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**Notes from on-line meeting and emailed discussion held by members of
Shirwell Parish Council
on the 14th January 2021**

Present

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)

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting by explaining that items requiring complex discussion would be done on-line and the rest of the items would be decided via email.

Jan21/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Friend apologised for his absence due to work commitments, the Vice Chairman chaired the meeting in his absence

Jan21/2 Public Question Time

Not relevant as there was no meeting

Jan21/3 Minutes of the online and email discussion held on the 10th December 2020

RESOLVED that the notes as previously circulated be approved.

Jan21/4 Matters Arising

All matters arising were on the agenda

Jan21/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

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

Jan21/6 Cheques for Payment

Payment for the Clerk's salary (£125.00), Kameleon (website hosting) (£75.24), Chris Seage (grass cutting) (£135.00) and Chris Wallace (Drain Clearing) (£255.00) were authorised at the meeting. Nb the payment to Chris Wallace was approved at the meeting and the Clerk authorised to draw a cheque providing it was within the approved amount. Cheques to be signed by Cllr Friend and Pelling.

Jan21/7 Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Davis's report is attached to these minutes. There was a discussion on the flooding issues in particular the continuing problem at Shirwell top and it was noted that flood warning signs were in place and a camera survey was being undertaken as soon as possible to establish if and where any blockages or broken pipes were. Cllr Campbell undertook to inform Mr and Mrs Allen of the action being taken..

Jan21/8 Questions to the County Councillor

Members mentioned their concern at the mud on the road adjacent to Coxleigh Barton. Cllr Davis stressed the need to report incidents such as this on the Devon County website. **RESOLVED** The Clerk to add to the report on the DCC website already made by Cllr Davis.

Jan21/9 Report of the District Councillor

The regular email updates have been distributed

Jan21/10 Questions to the District Councillor

Jan21/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- Rural bulletins
- Census 2021
- Rural transport strategy
- Parish precept 2nd letter

In addition general councillor information had been forwarded

Jan21/12 Planning Applications

There were none

Jan21/13 Planning Decisions

There were none

Jan21/14 2021/2022 Precept

RESOLVED that the Clerk forward the second precept letter to NDC confirming the precept be set at £2710 for 2021/2022

Dec20/15 Open Reach Community Fibre partnership – request for the Parish Council to be involved (discussed via Zoom)

No further news

Jan21/16 Reports from Councillors

- The new entrance on the A39 adjacent to the Muddiford turn off was already being investigated by the Planning dept. And it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the Planning Dept expressing the Councils concern.
- A Councillor queried whether Coxleigh Barton had Planning Permission for retail activities. **RESOLVED** raise this with Planning Enforcement

Jan21/17 Clerks Report

Councillors confirmed that the drainage work at Langafor Hill and School Road had been completed **RESOLVED** that the Clerk draw a cheque for signature as soon as the invoice was received

Jan21/18 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

Not relevant

Jan21/19 Urgent Business

There was none.

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

**Shirwell Parish Council
County Councillors Report
January 2021**

Coronavirus updates from Devon County Council

The link below may be of interest to residents with the situation changing and many interested in what is happening locally this link is a useful starting point for questions and the current situation in Devon.

The link takes you to the Covid-19 pages on the Devon County Council Website, it has daily updated information as to positive cases within the area, information about testing and track and trace.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/coronavirus-data/>

Devon County Council launch COVID-19 Fund to help communities

Devon County Council has launched it's third round of COVID-19 Funding to help provide valuable funding to organisations working in communities that have been affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

The scheme launches this today grants of up to £700 are available.

The funding aims to help voluntary and community groups to tackle the social and economic impacts of the virus outbreak and help those who are most vulnerable in their communities.

The funding can be used to address issues such as:

- Safe deliveries of essential goods and services to people who are isolating or vulnerable, for example food and medicine.
- Supporting people to access online information and services.
- Starting virtual support groups to help people who are isolated to stay connected and to improve mental health and wellbeing.

Applications are accepted from constituted and not-for-private-profit voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector groups and organisations, town and parish councils, charities or businesses or a combination of such groups working together.

Groups, small local businesses and individuals without their own separate bank account may also apply, but they will need to have the support of a recognised organisation – such as Town and Parish Council, local Community and Voluntary Services (CVS) organisation, village hall or other established local voluntary groups – acting on their behalf as guarantor or as the holder of the funding.

For more information about applying, the application form and the terms and conditions visit the Devon County Council website .

If you are having trouble applying or for other help and support, please email COVID19FUND@devon.gov.uk with the subject '**SUPPORT**'.

If your application is for food provision please use this link and submit an application to this fund: <http://devoncf.com/apply/community-food-programme-2/>

Schools remain open for children of critical workers and the vulnerable

Schools, colleges, special schools and alternative provision in Devon will remain open during lockdown for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.

While there continues to be a low risk that children will be severely affected by COVID-19, the government recognises that schools must be included in the restrictions in order to have the best chance of getting the virus under control.

Early Years provision will remain open during lockdown for all children so families should not see a change in their pattern of attendance.

This includes Childminders, Nurseries, Pre- Schools, Maintained Nursery Schools and School Nurseries.

For all other school-aged children, all primary schools, secondary schools and colleges will move to remote learning.

Devon Recycling Centres are still open, but restrictions are in place.

Our recycling centres are still open, although the resale areas within them are closed.

