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Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
11th July 2019 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs L Campbell
Cllr R Pelling
Cllr Mrs S Pine
Cllr S Shortridge
Cllr N Turner
Cllr J Watts

Also in attendance County Councillor A Davis, District Councillor J Tucker and 3 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer (Clerk)

Jul19/1 Apologies for Absence

There were none

Jul19/2 Public Question Time

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

- The County Councillor updated all present on the situation regarding potholes in the Village. It was noted that some were already done and the remainder would be done shortly and then surface dressing would follow next year. The County Councillor noted that sweeping loose dressings from the road would prevent them being washed into the road drains causing blockages and undertook to advise the Contractor of the need to do this.
- Foul water was running down the slope from Park View Bungalow and seeping into the watercourse adjacent to the village green and Strawberry Lane. **RESOLVED** the Clerk to notify the Environment Agency.

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Jul19/3 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th June 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously be approved.

Jul19/4 Matters Arising

It was RESOLVED that future meetings of the Parish Council would start at 7.00 pm.

Jul19/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

Jul19/6 Cheques for Payment

Cheques for the Clerks salary (£1110.00) and Kameleon 3 months website hosting and obtaining a security certificate (£165.24) were signed at the meeting.

Jul19/7 Report of the County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Davis briefly updated the meeting on the content of her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. In particular she highlighted the progress made with rolling out super fast broadband and the installation of energy efficient street lamps.

Jul19/8 Questions to the County Councillor

It was noted following a question the problems with the time lamps went off could be reported on the Devon County Website

Jul19/9 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker briefly commented as follows

- The 'clean up after your dog' stickers were available from the Parish Council Chairman
- The next code of conduct seminar would be held on the 2nd August at 2.00 at Brynsworthy.
- Hopefully there would be planning training seminars arranged for a later date.
- Additional powers had been given to Enforcement Officers
- Telephone scams were a continuing problem
- CAB were looking for unpaid volunteers to help with the advice service

Jul19/10 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Jul19/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received

- DALC Newsletter
- Shirwell Village Website **RESOLVED** not to take over the Domain name
- Shirwell Village Hall Accounts (attached to these minutes)

Jul19/12 Planning Applications

There were none

Jul19/13 Planning Decisions

Application 66861 - Sloley Barton concreting over farmyard and erection of two sediment traps. **Approved**

Jul19/14 Village Warden Scheme

Cllrs Campbell and Pine volunteered to investigate what was involved and report back. County Councillor Davis will forward any relevant information that she has.

Jul19/15 Report from Councillors

A member of the public had complained at the possible infringement of Bed and Breakfast legislation. North Devon Council to be given the details.

Jul19/16 Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Jul19/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

A member of the public reminded all present that BT had a 'call protect' service.

Jul19/18 Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors report July 2019

Take up of Broadband in Devon and Somerset.

New figures for Devon and Somerset show take-up is nearly 60%, higher than the national average and a 5% rise on the previous quarter, which means around 180,000 homes and businesses are now using superfast services over new or improved networks funded by CDS. (connecting Devon and Somerset) Around 18,000 more homes and businesses have taken advantage of the new connections in the last quarter. The rise since spring, 2018, is now over 50,000.

Anyone who wants to find out if they can get faster broadband and how to do it can use the CDS “How and Why” guide at

<https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/how-why-3/>

To date, CDS has provided access to superfast broadband to more than 300,000 homes and businesses, often in sparsely populated areas and over challenging terrain. A further 38,000 homes and businesses have benefited from improved broadband speeds.

The increasing take-up rate is generating significant additional funds for reinvestment in more superfast broadband coverage thanks to the Government’s gainshare agreement with BT.

A new collaboration between CDS and Openreach, backed by an initial £6 million of gainshare funds aims to extend full fibre superfast coverage to a further 2,000 homes and businesses in the hardest to reach areas of Devon and Somerset

Streetlight energy plan to slash council emissions by 36%

The final phase of a project to convert every one of Devon County Council’s 79,000 streetlights to low carbon LEDs has begun.

Once complete Devon County Council (DCC) will have reduced the carbon emissions generated by its streetlighting by 75 per cent, reducing carbon emissions by more than 15,000 tonnes each year, the equivalent of taking 8,000 cars off the road.

In February DCC declared a ‘climate emergency’ and is now working with other councils, emergency services and business groups to ensure that Devon achieves a net zero carbon footprint.

