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Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 13th November 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

Present

Cllr M Pine Chairman
Cllr J Friend Vice Chairman
Cllr B Conibear
Cllr Mrs N Incedon
Cllr Mrs D Lewis

Also in attendance County Councillor A Davis (part meeting), District Councillor Tucker (part meeting) and 9 members of the public

Officer G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs R Pelling and D Tucker and PCSO A Berry

Public Question Time

The Chairman suspended standing orders to enable members of the Public to take part in the discussion

A general discussion was held on the resolution regarding enhanced speed restrictions on the A361 between Toll Bar Cross and Waytown Farm (Minute Oct14/5) and the following points were made

- The stretch between Shirwell Cross and Tollbar Cross gave a safe opportunity for overtaking and a speed restriction to 30 mph would take this away
- The cost of the damage done by the hedge trimming contractor had not been recovered by Devon CC
- The portable flashing speed restriction sign had not been at Shirwell for some time, maybe a permanent fixture of this type would help solve the speeding problem
- It was noted in passing that the entrance to Youlstone Park was difficult for articulated vehicles, although as this was listed it was thought little could be done.

It was noted that this issue was an agenda item for later in the meeting

A member of the public reminded those present that there would be a feedback meeting for the document dealing with the proposals to transform Community Services at 6.00pm on the 10th December at the Barnstaple Hotel

Here were blocked drains between the entrance to the village from the A 361 and the Alms Houses.

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th October 2014

RESOLVED that subject to the following amendment the minutes as previously circulated be approved and signed by the Chairman. Agenda item Oct14/2 Public Question Time (speed restrictions) be reconsidered at this meeting

Matters Arising

There were none

Matters brought forward from the previous meeting

Extension of 30 mph limit from Tollbar Cross to Waytown.

- Following the discussion under Public Question time it was **RESOLVED** that Devon County Council be requested to provide a permanent solar powered flashing sign highlighting the existing 30 mph speed limit.
- Devon County Council consider the siting of Rumble Strips on the bends between Shirwell and Waytown farm
- That Devon CC pursue the recovery of the cost of the damage to the road signs from the hedge trimming contractor

Village scheme funded with sec'n 106 money

The Village Hall Committee had decided against pursuing the possibility of relocating the Village Hall so the parish Council would pursue the possibility of acquiring land to provide off street parking for users of the hall.

Cheques for Payment

Cheques for the Clerk's salary (£100.00) and Clevera web site hosting (£35.96) were signed at the meeting

Report of the Police Representative

PCSO Adam Berry apologised for his non-attendance but had forwarded the following report which was read out at the meeting

Crime Report

Shirwell Parish Council

01st October 2014 – 31st October 2014

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 (2)

- Missing Person
- Concern for welfare

RECORDED CRIMES (0)

- No recorded crimes this month

OTHER OPERATIONS

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

OTHER INCIDENTS TO BE AWARE OF

- Please be aware it is coming up to winter again which is a prime time for fuel tanks to be broken into so please be aware of this and report any suspicious behaviour.
- Please bear in mind with the darker nights coming that you are keeping yourself safe when out and about. Try and keep to well lit areas and take your mobile phone out with you.

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

Questions to the Police Representative

There were no questions

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- **DALC November Bulletin (previously emailed)**
- **Clevera web site hosting invoice**
- **DALC – Electoral review of Devon**
- **Boundary Commission – electoral review of Devon**

Report of the District Councillor

The District Councillor reported as follows

- There will be a meeting of the Council for the Protection of Rural England at Goodleigh on the 28th November from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm
- Councillor interaction with schools had continued with visits by schools to the civic centre for discussions with Councillors and by the meeting at West Buckland School with pupils. He suggested the Parish Council consider a similar event at their local school
- 'Legal Highs' are creating a significant cost increase to the Police and National Health service
- He reminded those present that registering to vote is a legal obligation.
- He distributed cards with his new address and contact details

Questions to the District Councillor

In response to a question he confirmed that Marwood had made their own arrangements for washing road signs and suggested if the Parish Council were to consider doing this then details could be obtained from the Clerk to Marwood parish Council. **RESOLVED** that once the cost was established an application be made to the TAP fund

Planning Applications

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to comment on the following application.

Application 57581 (amended details) Removal of existing telecommunications mast, antennas and cabin and the installation of 27.5m column mast with 6 no. antennas, 2 no. 300mm dishes, radio equipment housing & ancillary development in South West corner of field at land south of Youlston Park Shirwell Road (A39) Shirwell Barnstaple

Members of the public commented that there were no real changes to the application as it had ignored the impact on the Shirwell ring and the Tree Preservation Orders.

The meeting resumed under standing orders

RESOLVED to recommend **REFUSAL** as the application has not dealt with the concerns expressed in the Councils decision in Jul 2014 that is inaccurate regarding the statement on trees adjacent to the site. It is also felt that locating the facility further away would enable better screening to lessen the visual impact

Councillors Pine and Lewis declared a prejudicial interest in this application, left the meeting and did not speak or take part in the debate. Councillor Friend took the Chair for this item

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to comment on the following application.

Application 58301 Erection of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels 18 rows 50kw at Hartland View Shinwell

Members of the public expressed concern that the application seemed incomplete as impact reports etc were missing. Concern was expressed at the size of the proposed development and its visual impact

The Chairman resumed the meeting under standing orders

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that to recommend **APPROVAL** subject to North Devon Council being satisfied that all technical information had been supplied and approved

Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor apologised for her late arrival and asked again that people responded to the tough choices paper on the Devon County Council website.

She responded to the issue of extending the 30mph speed limit to Waytown Farm by reminding the Council that to do this would be contrary to DCC policy but undertook to look into recovering costs for the damage caused by hedge trimming contractors and to investigate the possibility of installing 'rumble strips' as a deterrent to speeding traffic. She noted the comment from a member of the public regarding the perceived lack of action to recover costs for the contractor's damage.

Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Planning Decisions

Application 58313 Agricultural building works prior notification for erection of one agricultural storage building at Coxleigh Barton Shirwell Barnstaple. Invalid notification as because it includes a Biomass boiler within 400 metres of a protected building and is therefore excluded by B.5 of Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning Act (GPD) order 1995 as amended

2015/2016 Precept and Parish Grant

. After discussions on the present financial position of the Council it was **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2014/2016 be set at £2510 and Parish Grant £675

Report from Councillors

Councillors noted that road drains were still blocked despite complaints having been made to DCC and that a hedge at Burrige adjacent to Brightly Cott was badly overgrown. **RESOLVED** that these matters be reported to Devon County Council

Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the grant towards the commemorative bench on the Parish green would be forthcoming once the bench was in situ. The Council expressed their appreciation to the District Councillor for the grant from the District Councillor fund.

Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....