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**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
12th September 2019 in the Village Hall**

Present

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

Also in attendance District Councillor J Tucker and 2 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer (Clerk)

Sep19/1 Apologies for Absence

Councillor S Shortridge and County Councillor A Davis

Sep19/2 Public Question Time

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

The number of potholes in school lane was raised. The Chairman undertook to log these on the DCC website.

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Sep19/3 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th August 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Sep19/4 Matters Arising

Members noted that the insurance claim for the bus shelter had been approved and instructed the Clerk to proceed with the repair..

Sep19/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

Sep19/6 Cheques for Payment

A cheque for the Clerks Salary (£110.00) was signed at the meeting

Sep19/7 Report of the County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Davis had apologised for her non-attendance, a copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

Sep19/8 Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Sep19/9 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker briefly commented as follows

- There was a special Parish Forum meeting arranged for the 19th September at 6.30, Brynsworthy to discuss the role of the forum. Representatives from Parish Council centered organizations would be there including Cara Stobart from DALC, and NDC's Head of Place would also attend.
- The planning enforcement section of the District Council was now up to strength
- Building work on the Norway Barn had been halted pending them submitting a new Planning Application
- The All Weather Surface at Roc Park was open
- Street pastors initiative was proving successful

Sep19/10 Questions to the District Councillor

A Parish Councillor had been asked about the situation regarding Planning permissions vis-a-vis the current use of Abscott Cottage. **RESOLVED** the District Councillor would check with the Planning Department.

Sep19/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received in addition to that dealt with on this agenda

- NDC news
- Agenda for the parish Forum
- Rural Bulletin

Sep19/12 Planning Applications

Application 70269 Field at Sepscott Lane, Shirwell Barnstaple - erection of one storage building. **RESOLVED** to recommend approval although concern was expressed at its future use.

Sep19/13 Planning Decisions

There were none

Sep19/14 Report from Councillors

- Village Warden Scheme – to be discussed at the October meeting.
- Thanks were expressed for the drain clearing on Langford Hill
- Concern was expressed at the potential drainage problems from chippings blocking the drains in School Lane Shirwell **RESOLVED** that Building Control be advised of the potential problem and asked to ensure that the work had been carried out satisfactorily.

Reported to Building Control, their ref jMRfdJje

Sep19/15 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported on progress in transferring the account to Lloyds TSB.

Sep19/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There were none although following a comment from a member of the Public the Clerk Undertook to ask for a note to be placed in the Village Magazine

Sep19/17 Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 7.45

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors report September 2019

A399 Brayford

There is an upcoming carriageway stabilisation scheme “Lions Rump South” on the A399 south of Brayford (where the temporary traffic lights are). The retaining wall supporting the road at this location is 3m in height at it’s highest, and failing along an 11.5m length which corresponds to cracking and a depression in the carriageway. We currently have traffic lights keeping vehicles away from the northbound lane as a temporary measure to minimise further loading to the wall.

Works to stabilise the carriageway are provisionally programmed for **4th – 30th November 2019** to avoid summer traffic and half term dates. We have a complete road closure booked for the duration as we will be excavating in the road. The official diversion route is via A399, A39, A361 and vice versa due to the classification of the route. We will work with the contractor to reduce the road closure duration if safe and practicable to do so.

We have liaised with local businesses and these dates reflect the outcome of those discussions, avoiding the half term dates of both Devon and Somerset

North Devon Link Road

Planting of around 20,000 trees and shrubs has started as part of advanced work being undertaken ahead of the start of the main improvements to the North Devon Link Road.

The trees will be planted over a distance of 10km between Filleigh and Portmore, where work on widening the A361 is due to start in 2021. As the scheme progresses, further environmental compensation will be carried out throughout northern Devon to enable the scheme to achieve biodiversity net gain.

The planting at the side of the road will help establish ecological habitats ahead of the Link Road being widened, and it will also screen the road from surrounding areas.

Improvements to the Link Road are vital to the economy in northern Devon and it's good to see progress continuing to be made. I'm sure everyone will welcome this next step of preparatory work for this scheme. With six new crossings of the A361 planned for pedestrians and cyclists, this scheme is also currently the County Council's biggest investment in pedestrian and cycle provision.

Devon County Council is due to submit its full business case for the scheme to the DfT in summer 2020.

A range of surveys are being carried out on the road, and on land next to the road, throughout this year to enable the detailed design and further environmental mitigation to be undertaken ahead of the start of the main scheme work.

A planning application has been submitted for proposed improvements at Bishop's Tawton roundabout. Bishop's Tawton is one of seven junctions planned to be improved as part of the multi-million scheme to upgrade the A361 North Devon Link Road between South Molton and Bideford.

A planning application is also expected to be submitted later this year for a pedestrian and cycle bridge at the proposed Landkey roundabout.

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