

Draft

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 14th May 2015 in the Village Hall on rising from the Annual Meeting of the Parish

Present

Cllr M Pine Chairman

Cllr J Friend Vice Chairman

Cllr A Conibear

Cllr Mrs N Inledon

Cllr Mrs D Lewis

Also in attendance County Councillor A Davis, District Councillor J Tucker and 10 members of the public

Officer G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Councillor R Pelling

Election of Chairman (the Clerk took the chair for this item only)

Cllr M Pine was proposed and seconded, there being no other nominations it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr M Pine be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr J Friend was proposed and seconded, there being no other nominations it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr J Friend be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

Procedure for co-option to Vacancy on Council

Councillors discussed the method to be used for co-opting onto the Council and it was **RESOLVED** that notices of the vacancy be placed on all 3 notice boards inviting letters of application for the vacancy with a closing date of 6th June 2015, the applications to be considered at the June meeting of the Council

Public Question Time

The Chairman suspended standing orders to enable members of the Public to ask questions

- A member of the Village Hall committee reminded all present that as there was no rubbish collection to the Village Hall all rubbish should be taken home by the Village Hall users
- Following a question from a member of the public regarding the criteria for co-opting onto the Council the Clerk read out the letter from the Election Officer at North Devon. The criteria are ...

- (i) be a local government elector of the parish, or
- (ii) have during the whole of the twelve months preceding the day on which he is nominated as a candidate occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish; or
- (iii) his principal or only place of work in the twelve months preceding the day on which he is nominated as a candidate have been in the area of the parish; or
- (iv) have resided either in the parish or within 3 miles thereof during the whole of the 12 months preceding the day on which he is nominated as a candidate.

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April 2015

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

Matters Arising

Already on the agenda

Matters brought forward from the Previous Meeting

There were no new items

2014/2015 Accounts and Internal Auditors report

The Clerk reported that the accounts for 2014/2015 as previously circulated had been 'signed off' by Mr Sherwin and the statement to the External Auditor completed. **RESOLVED** that the statement be signed by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman and forwarded to the Audit Commission

Cheques for Payment

Cheques for the Clerk's salary (£100.00) Clevera web site hosting (£35.96) and annual insurance premium for Community First (£153.56) were signed at the meeting

Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Davis commented on the report from the Boundary Commission which had recommended an overall increase in the number of Parishes she would be required to represent. Councillors commented that apart from materially increasing her already onerous workload it would mean less time to attend Parish Council meetings as inevitably some meetings

would clash. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond to the draft behalf of the Parish Council

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 Tucker thanked the electors for his re-election to the District Council and commented briefly on the following

- North Devon Council have almost finished vacating the Civic Centre
- The Local Plan is with the Secretary of State
- He also expressed concern at the personal comments made about him during the election process which were being investigated

Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Report of the Police Representative

PCSO A Berry had apologised for his non-attendance and had forwarded the following report

Crime Report

Shirwell Parish Council

01st April 2015 – 30th April 2015

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 (1)

- Suspicious vehicle

RECORDED CRIMES (1)

- Criminal damage to property

OTHER OPERATIONS

- We will continue to conduct speed monitoring/enforcement over the next months

OTHER INCIDENTS TO BE AWARE OF

- And please keep vigilante and report any suspicious vehicles you see in and around the village during the evening. As we still have several fuel thefts from vehicles that have occurred in the local area.

Any questions arising from this crime report should be directed towards your local team; PC Lucy Robinson and PCSO Adam Berry

Email: Barnstaple_west@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

In addition to the report there had been a message on the Police Public information network regarding the possibility of Raves in the area

Questions to the Police Representative

There were no questions

Correspondence

All correspondence has been dealt with during the meeting

Planning Applications

There were none

Planning Decisions

There were none

Report from Councillors

A Councillor had received a complaint regarding the trees newly planted on the grass adjacent to the Bungalows in Youlstone Close. It was noted that the deeds for the properties require this to be kept clear of planting and although it was a civil matter between residents it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the County Council because of possible visibility issues

Clerks Report

The Council reported that he had obtained a 4 drawer filing cabinet from North Devon Council for the Parish Council's use and that all Councillors had to sign and return their Declaration of Acceptance of office forms to him

Urgent Business

There was none

Councillors and the Public joined in thanking Cllr M Pine for his hard work over the previous year

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors Report May 2015

Boundary Commission Proposals

On Tuesday the boundary commission published its proposals for the County Council Divisions in Devon.

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking people across Devon to comment on its draft proposals for new county council division boundaries.

An eight-week public consultation on the recommendations ends on 6 July 2015. The consultation is open to anyone who wants to have their say on new county council electoral divisions, division boundaries and division names across Devon.

The Commission's draft recommendations propose that Devon County Council should have 60 county councillors in the future, two fewer than the current arrangements. The recommendations also outline how those councillors should represent 56 single-member divisions and two two-member divisions across the county.

The full recommendations and detailed interactive maps are available on the Commission's website, [here](#) and [here](#). Hard copies of the Commission's report and maps will also be available to view at council buildings and libraries.

- See more at: <https://www.devonnewscentre.info/devon-residents-have-your-say-on-new-county-division-boundaries/#sthash.qV17CQB9.dpuf>

Combe Martin Rural is proposed to be extended substantially, Shirwell remains in Combe Martin Rural under the proposals.

The Commission wants to hear as much evidence as possible in order to develop final recommendations for Devon County Council. If you would like to make a submission to the Commission, please write or email us by 6 July 2015: The Review Officer (Devon) LGBCE 14th floor, Millbank Tower London SW1P 4QP - See more at: <http://www.devonnewscentre.info/devon-residents-have-your-say-on-new-county-division-boundaries/#sthash.SF39IOdl.dpuf>