

**Notes from on-line meeting and emailed discussion held by members of
Shirwell Parish Council
on the 11th March 2021**

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

Also on-line District Councillor J Tucker

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 Chairman opened the meeting by explaining that as we had a limited time slot items requiring complex discussion would be done on-line and the rest of the items would be decided via email.

Mar21/1 Apologies for Absence

County Councillor A Davis

Mar21/2 Public Question Time

Not relevant as there was no public meeting

**Mar21/3 Minutes of the online and email discussion held on the 11th
February 2021**

RESOLVED that the notes as previously circulated be approved.

Mar21/4 Matters Arising

All matters arising were on the agenda

Mar21/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

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

Mar21/6 Cheques for Payment

Payment for the Clerk's salary (£125.00) and Annual Subscription to Zoom (£143.88) Cheque to be signed by Cllr Friend and Pelling.

Mar21/7 Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor had apologised for her non-attendance as she had another meeting.

An informal online meeting to discuss the Euroforest application which would result in Traffic Restrictions on the B3230 would be held in conjunction with Marwood Councillors

Mar21/8 Questions to the County Councillor

There were none

Mar21/9 Report of the District Councillor

The regular email updates have been distributed. In particular Cllr Tucker briefly highlighted the Council Tax notices which would be distributed soon and the number of problems associated with the rise in Homelessness.

Mar21/10 Questions to the District Councillor

Members asked for the latest position on the Goodleigh PC area application at Collard Bridge.

Mar21/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

Dalc Newsletter

The Rural Bulletin

ND weekly information sheet

In addition general councillor information had been forwarded

Mar21/12 Planning Applications

Application 72985 Demolition of existing dilapidated farmhouse with erection of detached 5 bed, single storey dwelling at Abscott Farm Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4LE **RESOLVED** to recommend **Approval**

Application: 72911 Listed building consent for replacement of 3 identical windows with slim line double glazed windows. & Replace one window with single glazing at Shirwell Community Primary School Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4JT **RESOLVED** to recommend **Approval**

In addition Councillors considered the following ... Prior notification for proposed installation under telecommunications code system operators of nine 10.5 mtr wooden poles. The poles will be installed with 9 mtrs above ground and **RESOLVED** to make no comment

Mar21/13 Planning Decisions

There were none

Mar21/14 Open Reach Community Fibre partnership – request for the Parish Council to be involved (discussed via Zoom)

Members discussed the follow up email from Mr Arbretti and resolved to take no further action at the moment

Mar21/ 5 Reports from Councillors

The Council decided to stop posting notices on the signpost at Buridge as they were not needed by residents.

Concern was expressed that additional spoil had been dumped in the gateway adjacent to the sign post, **RESOLVED** the clerk to raise with Planning Enforcement as the gateway had not been approved
Concern was again expressed at the amount of Mud on the road from agricultural vehicles at Coxleigh Barton. It seemed that this was an ongoing problem and it was **RESOLVED** that a further report be posted on the DCC website

Mar21/16 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that a grant had been awarded from the County Councillor to pay for a years subscription to Zoom.

Mar21/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

Not relevant

Mar21/18 Urgent Business

There was none.

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

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

Lynton Cross

For many years I have been campaigning for improvements to Lynton Cross, it is with great pleasure that this has at long last paid off.

Government funding has been confirmed for a £2.2 million road safety scheme on the A3123 in North Devon.

Devon County Council introduced a series of safety measures at Berry Down Cross and Hore Down Gate on the A3123 last year – including a 40mph speed limit, new advance warning signs, solar-powered road studs, and high friction surfacing.

Now that Safer Roads Funding has been received from the Department for Transport, design can be finalised on the remaining elements of the improvements earmarked for the road at the other known collision cluster site on the route – Lynton Cross.

As part of the improvement scheme, a four-arm rural roundabout will be constructed at Lynton Cross, and works will also be carried out to the centre white lines along the entire A3123 to bring them in line with current standards.

North Devon Link Road.

I had the pleasure of turf cutting as Devon County Council's Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Development, to mark the start of the A361 improvements between South Molton and Portmore roundabout at Barnstaple.

Contractor Alun Griffiths will be carrying out the work to widen sections of the road in order to provide better and safer overtaking opportunities and improve journey time reliability. Eight junctions will also be upgraded to improve safety, and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists will be introduced with new segregated pedestrian/cycle crossings of the road at Bishops Tawton and at Landkey Junction.

Work is initially starting in a number of locations which will be widened along the link road and temporary traffic lights will be in place for the first few weeks while both sides of the carriageway are cleared on these stretches.

Once these work sites are established, two-way traffic flow will be maintained but a 40mph limit will be introduced to protect the workforce and members of the public.

The scheme, which is due to be completed by the end of 2023, is expected to boost the local economy and it will also accelerate plans for 6,700 new homes in the region.

Every effort will be made to minimise traffic delays but unfortunately it will be unavoidable while this work is carried out. However, the long-term benefits will outweigh the short-term disruption.

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/>

Mass vaccination programme

- Work is continuing across the county at pace to deliver the local mass vaccination programme. The CCG is producing regular vaccination briefing notes and I shall endeavour to circulate these as they are published. People aged 70 and over and the clinically extremely vulnerable have begun to receive invitations for vaccinations as of the 18 January, alongside frontline Health and Care staff and the over 80s who were the initial priority groups.
- With so much going on and at such pace it can be hard to keep track with developments. To date there are three main ways the vaccine is being delivered in Devon:
 - All four of the county's main hospitals – in Plymouth, Exeter, Torquay and Barnstaple – are giving the vaccination to priority groups in line with national guidance
 - GP practices are working together in groups to set up local vaccination centres. Across the county, 20 centres are now in operation, serving all 123 of Devon's GP practices
 - GP-led facilities are delivering the vaccine to residents and staff in care homes

Barnstaple Community Testing Centre,

The Test centre is in the car park at Barnstaple's Taw View, Civic Centre, on North Walk road, and will be open 9am to 5pm, seven days a week, with extended hours 7am to 7pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

It provides lateral flow tests for anyone who leaves the house to work or volunteer, and who comes into contact with others.

