

Draft
Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
11th April 2019 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)
Mr A Conibeare
Cllr M Hayward
Cllr Mrs D Lewis
Cllr Mrs N Incedon
Cllr R Pelling

2 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer Clerk

Apr19/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Pine, District Councillor J Tucker, County Councillor A Davis

Apr19/2 Public Question Time

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

A member of the public confirmed they had reported the potholes on the A39 at Shirwell adjacent to Youlston Close had been reported on the DCC website

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Apr19/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Apr19/4 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

Apr19/5 Cheques for Payment

Clerks salary (£110.00) Defibrillator batteries (£49.95) DALC annual membership (£92.15) and Kameleon (web site hosting etc) (£25.08) were signed at the meeting.

Apr19/6 Election Update

It was noted that as there were only 5 candidates that they had been elected unopposed and it was necessary to co-opt two further Councillors. It was

RESOLVED that a notice be placed on Parish Council notice boards and in the Village Magazine asking for interested people to apply to be co-opted onto the parish Council with a closing date of the 5th June 2019

Apr19/7 Report of the County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Davis had forwarded her report and copy is attached to these minutes. She also thanked for their support over the previous year.

Apr19/8 Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Apr19/9 Report of the District Councillor

District Councillor Tucker had apologised for his non-attendance but asked for his thanks to be passed onto to all Councillors for their support over his term of Office.

Apr19/10 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Apr19/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC Newsletter
- Election details
- Community resilience forum 13th June 2019 at Bishop Nympton Village Hall

Apr19/12 Planning Applications

Application 66481 Prior approval of change of use of agricultural barn to single dwellinghouse and associated development (class Q A&B) at Norway Farm Barnstaple, Shirwell Barnstaple. **RESOLVED** the Council have no relevant comment to make.

Apr19/13 Planning Decisions

There were none

Apr19/14 Report from Councillors

- Drainage issues at Devils Elbow on the A39 at Burr ridge to be logged on the DCC website.
- Flooding on the bridleway in Shirwell to be reported to DCC.

Apr19/15 Clerks Report

The Clerk reminded Councillors that they were due to review the Parish Council meeting start time to make it easier for the Devon County Councillor to attend. It was **RESOLVED** that it be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Parish in May

Apr19/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There were none

Apr19/17 Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors Report April 2019

Highway Maintenance Combe Martin Rural.

You may have noticed that we have had significant amounts of roadworks in the area and there are more to come over the next year. The road network in Combe Martin Rural requires sensitive and ongoing maintenance due to the topography and the sensitive landscape. The investment Devon County Council puts into the area is appreciated and has been commented upon in cabinet by opposition members about the large investment into my area! However to give some detail about the projects and demonstrate the huge sums involved in the schemes I have listed below what is going on and the programme for the next year. This is not a comprehensive list for example I have not listed all the resurfacing and patching. I will advise of these as and when I get the dates through and to the specific Parishes involved unless they have an impact on the strategic road network and affect other parishes, for example I've mentioned below the A3123 Long Lane Berrynarbor/ Kentisbury as this is a route many residents, businesses and visitors regularly use.

A39 Shirwell Hairpin bends £1k

A399 Landslip Combe Martin/Berrynarbor- West Seven Ash Farm £104

B3229 Kentisbury retaining walls £130k

B3230 Blakewell Fisheries retaining walls £123k

B3230 Muddiford retaining walls £2k

B3234 Lynton outside Lyndhurst £55k

Retaining walls Cloonaven Lynmouth £4K

Retaining walls Lower Loxhore Cross £49k Retaining walls Station Hill Lynton and junction Gabion £429k North Walk Lynton retaining wall £55k
A3123 Resurfacing £300k

This investment alone in our area is £1.252m Thank you for all the support I've had from residents and parishes who have helped me to get these schemes on the programme. A warning that no one of this work can happen without disruption to the network, I appreciate that this is annoying however this work is vital if we want to support our economy, access to services and the future prosperity of our lovely area.

North Devon Link Road

Survey work is starting on a section of the North Devon Link Road, ahead of the planned major road widening scheme. Devon County Council granted planning permission in February for widening of the A361 between Filleigh and Portmore, and the authority is now carrying out preparatory work ahead of the scheme getting underway in 2021. Investigative work is planned to be carried out at different periods for the rest of this year, some of which may have an impact on traffic, samples of the road are being taken in various locations between Filleigh and Portmore.

Temporary traffic lights will be used while short lane closures are in place for brief periods while the road material samples are taken. This work will be carried out outside of peak times, with traffic lights only in operation from 9:30am-3:30pm. Road surface condition surveys will also be carried out later this spring, which will involve a slow-moving vehicle scanning the road surface for up to three days – but again only between 9:30am and 3:30pm. The slow speed of the vehicle means that mobile traffic lights will need to control traffic around it.

From late April to late July, surveys will be carried out on the land next to the road. Surveyors will be working up to the edge of the road and for their safety and the safety of the travelling public, an area at the edge of the traffic lane will be coned off and a speed limit of 40mph will be introduced. The length of road under these restrictions will be no more than one mile at a time.

Utility services such as water and electricity supplies will be relocated throughout this summer, but it's not currently thought this will impact on traffic. Later this year, in the autumn and winter, lots of planting will be undertaken at the side of the road to screen the road from surrounding viewpoints and also to establish ecological habitats. These planting works will also not impact on road traffic.

When further information is available it will be published on the scheme website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/ndlr/>

Best wishes to you all, if you are standing again for the next four years then I will see you in May, if not, best wishes for the future. A productive, hard working community centred Council. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Andrea Davis

County Councillor

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