

**draft**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council**  
**held on the**  
**12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in the Village Hall**

**Present**

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs L Campbell  
Cllr Mrs S Pine  
Cllr S Shortridge  
Cllr N Turner  
Cllr J Watts

Also in attendance County Councillor A Davis and District Councillor J Tucker

**Officer**

G Dwyer (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting by reminding members that although restrictions on public meetings had eased we should still exercise extreme caution.

**Aug21/1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Mr R Pelling

**Aug21/2 Public Question Time**

There were no questions

**Aug21/3 Minutes of the meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

**Aug21/4 Matters Arising**

There were none that were not on the agenda

**Aug21/5 Inspection of Defibrillator**

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned. It was noted that there was still some confusion regarding the registration of the defibrillator.

**Aug21/6 Cheques for Payment**

Payment for the Clerk's salary (£125.00), Postage (£3.91) and internal auditor's recompense (£14.50) were approved and signed at the meeting.

### **Aug21/7 Report of the County Councillor**

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

- She raised the draft bus improvement plan and the point was made that without an improvement in public transport the Government's policy of reducing dependence on private transport could not be achieved it was **RESOLVED** to request that the local service be increased to at least an hourly service, that a late night bus be run and a service be provided on a Sunday.
- She also highlighted the document entitled Peninsular Transport provision which needed a response by the 17<sup>th</sup> September. It was **RESOLVED** to place this on the agenda for the September meeting

### **Aug21/8 Questions to the County Councillor**

There were no questions

### **Aug21/9 Report of the District Councillor**

Councillor Tucker briefly highlighted the following...

- High rate of planning infringements and the work that placed on the enforcement section of the District Council. I was noted that planning breaches can now be reported online which would help ensure that all relevant information was given at an early stage.
- A shortage of social housing was exacerbating the rising percentage of homelessness.
- CAB annual report was available.

### **Aug21/10 Questions to the District Councillor**

There were no questions but it was asked that thanks be forwarded to the recycling and refuse crews who had responded positively and professionally to the problems brought about by the COVID pandemic

### **Aug21/11 Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- Dalc newsletter
- Corona virus update
- General information

### **Aug21/12 Planning Applications**

**Application 73001 Plaistow Barn Shirwell Barnstaple** Erection of 2 No stables, a tack room & a storage shed at Devon EX31 4LF **RESOLVED** to recommend approval

### **Aug21/13 Planning Decisions**

**Alleged Unauthorised development - New entrance to field at Land on the west side of Spindlecott Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4JH- no breach of planning regulations found**

Breach of planning control at (Land opposite Carousel) Land on the south side of Shirwell Road, Shirwell, Barnstaple Devon EX31 4JH - enforcement notice issued

### **Aug21/14 Registration of footpaths following grant payments**

Members discussed a case where it was thought that a footpath had not been registered despite it being the condition of a grant payment. A useful data base was contained at *magic.defra.gov.uk* and Cllr Watts undertook to do the necessary research. **RESOLVED** that it be discussed further at the next meeting

### **Aug21/15 Reports from Councillors**

Members queried the present position regarding consultation with local businesses by Euroforest. Cllr Davis undertook to follow this up.

### **Aug21/16 Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that their website managers (Kameleon) had advised that the PHP version will no longer receive security updates as of December of this year and the necessary alterations to ensure continuing security updates would cost £150.00. **RESOLVED** that the cost be authorised

### **Aug21/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda**

A member of the public raised the issue that plastic recycling for businesses was remarkably inconsistent. As part of the following discussions the initiatives being carried out to improve public awareness of the need for plastic recycling were discussed.

### **Aug21/18 Urgent Business**

There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.52

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

**Shirwell Parish Council  
County Councillors report  
August 2021**

**Two key consultations:**

**Peninsula transport- Shaping the future of Transport across the South West**

**I would be very grateful if the Parish Council would consider responding to the consultation please. it would be good to hear from residents and businesses too so please do share the message.**

Peninsula Transport is the shadow sub-national transport body (STB), bringing together the five lead transport authorities in the Peninsula (Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay) to work directly with the Department for Transport (DfT) on the strategic transport priorities for the region. Formed in 2018, it is a partnership established to transform transport and boost economic growth for the Peninsula.