Streetlighting is DCC’s largest single source of carbon emissions and since 2015 the authority has converted 34,000 streetlights to low energy LEDs. Now DCC has started to convert the remainder.

The project will take three years and once completed the improvements to street lighting alone will have reduced the authority’s total carbon emissions by 36 per cent.

It is estimated that this, in conjunction with part-time lighting introduced in many residential areas from 2008, will cut energy costs in half – reducing annual energy costs by £3million a year at current prices.

This scheme will help ensure that the council remains on track to exceed the IPCC’s recommendations to reduce emissions by 45 per cent by 2030.

DCC is also investing £250,000 to create a Devon Carbon Plan – a road map towards net zero carbon emissions – and projects including helping vulnerable people improve the efficiency of their homes through the Local Energy Advice Programme (LEAP). and the setting up of community energy organisations. There are currently 23 in Devon, more than any other county in the country, and they help communities generate their own energy.

New Devon County Council Grant Schemes (replacing the TAP fund)

1) The new DCC Doing What Matters Community Grants Fund is now live on the DCC website at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/economy/business-support/doing-what-matters-communities-grants-fund/>

This scheme will feature an intervention rate of 75% (25% match required) – offering one-off grants of between £5k to £20k to successful community project applicants.

This grant is open to legally constituted and registered as not-for-profit organisations. This includes voluntary, community and social enterprises (vcse), town and parish councils, charities and businesses. Applications can also be made by a combination of these groups working together.

2) Crowdfund Devon (extra funding for Devon) – details are on the Crowdfunder website:

<https://welcome.crowdfunder.co.uk/crowdfund-devon/>

Set up to support community groups, start-up businesses, charities and individuals across the County to raise money from the crowd and unlock extra funding from our partners.

“If you have a project that makes an impact to your community, supports well-being, works towards a better environment, rewards innovation or supercharges business ideas, then we want to hear from you”

3) Making the Connection grant fund at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/making-the-connection-grant>

Deploying one-off grants of up to £300 with no match funding. The funds purpose is to provide small amounts of grant funding to community-led schemes, benefitting one or more community groups which bring people together to identify and/or achieve relatively quickly the small but important things that matter to them. Encouraging and enabling communities to be stronger; in terms of their independence, ability to respond to issues, resourcefulness and resilience.

Andrea Davis

County Councillor Combe Martin Rural

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A reminder from Devon County Council of how to report a highway problem.....

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Phone 0345 155 1004 or 0845 155 1004

Please make a note of the reference number so I can follow up any issues arising.

Thank you

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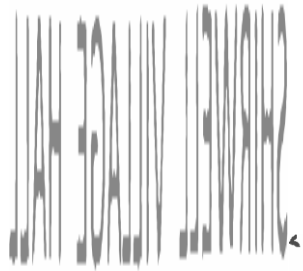
SHIRWELL VILLAGE HALL

Year Ended 31st March 2019

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	£	£	£
Fundraising	2372	1497	2364
Whist Drive	1392	1072	1010
Lettings	2909	2844	2519
200 Club	519	453	590
Magazines/Postage	1339	1094	754
Donations	78	150	104
Grants	411	851	400
Bowls Club	1029	754	578
Advertising	303	148	80
Interest on Investments	89	71	109
Excess Expend. Over Income			2218
	10441	8934	10726

EXPENDITURE			
Repairs/ Maintenance	1665	2560	5617
Caretakers Fees	819	987	696
Electricity	504	472	388
Water Rates	222	117	175
Oil	549	614	807
Insurance	672	686	715
Equipment Purchased	167	480	228
Cleaning Materials	53	55	60
Grass & Hedge Cutting	260	325	325
Licences/Permits	114	118	130
Magazine Printing	1255	853	888
Beaford centre	288		240
Land Registry	60		
Miscellaneous	24		430
Expenses	369	341	27
Shirwell PCC	411		
Shirwell WI	90	100	
Excess Income over Exp.	2919	1226	
	10441	8934	10726



Opening Balance	22703	25622	26848
Excess Income over Expend.	2919	1226	
Excess Expend. Over Income			(2218)
	25622	26848	24630
CLOSING BALANCES			
National Savings Account	14829	14899	15007
Lloyds Current Account	8948	10103	7776
Lloyds Investment Account	1845	1846	1847
	25622	26848	24630

Accountants Report:

I have examined these accounts from records provided to me by the treasurer and in my opinion they represent a true and accurate record of the financial transactions of the organisation for the ended 31st March 2019

Brian J Sherwin FCIS

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