The purpose of community testing is to identify people likely to have the virus, so that those testing negative can continue their day while still following public health rules. Anyone testing positive is instructed to go home and self-isolate.

The tests are for people who may not know they are carrying the virus. One in three people with coronavirus do not show any symptoms and could be going about their day passing it to others unknowingly.

People who can't work from home and who are in contact with others regularly are encouraged to take these quick tests twice a week to prevent the potential spread of the virus.

The results are back with you within the hour. If you test positive, you'll be asked to self-isolate for ten days. If you're negative, you can continue your day while still adhering to public health rules – keep your social distance, wear a face covering when indoors in a public space, and wash your hands regularly.

Community Testing Centres are for people who are not showing any symptoms and who aren't already accessing regular testing, through their employer for example.

To book a rapid test and to find out more about Community Testing in Devon, visit devon.cc/testing

Levelling Up Fund

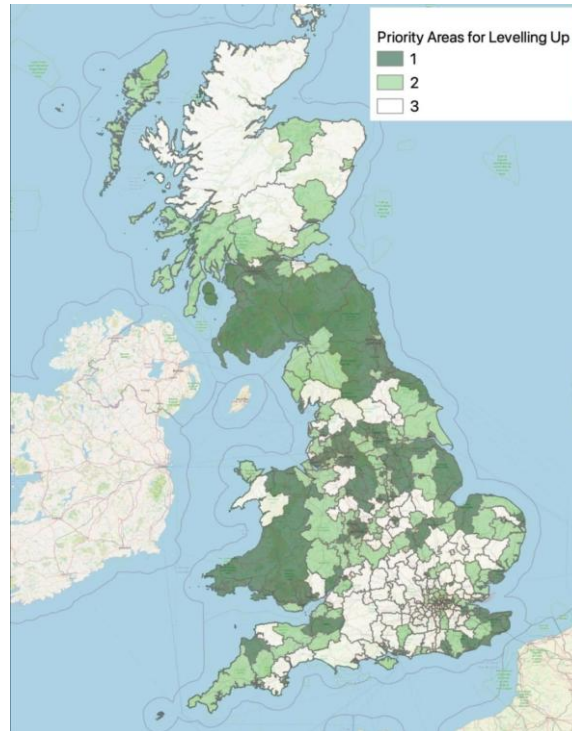
We have heard a lot about the Governments levelling up agenda – the promise to redress the balance from the concentration of wealth generation in the South-East.

The budget confirmed the first tranche of funding of around £165m and a call for bids, at the same time a list of local authorities across the United Kingdom each allocated to one of 3 levels - with level 1 being the priority and most likely to be successful in obtaining funding.

We were all disappointed and rather baffled to find North Devon was placed in tier 3.

We are still awaiting sight of the criteria against which the government has used for this decision but we are lobbying hard our MP all who shares the bafflement. A large amount of evidence has been put together showing the negative impact on North Devon's economy due to Covid by both North Devon and Devon County Councils, with a particularly worrying prediction for the communities on the coast (from Ilfracombe through to Lynton).

Torrige & West Devon appear in tier 1 and would be in a good place to obtain funding. As North Devon and Torrige are one economy this is even more unfathomable.



Devon Recycling Centres are still open, with restrictions.

Our recycling centres are still open, **they are very busy**, 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's Resource & Waste Management Strategy

Residents and businesses are invited to have their say on the draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay. The Public Consultation runs from Wednesday 3 March to Wednesday 14 April, and the

responses will help shape how Local Authority Collected Waste is managed in Devon up to 2030.

The new document will present how the 10 councils responsible for waste collection or disposal in Devon, will continue to work with residents to try to reduce the amount of household waste created and continue to ensure that waste is managed in a sustainable and cost-efficient manner.

The last review of Devon's Resource & Waste Management Strategy was in 2013, and since then there has been a range of developments which impact on waste management services.

These include changes in national waste policy with the publication of the Government's Resource and Waste Management Strategy in 2018 as well as other waste consultations around a consistent waste collection service, deposit return scheme for drinks containers and an extended producer responsibility scheme for packaging materials. Other impacts include climate change and Brexit.

Consultees are invited to read the draft strategy and then respond to a series of questions on subjects including reducing carbon emissions, food waste, reducing waste, increasing recycling and reuse.

The consultation responses will then be reviewed, and an amended strategy will be presented for final approval to the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee (DASWC) and individual councils this summer, with the intention to publish the final strategy at the end of the year.

The focus is on waste prevention, reuse and recycling as well as reducing the carbon impact of waste management.

By working together closely and sharing resources Devon's authorities achieved a recycling rate of 56.6 per cent (2019/20) maintaining our position near the top of the English recycling league.

However, there are ever more challenging targets to be met and this strategy describes the way in which local authorities within Devon and Torbay will manage resources and waste we are responsible for over the next decade and to set out our policies and targets.

The strategy and to give your views here [using the online questionnaire](#).

If you would like further information, please email: waste@devon.gov.uk

If you need guidance or an alternative format, email waste@devon.gov.uk with details of any preferred format and the assistive technology you use.

Overnight Road closure A399

22-24th March from Aller Cross to Ilfracombe for stud maintenance. 7pm-7am.

Reminder about reporting a highway problem:

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

telephone: [0345 155 1004](tel:03451551004)

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