

Draft
Notes from email discussion held between members of
Shirwell Parish Council
on the 11th June 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)

Jun20/1 Apologies for Absence

There were none

Jun20/2 Public Question Time

Not relevant as there was no meeting

Jun20/3 Minutes of the online discussion held on the 14th May 2020

RESOLVED that the notes as previously circulated be approved.

Jun20/4 Matters Arising

All matters arising were on the agenda

Jun20/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

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

Jun20/6 Cheques for Payment

Payments for the Clerk's salary (£125.00) and Community First Insurance (£164.79) were approved and it was agreed that Cllrs Friend and Pelling sign the cheques

Jun20/7 Report of the County Councillor

Previously circulated and attached to these notes

Jun20/8 Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Jun20/9 Report of the District Councillor

The regular email updates have been distributed.

Jun20/10 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions.

Jun20/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- DALC newsletter
- Emailed news

Jun20/12 Planning Applications

There were none

Jun20/13 Planning Decisions

Appeal Ref: APP/X1118/W/20/3245525 Norway, Road from Shirwell Road to Shirwell Cross, Shirwe EX31 4JN The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for erection of one dwelling at Norway, Road

Jun20/14 Report from Councillors

Attention was drawn to the two partaloos parked in the laybye at Burrige. **RESOLVED** to accept the District Couyncillors offer to take action.

Jun20/15 Clerks Report

The necessary paperwork regarding the audit had been posted. Kameleon had to post the data for the Parish Council which will incur a small cost.

Jun20/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

Not relevant

Jun20/17 Urgent Business

There was none.

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Combe Martin Rural County Councillors report June 2020

COVID-19 Prompt Action Fund.

The fund was launched at the very start of the lockdown 24th March as a grant of less than £500 for constituted and not-for-private-profit voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector groups and organisations, town and parish councils, charities, or a combination of such groups working together.

After the first 50 or so applications it became obvious that, in some cases, £500 was not nearly enough to cover costs such as providing ready meals, transportation and a myriad of other services provided so a further grant fund was added to a maximum of £5,000.

To date some 370 separate applications have been received of which some 340 have been processed (some were clearly nothing to do with the present pandemic and the grants were seen to prop up ordinary activities!). Some £330,000 has been distributed so far against an original budget of £480,000. Applications have been tailing off during the last few days so much of the remaining fund will now be put towards the 'recovery phase' – at this time I don't know what that will look like but it is being worked up now.

Transportation

Friday 5th June will be the last day that National Bus Pass Holders will be able to use passes before 0930. Transport providers need capacity for workers and commuters especially with social distancing reducing capacity on buses by more than 50%.

At present bus services are operating at a reduced level of around 50% (although this does vary across the County and are being additionally supported by two parallel CBSSG (COVID-19 Bus Services Support Grant) funds, one paid direct to operators and one via local authorities for supported services – both expire 8th June 2020. A new phase of CBSSG will be paid direct to operators. Stagecoach have indicated that they will aim for an 80% restoration of bus services.

Trains are running for employment travel only due to the severely reduced capacity, for those of us who love trans this is torture, but we must be patient and become train spotters instead of train users for the time being. So no leisure travel please.

Libraries

Library buildings may be closed due to the difficulty of social distancing but library staff have been hard at work enhancing their e-readership by increasing their library of e-books, loaning e-readers and even hand delivering books to the more vulnerable or 'shielded' residents.

Public Health - 'Shielded' Residents

Starting from around 19,000 vulnerable residents, the count is now about 34,000.

Only last Friday did central government release control when announcing Local Outbreak Plans – we will become one of 11 National Beacon Councils

to manage locally any outbreak response – for far too long it has been a centrally driven ‘one size fits all’

Local Outbreak Plans

These will be supplementary to national testing and tracing arrangements Devon County Council will receive a share of an extra £300m to help establish local outbreak plans which will include local coordination and management of infection control and of local testing and tracing arrangements.

These arrangements, to establish local outbreak plans, are supplementary to the national testing and tracing arrangements, and are to be in place across the country by the end of June.

We will be one of 11 national Beacon Councils – the only one in the South West – to help lead and share good practice across the region.

There are local concerns however that if lockdown is released too quickly or if there is a huge influx of visitors then that this could cause a second peak of infection. At the same time many local businesses, particularly in the tourism and leisure sectors, are reliant on visitors.

