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

Matters Arising

There were none

Matters Brought Forward from previous meeting

- Sec'n 106 money –churchyard footpath – progressing

- Sec'n 106 money – air ambulance landing strip. Response from air ambulance discussed and deferred for consideration at the next meeting. The cost to the Parish Council would be in the region of £3,000 but there was uncertainty as to how the Parish Councils proximity to the Hospital would affect its benefits.
- Sec'n 106 money – relocation of red telephone box to Village Hall. Initial quote of £1500. Awaiting further quotes

Cheques for Payment

Cheque for the Clerk's salary (£110.00)

Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Mrs A Davis thanked everyone for their support in the recent election and briefly dealt with the following points

- She now had an extra 6 Parishes in her ward which made attendance at all parish Council meetings difficult.
- Pot hole at Burr ridge
- Devon County Council had a cabinet reshuffle and she had responsibility for infrastructure including the A361 consultation
- Grass cutting on verges in this area was patchy leaving visibility somewhere between poor at best to dangerous. **RESOLVED** The clerk to write and complain
- Water run off at Devils Elbow still causing traffic issues. Clerk to write to SW Water as it is probably a water pipe leaking

A copy of her report is attached to these minutes

Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Report of the District Councillor

District Councillor J Tucker had apologised for his non-attendance

Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

2016/2017 Accounts and Internal Auditors report

The draft accounts which had been previously circulated at the meeting were approved and the report of the Internal Auditor was noted. **RESOLVED** that the accounts be signed off and all paperwork be forwarded to the External Auditor

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC Jun Newsletter
- Rural Allnce meeting 27th July 2017 Shirwell Village hall
- Love Devon
- Planning appeal against enforcement – Honey Hill Snapper

Planning Applications

Cllr M Hayward declared a prejudicial interest in Application 62747 left the room and did not take part in the debate or vote thereon

Cllr Pine declared a prejudicial interest in Application 63018 left the room and did not take part in the debate or vote thereon

- **Application 62747** Outline application for the erection of 4 dwellings (all matters reserved) at Paddock adjoining Six Acres Shirwell Barnstaple (amended description and plans) **RESOLVED** to recommend **APPROVAL**
- **Application 62999** Erection of garage and store at Far Enuff Shirwell Barnstaple. **RESOLVED** to recommend **APPROVAL**

Cllr Friend took the chair for this item only.

- **Application 63018** Extension, alterations and raised patio area at the Millens Shirwell Barnstaple. **RESOLVED** to recommend **APPROVAL**

Planning Decisions

- **Application 62833** Demolition of existing and replacement with new toilet and shower block at scout association Collard Bridge camp site Goodleigh Barnstaple **APPROVED**

Drain and Gulley Clearance scheme

The present position and the remaining money was noted

Report from Councillors

The following items arose from Councillor's reports.

- There was still water across the road at Devils elbow (Burrige) and no response had been received from the County Council. **RESOLVED** the Clerk to chase
- It was noted that the Amy Royle cup would be displayed at the Annual Shirwell Produce show. **RESOLVED** that the cup be insured by the Vegetable committee

- Cork boarding to be fixed to the notice boards
- Ovegrowth adjacent to Heather Cottage was a problem

Clerks Report

The Clerk asked for, and it was confirmed that Toll Bar cross be cut next year to avoid the problems with poor visibility that arose this year

Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

It was noted that the temporary road sign adjacent to Toll bar Cross was causing a sight problem.

Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors Report May 2017

I am delighted to have been re-elected to serve Combe Martin Rural for the next four years. The division has expanded to include six more parishes. Unfortunately this means that I will have to juggle rather more than up to now. It would be hugely helpful if you would let me know if there is anything specific on the agenda you would like to bring to my attention. I will endeavour to attend as many of your meetings as possible.