The national lockdown advice right now is for us to stay at home as much as possible and only to make journeys out of the house for essential reasons only.

Therefore, we are encouraging you to think about how you can reduce the amount of waste you create.

- Try to postpone projects at home that produce waste that would normally require you to make journeys to recycling centres
- If you do produce waste that you would normally dispose of at a recycling centre, can you temporarily store it at home safely instead, until we're out of the current lockdown restrictions
- Remember that garden waste and other recyclable material can be removed as part of your usual curb side collections

If you make a visit to the recycling centre, please expect them to be operating differently during this lockdown period.

Restrictions are in place, including social distancing, which may lead to queues. If queues do start forming, we may need to restrict vehicles from joining the queues towards the end of the day and if queues become a safety hazard on the public highway, we may need to temporarily close the site.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/waste-disposal-and-recycling/>

Devon to launch community testing programme

Devon County Council is working with partners to ensure that rapid '30 minute' community testing for people without COVID-19 symptoms will soon be available across Devon.

It follows the government announcement on January 10 that it is expanding asymptomatic community testing across the UK.

Approximately one in three people who have coronavirus do not display symptoms.

Community testing will help to find individuals who have COVID-19 but do not have symptoms and need to isolate and who may inadvertently be spreading the virus.

A positive or negative result will not remove the need to follow existing COVID-19 measures socially and in the workplace.

Organisations and employers who have staff and workers who would be eligible for testing are encouraged to register their details. Further information and updates are available on the [Devon County Council website](#). Critical workers and those in high-risk occupations who still have to attend work, and people who are in contact with vulnerable individuals, such as carers, will be prioritised.

Rapid 'lateral flow tests', which provide a result within thirty minutes, will be used.

Community testing will complement and not substitute national coronavirus testing – anyone with symptoms should [book a free NHS test using the GOV.UK website](#) or by calling 119.

The first testing site will open at County Hall in Exeter towards the end of January, with further sites to open across Devon through February and March. This will support existing testing arrangements and complement the national roll-out of lateral flow tests in some settings such as universities and schools and with some large employers.

Call for evidence seeks views and evidence from all those with an interest in rural transport.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-rural-strategy-call-for-evidence>

The government published the Future of mobility: urban strategy, in March 2019, the Department for Transport are now seeking views and evidence on what could be incorporated into a Future of Transport: rural strategy.

There are three sections in the consultation document:

- the context of the Future of Transport: rural strategy
- our assessment of the mobility trends in rural areas, and the emerging opportunities for rural environments that we're witnessing in transport innovation – this section seeks views on whether we have identified these correctly and further evidence for these trends
- consideration of the approach that the government could take to help shape these opportunities to benefit rural areas

This consultation is part of the Future of Transport programme, which aims to shape transport innovation and secure the UK's position as a leader in the transport sector of the future.

The consultation closes on the 16th February.

More Covid updates

If you are a family or know of anyone, who are worrying about money and struggling to pay for basic household essentials, please be aware that you can apply for help through funding that is available via the District Council hardship funds, this was the money sent to the

District Councils from DCC for any households requiring extra help. There's more about what financial and food support is available for families in Devon on the [website](#).

Free school meals provision

As a result of concerns raised at a national level, we have understandably had a considerable number of emails regarding the provision of food parcels or vouchers for children who are entitled to Free School Meals. I hope the below provides some helpful information about the position in Devon.

Funding During term time schools (not the LA) receive funding from the DfE to provide free school meals for entitled children. Schools currently receive £450 per pupil, per school year, to provide a free school meal. This works out at approximately £2.43 per day depending on the number of non-pupil days the schools have. This equates to £12.15 per week.

The DfE have in the last few days confirmed that they will add an extra £3.50 per week per pupil to cover the additional costs of providing a food parcel. This means schools will now have around £15.65 per week per pupil to provide the food parcels.

Provision To date the DfE have said in their guidance that schools should use food parcels in the first instance and move to vouchers if this is not possible. Schools already employ their own staff, or have contracts with the catering providers, to supply meals on site for entitled children throughout the year and this principal would get best value from the existing contract. The DfE had already provided guidance on the content and usability of the food parcels but this guidance has been updated today.

Devon In Devon some schools are providing mostly food parcels, others mostly vouchers and in some schools there is a choice available to suit family needs and access to shops; this is mainly in rural areas. To support schools the council made available the vouchers we used successfully over the Christmas period and a number of schools have bought into this scheme.

The DfE have now announced that the national voucher system will be back in place by Monday and that vouchers obtained through this route will be centrally funded by the DfE.

Whilst strongly encouraging schools to still use food parcels where feasible, they have also said that Schools can claim to be reimbursed up to £15 per eligible FSM pupil per week for the provision of local vouchers.

School holidays Schools are not required to provide free school meals during school holidays and Devon County Council will again look to support families with vouchers over the February half term.

Shirwell Flooding issues

I think I can safely say we are all fed up with the ongoing situation on the A39 in two locations, here is an update for you, I'm trying to find out dates before them meeting this evening to update you further;

There is a drainage scheme in for **Upcott Cross** for this year ,the **Shirwell village** flood has been jetted a couple of times however there looks to be a break, collapse in the pipe on the property side which will be the responsibility of the land owner to repair ,this site is going to have a camera survey so that we can then write to the landowner with evidence and location of any break/collapse.

Reminder about reporting a highway problem:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>
telephone: 0345 155 1004

A Happy and Healthy New Year

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