

Draft
Notes from email discussion held by members of
Shirwell Parish Council
on the 13th August 2020

Present

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

NB. The meeting scheduled for today had been cancelled due to restrictions on public gatherings brought about by Corona virus 19

Officer

G Dwyer (Clerk)

Aug20/1 Apologies for Absence

There were none

Aug20/2 Public Question Time

Not relevant as there was no meeting

Aug20/3 Minutes of the online discussion held on the 11th July 2020

RESOLVED that the notes as previously circulated be approved.

Aug20/4 Minutes of the Special meeting held on the 28th July 2020.

RESOLVED that the notes as previously circulated be approved

Aug20/5 Matters Arising

All matters arising were on the agenda

Aug20/6 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected by a member of the Public on the Councils behalf.

Aug20/7 Cheques for Payment

Payments for the Clerk's salary (£125.00) was approved and it was agreed that Cllrs Friend and Pelling sign the cheque

Aug20/8 Report of the County Councillor

Emailed and attached to these minutes.

Aug20/9 Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Aug20/10 Report of the District Councillor

The regular email updates have been distributed.

Aug20/11 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions.

Aug20/12 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- County Councillor and District Councillor Emails
- Dalc newsletter

Aug20/13 Planning Applications

There were none

Aug20/14 Planning Decisions

There were none

Aug20/15 Report from Councillors

There were none

Aug20/16 Clerks Report

There was nothing to report

Aug20/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

Not relevant

Aug20/18 Urgent Business

There was none.

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

County Councillors Parish Council Report August 2020

Electric vehicle questionnaire

Drivers are being asked to help deliver a network of electric vehicle (EV) charging points across Devon by revealing their driving habits and attitudes towards EV in an online questionnaire.

Devon County Council (DCC) is working with district councils and the private sector on two projects which aims to deliver more than a 100 EV charging points across Devon.

Now DCC has launched three online questionnaires, each one targeted to a specific group, to gauge the public's attitudes towards EV.

Drivers are asked to choose a questionnaire that best describes their current circumstances – electric vehicle owner, a taxi driver or non-electric vehicle owner.

The questions are wide-ranging and include driving habits, where people store their vehicles, mileage, what they drive, engine size and if they would consider buying an electric vehicle.

The answers will help identify potential demand and locations for charge points and numbers and types of charge points.

The results of the questionnaire will also form the basis of a funding bid for a third EV scheme.

The surveys are part of the Deletti programme which is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

Electric Vehicle users; click [HERE](#) to go to the questionnaire

Taxi or private hire operators; [HERE](#) to go to the questionnaire

Non-electric vehicle users; click [HERE](#) to go to the questionnaire.

Child benefit for new parents.

Parents in Devon are being urged to claim Child Benefit, even if they have not yet been able to register the birth of their newborns due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

New Child benefit claims between April and July this year are down by 49,637 compared to the same period last year.

Usually you need to register the birth of your child before you can start claiming Child Benefit, but with the coronavirus pandemic forcing registry offices to close or operate at severely reduced capacity, the government announced in April that parents could still claim even if the birth hadn't been registered to ensure they don't miss out.

However, claims can only be backdated by three months, so if you had a baby early on during the lockdown and haven't yet registered the birth yet, time is running out. It's important that new parents claim as soon as they can to receive the maximum support available.

First time parents will [need to fill in Child Benefit claim form CH2 found online](#) and send it to the Child Benefit Office. If they haven't registered the birth because of COVID-19, they should add a note with their claim to let them know.

If you already claim Child Benefit for another child, you can complete the form or add your new-born's details over the telephone on 0300 200 3100. You will need your National Insurance number or Child Benefit number.

Devon Together

Residents may have received a [Devon Together newspaper](#) through their door in recent days. This one off newspaper developed in partnership by DCC, Devon CCG and the Police and Crime Commissioner provides a range of updates and information to residents on the local response to COVID-19 and how the system is preparing for recovery. The newspaper also signposts to a number of resources to support people to stay healthy and well.

Proud to Care update

Our COVID-19 Proud to Care campaign ran from 26 March to 5 July, piloting a new approach of placing applicants directly into employment, alongside our usual direct recruitment via the Proud to Care jobs board. To date, 88 Healthcare Assistants have been employed in the DCC footprint, 71 of whom are permanent recruits. A further 58 were recruited to Healthcare Assistant roles with the NHS. This has been a phenomenal success and provides a huge boost to this valuable workforce.

Reminder- reporting a highway issue

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

or telephone: 0345 155 1004

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