Please can I ask that you continue to register any highways issues on the website, I cannot stress enough that this is a numbers game, the more data received at County Hall about an area the more likely it is to be for example resurfaced, it would be wonderful if Combe Martin Rural was the top of the league table for issues reported on the website.

I look forward to working with you over the next four years, as ever please email me with any concerns or issues.

New responsibilities for Cabinet members

Devon County Council leader John Hart has refreshed his ruling Cabinet following the recent election.

Mr Hart, who was re-elected leader of the Conservative group after the county election, will retain responsibility for policy and corporate matters and will chair the Cabinet.

Dawlish councillor John Clatworthy was re-elected as deputy leader and will retain his brief for finance and property matters.

Hatherleigh and Chagford councillor, James McInnes, remains as the Cabinet member for Children's Services which includes education and social care.

Sidmouth councillor Stuart Hughes remains in charge of highways, cycling and public rights of way and also retains his role as chief whip.

And Holsworthy Rural councillor, Barry Parsons, will remain in charge of organisational development, corporate services and digital transformation.

Other Cabinet members are taking on new responsibilities.

Exeter councillor Andrew Leadbetter the portfolio for Adult Care and Health and will take a lead in the growing debate about closer working between health and social care services. Mr Leadbetter will also retain his responsibilities as the Cabinet liaison for Exeter.

Combe Martin Rural councillor, Andrea Davis, takes over Infrastructure, Development and Waste Management and will oversee Devon's responsibility for delivering the council's major infrastructure schemes including vital transport links, and the Council's capital schemes.

Roger Croad, who was re-elected for Ivybridge, adds public health to his previous responsibilities for communities and the environment and adds flooding and coastal protection to his duties. He will also remain as Devon's representative on the Devon and Cornwall police and crime panel.

Ashburton and Buckfastleigh councillor, Stuart Barker, will now oversee Economy and Skills and will be responsible for the county's relationship with the Local Enterprise Partnerships or LEPs.

Mr Barker will promote economic development and employment through regeneration and investment and oversee the council's lead role in post-16 education and training and skills for employment in schools, colleges and other settings.

Further consultation being prepared on North Devon Link Road

Devon County Council is preparing to launch further public consultation next week on improvements to the [North Devon Link Road](#).

The County Council will be putting forward a scheme option which supports economic growth by reducing journey times, improving safety and improving network resilience.

The proposal will focus on the section of the North Devon Link Road between Borner's Bridge Junction on the A361 north of South Molton and Heywood Road Roundabout on the A39 north of Bideford. This will include widening the road to provide more overtaking opportunities and improving junctions. The estimated cost of the full scheme is £250 million although it could be built in phases.

Around Barnstaple itself an option has been developed to improve the capacity of junctions and to widen the existing road to provide two lanes in each direction with a central double white line and a speed restriction. No improvements are being considered between Tiverton and South Molton at this stage.

The consultation will run from Friday 9 June until Friday 28 July with an online questionnaire available at new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay and a number of exhibitions will also be held at:

Friday 16 June Green Lanes, Barnstaple, 9am – 5pm

Saturday 17 June Green Lanes, Barnstaple, 9am – 5pm

Tuesday 20 June Town Hall, Bideford, 12pm – 8pm

Friday 23 June Amory Centre, South Molton, 12pm – 8pm

There will also be an unmanned exhibition at Taw View from Monday 24 July for one week.

Feedback from the consultation will inform further refinement of the option which will be included in an application to the Department for Transport to fund the scheme.

[Councillor Andrea Davis](#), Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Development and Waste Management, said: "Feedback from last year's consultation showed overwhelming support of 95% backing the need for a scheme, and the County Council has been looking at a raft of improvements along the route to drive forward economic growth. We're keen to hear what people think of what is being put forward so that the scheme can be further developed for an Outline Business Case which is likely to include three separate costed options with one preferred option."

The County Council is aiming to submit an Outline Business Case to the Department for Transport in December. More information on the scheme is available at new.devon.gov.uk/ndlr.

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