

**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
14th November 2019 in the Village Hall**

Present

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

Also in attendance County Councillor A Davis and 3 members of the public.

Officer

G Dwyer (Clerk)

Nov19/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Watts. District Councillor J Tucker was at another meeting and would attend if possible

Nov19/2 Public Question Time

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

- A Member of the Public asked to address the Parish Council and explain the circumstances relating to the proposed development at Norway Farm Barn. He explained that originally permission for the development had been obtained for a class Q proposal but problems arose during construction and a new application for a low energy construction had been made. The chairman thanked the applicants for coming and explaining the background to the new application. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would email the applicants when the Planning Application was due to be considered by the Parish Council.
- It was noted that the road between Shirwell and Barnstaple was flooding as you left Shirwell on the level before Waytown. **RESOLVED** that it be logged on the DCC website,

The meeting resumed under standing orders

Nov19/3 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th October 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Nov19/4 Matters Arising

Drain clearing adjacent to the school which was discussed at the last meeting had been done.

Nov19/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and the casing cleaned.

Nov19/6 Cheques for Payment

Cheques for the Clerks Salary (£110.00) and Chris Wallace (drain clearing) (£105.00) were authorised at the meeting NB The cheque for the clerks salary would be written when a new chequebook was received.

Nov19/7 Report of the County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Davis forwarded a copy of her report which is attached to these minutes.

She briefly highlighted the following

- The repair works for Muddiford were tentatively scheduled for Jan to march 2020. The location and exact date of the works would be advised later

Nov19/8 Questions to the County Councillor

There were none

Nov19/9 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker had apologised for his non-attendance.

Nov/10 Questions to the District Councillor

There were none

Nov19/11 Correspondence

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

- A request to join Lynton and Lynmouth in opposing the changes to the Fire Service
- Rural bulleting x 2
- Information on temporary Housing for North Devon residents
- Grants for vulnerable people to stay in their homes
- Dalc newsletter
- North Devon Weekly news letter
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Nov19/12 Planning Applications

There were none

Nov19/13 Planning Decisions

There were none

Nov19/14 Report from Councillors

- Potholes on the Upcott/Muddiford Side of the A39 had not all been repaired. It was noted that Contractors were limited to being able to repair only those potholes on their schedule although this could mean that a pothole in the same vicinity was left. It was agreed that appointing contractors instead of direct labour had resulted in a less locally aware service.
- A Councillor had collected a bag of dumped food rubbish and passed it to the Neighbourhood Officer as there were bank contact details in the bag.
- It was agreed that each Councillor prepare a list of work that could be done under a village warden scheme for discussion at the next meeting

Nov/15 Clerks Report

The clerk advised Councillors that the bus shelter was scheduled for repair in early December

Nov/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There were none

Nov 9/17 Urgent Business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.33

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors report November 2019

Preliminary designs have been drawn up for a road safety scheme on the A3123 in North Devon.

The £2.2 million scheme for the A3123, which connects the North Devon Link Road to Woolacombe and Ilfracombe, is receiving Safer Roads Funding from the Department for Transport, following a successful bid from Devon County Council.

Original plans which proposed to improve the section from Lynton Cross and Hore Down Gate to Two Potts, Berrydown, have had to be modified as a number of services would have had to be relocated which would have exceeded the available budget.

The updated design at Lynton Cross places priority of the junction back with the A3123, but still provides a safe crossing point for the B3230. It also gives the County Council the opportunity to close the Hore Down Gate to Two Potts road and remove accidents from these junctions.

As part of this project, several safety measures will also be introduced at Berrydown. These will include vehicle actuated signs and chevrons, new high friction surfacing, illuminated cats eyes and a new 40mph speed limit.

Devon County Council has also received £1.9 million of Safer Roads Funding for improvements on the A3121 in the South Hams. Scheme improvements were approved by the County Council in September.

Both the A3123 and A3121 are rural routes that suffer from higher than average speeds, sub-standard alignment and a lack of physical segregation between vehicles.

Funding will be available in the next financial year (2020 to 2021).

Community Insight survey- Reminder

This is running until 22nd December and is capturing a snapshot of life in Devon for our diverse communities.

We are asking people whether they: can get around easily, access green spaces, look after themselves, feel safe, can access community resources and adult learning etc. We're also asking about their health and wellbeing and social connectivity alongside views on fly tipping/cleanliness, decision making, whether they feel listened to and whether they think council tax should increase.

The link to the survey:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/community-insight-survey-2019/>

Initial results will be available early in the new year and will be shared with partners, including District Councils. Further analysis (age, disability, locality etc) will be available by the Spring.

Nominate Devon's recycling heroes

Devon residents and communities are once again being called on to nominate their unsung recycling heroes, whose efforts have helped the county remain one of the greenest in the UK.

The Seventh Recycle Devon Thank You Awards will be held on Friday 6 March 2020. Nominations for the eight categories, including those for schools, businesses, and community groups, can be submitted on the Recycle Devon website from 17 October to 29 November 2019.

The Thank You Awards are organised by the Recycle Devon team, and were first launched to recognise those people who do that bit extra to help ensure Devon remains clean and green.

In 2018/19 56 per cent of the total rubbish collected or taken to recycling centres and bring banks in Devon was recycled.

After shortlisting is complete there will be a public vote for 'Your Overall Recycling Hero', which will be featured on the Recycle Devon Website.

There will be prizes and recognition for all shortlisted nominees.

Do you know someone who makes a real effort to reduce, reuse and recycle? Perhaps a neighbour, friend, someone from a community group, or even a member of your local collection crew or staff from your local recycling centre. It could also be a local school or college student, teacher, helper or member of the support staff.

If you would like to nominate someone, please fill in the [quick nomination form](#) – they deserve it!

The categories for this year's awards are:

Your Recycling Hero- this could be a friend, family member, neighbour or local champion

School Recycling Hero – child

School Recycling Hero – adult

School Recycling Hero – class/group

Community Group recycling hero

Collection Crew/Operative – recycling, garden, food, or refuse collector

Recycling Centre Operative-staff

Small Business Champion

Nominations need to be in by 29 November.

For further information or to nominate, please see the [Recycle Devon website](#), or post your entry to: The Recycle Devon Team, c/o Devon County Council, Waste Management, County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

It would be good to see more entries from North Devon....

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