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Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 10th August 2017 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr M Pine Chairman
Cllr M Hayward
Cllr Mrs N Incedon
Cllr Mrs D Lewis

Also in attendance District Cllr J Tucker and 6 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs A Conibear, J Friend 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 member of the public complained at the affect the new recycling schedule is having and the possible consequences that a 3 weekly collection could have if a collection date was missed through a holiday. Councillor Tucker outlined the reasoning behind the schedule changes, stressing that this was a trial period and would be the subject of further consideration by North Devon Council later in the year. **RESOLVED** to note the situation.
- 2 members of the public complained at the poor service they had received from the recycling team at Severn Brethren Recycling Centre and also the poor design of the facilities which they felt could be dangerous, however other members of the Public had received a good service from the facility. It was noted that this was the responsibility of Devon County Council. **RESOLVED** take up the Chairman's Offer to report this to the County Councillor and to place it on the agenda for September

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved subject to the following amendment, Minute Jul 17/2 be amended to read 'progress is being made with land for community use at the Village Hall'

Matters Arising

There were none

Matters Brought Forward from previous meeting

- Sec'n 106 money –churchyard footpath – progressing and can be removed from the agenda for future meetings
- Sec'n 106 money – air ambulance landing strip. **RESOLVED** that no action be taken unless the review of services at N Devon Hospital necessitated it
- 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), Auditors recompense and postage (£14.85), M Hayward (notice board backing sheet £56.16) C Wallis, gulley Clearance (£45.00) were signed at the meeting.

Traffic Issues in Shirwell

Discussion was held as to whether it would be possible to erect private signs to discourage speeding in the Village Centre. It was noted that these could not be placed on the highway without authorisation

Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Mrs A Davis had apologised for her non-attendance.

Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Report of the District Councillor

Cllr Tucker reported briefly on the following

- The poor attendance at the recent Rural Alliance meeting had led to questions about its future.
- A review was underway of ward boundaries in N Devon and it was likely they would be reduced
- An exercise to identify more brownfield development sites was underway.
- The new system of recycling was still experiencing teething problems and experiencing delayed collection dates. A leaflet was tabled explaining the reasons for the new refuse collection system.

Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC Aug Newsletter
- Electoral review for N Devon
- Local Plan Consultation and Brownfield survey (closing 1st September 2017)
- Weekly news digest

Planning Applications

There were none

Planning Decisions

There were none

Drain and Gulley Clearance scheme

An invoice for gulley clearance was authorised for payment (see cheques for payment) and it was **RESOLVED** that no further work be authorised at this time

Report from Councillors

The following items arose from Councillor's reports.

- Speeding through the village was still an issue
- The Rural Alliance meeting was poorly attended and was in danger of being disbanded

Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that

- The Authority was registered with the Pensions Regulator
- The precept for 2018/2019 should be set shortly and Councillors plans should be finalised
- An offer had been made by the Rural Housing adviser to attend Parish Council meetings

Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

A question was asked regarding the cost of the recycling consultancy exercise (£38k)

Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....