A locally managed outbreak response which can quickly spot and then mobilise all our local resources to contain any new clusters of infection or hotspots is seen as a good way to ensure that the release of lockdown can be managed more effectively and safely.

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)

We reopened our recycling centres on Monday 11 May.

Residents are urged to follow government guidance and only travel to recycling centres if the waste presents a hazard and ‘cannot be legally and responsibly disposed of in other ways. To protect the public and staff a series of health protection measures is in force at each centre, including a one-in one-out policy and the two-metre social distancing guidelines.

Unfortunately, this means for the time being site staff will not be able to assist with unloading waste. These measures do likely to cause significant delays and queues and we have advised residents to postpone their visit where possible.

In addition:

- Residents displaying coronavirus symptoms, are asked not to visit the recycling centres..
- Payments on site must be by credit/debit card only

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) vehicle restrictions are from today eased to allow access to the following :-

- Bicycles (including cycle towed trailers) with social distancing in place & they will need to queue as part of the traffic flow to be directed to a unloading space by site staff
- All van based people carriers with seats in the back.

All trailers that comply with the normal vehicle restrictions except for at **Sidmouth, Totnes** and **South Molton** for now – this is due to congestion caused by trailers on site with limited capacity to accommodate trailers

All pick ups (but not towing trailers as per the normal vehicle restrictions) at all recycling Centres.

Vans/ commercial vehicles currently remain excluded from all of the sites – this will be reviewed shortly when a booking system can be introduced such

that the number of vans at each site can be limited to a total per day such that the sites do not become too congested due to the amount of time taken to offload these type of vehicles. Pedestrians are also not allowed to deposit waste as there are health & safety concerns that vehicles may park outside of the sites and walk their waste in. Any pedestrian wanting to dispose of their waste will be asked to contact us if they cannot use the District Council kerbside facilities.

Many of you have contacted me about the sterling work our contractors are doing in these difficult times, we know there is a lot of waste still being stored in homes therefore along with the much reduced capacity at the HWRC's queues should be expected.

Please forward my email address to anyone who contacts you with issues about this.

Libraries phased return from 6th July

Due to Covid-19 our library buildings have been closed since the 23rd March 2020 and our mobile library and home library service have been suspended. The government has announced that libraries can start to reopen from Monday 6th July. We are closely watching government plans and announcements as timings will be influenced by the R number (rate of infection) in order to ensure that this number is kept in line with the target. In line with this guidance we will adjust our plans accordingly.

We will be starting with a contactless 'Choose & Collect' service which will be available at most of our libraries and we also anticipate four pilot libraries opening initially with limited public access to the building and bookable sessions on public computers. We will be operating on reduced opening hours and our phased plan will enable us to operate in a socially distanced way. The stock team has already returned to prepare for our reopening and to complete tasks they have been unable to do from home. Our library staff will start to return to our buildings to prepare for when we can welcome visitors back into our spaces.

From Monday 6th July, we will offer a limited service at four pilot libraries (Braunton, Brixham, Chudleigh and Honiton) and will roll out opening across Devon and Torbay in the following weeks. Both mobile libraries and the home library service have extra considerations for social distancing and we will announce our plans for them shortly. Getting our services up and running requires careful planning and information will be shared with customers on a regular basis.

Our services will look different for the foreseeable future but hopefully customers will understand measures we will have in place such as:

- Libraries may have limited opening times and reduced staffing, this is for the safety of our staff and to enable them to have time to retrieve stock for requests, answer email and phone enquires, prepare items ready for collection and ensure safety and hygiene regimes are followed.
- For safety reasons libraries may initially be offering a more limited selection of stock for people to choose from. All books and items returned to the library will undergo 72 hours quarantine before they are discharged from customer accounts and returned to the library shelves. We will be asking all customers to place returned items into a box at

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- the library to keep them separate from books that are ready to be loaned.
- The reservation service will not be operating initially, instead a free of charge 'Choose and Collect' service will be available where customers can select books or request a selection of books, via email or telephone from their local library, ready for collection from the library entrance at a pre-arranged time. The full reservation system will be reintroduced after all libraries reopen.
- From late June some of our libraries will be offering a new contactless book delivery service to customers who live within walking or cycling distance of the library. This will be of benefit to customers who are shielding, vulnerable or unable to travel to the library, as well as those who are digitally excluded and not able to access our eBooks online.
- We will be following national guidance on social distancing and safety precautions. Our libraries will have signs, floor markings and information posters to help everyone understand the procedures to follow. All libraries will have hand sanitiser for customers to use when they enter the building.
- Services such as computer access, printing and photocopying will be available in our pilot libraries with a view to rolling-out these services as more libraries reopen.
- Events in libraries will remain suspended for now but people can still enjoy the activities and events which library staff are streaming and sharing online.

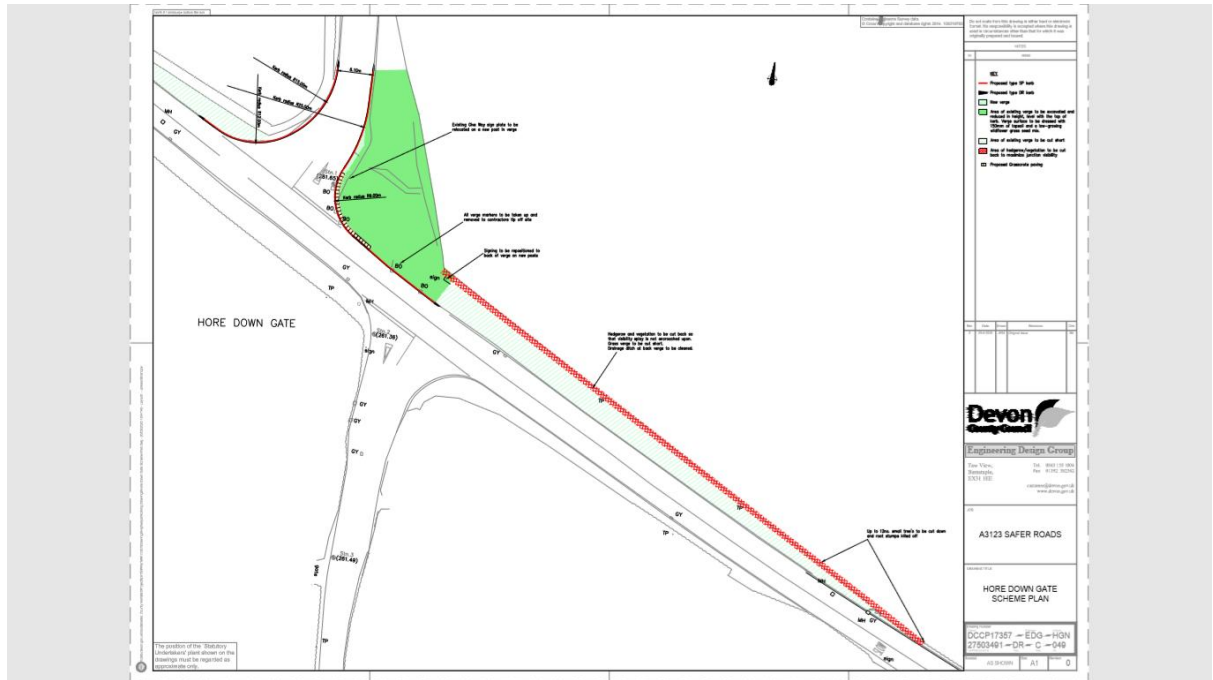
The online digital offer will continue to be improved so you have plenty of choice from the comfort of your home. Find out more via devonlibraries.org.uk

We have extended current loans through to the end of August 2020 in order to phase book returns. Please can we request that you continue to hold onto books, CDs and DVDs. We do not require you to make a special visit to your local library to return items and you will be able to return them from when your library reopens throughout July and August. There will be no fines as your current loan period has been extended.

Hore Down Gate

junction improvement works at Hore Down Gate start on Monday 8th June for 2 weeks with temporary traffic lights in place.

Works mainly entail kerbing to the junction and improvements to the visibility splay (i.e. reducing the height of the verge and vegetation clearance). I've attached the scheme plan for your reference.



Please do get back to me with any questions, there is a lot more going on but I am aware that this report is getting very long. It would be helpful if you would also share the report with any interested residents.

Woolacombe

Substantial resurfacing works going on, best to avoid if at all possible, access will be maintained for residents and businesses.

Main Road Network

A361 Foxhunters West Down

I have secured £750k for the resurfacing of this area, works are being planned currently

A39 Watersmeet Road

I have secured £450k for these resurfacing works, again being planned currently.

Other works are being planned up for parishes, I will advise separately.

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