The work of Peninsula Transport considers the following key areas:

- Resilient road and rail networks to support connectivity to its key markets in the Midlands, the north of England, London and international gateways at Heathrow, Gatwick and Southampton as well as access to our regional airports and ports
- Impact of technology and innovation in supporting our urban and rural mobility challenges
- Infrastructure investment needed to unlock housing development and create accessible enterprise areas
- Take a regional lead in the transition to decarbonisation of the strategic transport network

The first priority for Peninsula Transport is the development of a regional transport strategy, which plans and prioritises strategic infrastructure across the peninsula over the next thirty years. As part of this work, Peninsula Transport has produced a high-level vision document setting out the goals that will ultimately define the overall direction and principles of the full regional transport strategy.

The high level vision will be consulted on throughout the summer into September to ensure that the vision is shared with those across the peninsula and determine if the goals meet the needs of those using the network.

**Vison and Goals**

The key challenge for the Peninsula is to strengthen strategic links to keep pace with the rest of the UK, reinforcing connectivity and maximising opportunities to boost productivity. Transport is a vital part of every day life and therefore a transport strategy needs to be bold and ambitious, delivering a transport system that that works for people, businesses and the planet.

The vision for the peninsula is: “transforming transport across the peninsula, enabling our society and economy to thrive and our unique and outstanding environment to flourish.”

The vision is underpinned by the following five goals:

- We will improve connections between people, businesses, and places
- We will enhance resilience of the transport network
- We will deliver affordable, zero-emissions transport for everyone
- We will help to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the peninsula
- We will help the peninsula to be a great place to live and work

### **The Consultation**

*The consultation will open week commencing 12th July and will close week ending 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.*

[www.peninsulatransport.org.uk](http://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk).

### **What happens next?**

Once the consultation has closed, Peninsula Transport will use the feedback to inform the full strategy. A number of supporting studies are either underway or planned to support the transport strategy and our website will be updated as the programme progresses. We expect to publish our transport strategy in 2022, setting out our proposals for the delivery a transport system that works best for people, businesses and the planet.

The consultation is on the website: , [www.peninsulatransport.org.uk](http://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk), or you can contact us by emailing [info@peninsulatransport.org.uk](mailto:info@peninsulatransport.org.uk).

### **Bus Back Better**

**I am asking for help in shaping the future of bus services in Devon, to do this an understanding of the current network and how it works for residents of Combe Martin would be helpful. Consultation ends on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.**

In March, the government announced a new National Bus Strategy - Bus back better - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). Alongside the delivery of this strategy, Devon County Council have committed to working with our local bus operators to form an Enhanced Partnership by April 2022, and to writing a joint Bus Service Improvement Plan by October 2021.

Following the publishing of the Bus Service Improvement Plan in October there will be a full public consultation.

online survey using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NYQBJCS>

### **Funding available to help Devon’s communities reconnect, rebuild and recover**

Community-led facilities and activities, like many things, were quickly suspended during the onset of the national coronavirus lockdown.

As the country begins to return to some degree of normality, Devon County Council is keen to help local communities get back to doing the things they

love safely and confidently, so we have created a special fund to support them.

The Reconnect Rebuild Recover Community Fund will provide grant funding of up to £1,000 for smaller projects and between £1,000 and £3,000 for larger projects that help local people to reconnect, rebuild and recover their community-led facilities and/or social activities.

It will support community-led initiatives that:

- encourage a range of people to participate in activities that improve their physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing
- provide safe community-led transportation links and services which encourage and help people to re-connect and re-socialise safely within their communities
- encourage people to develop skills and learning through volunteering their time, knowledge and expertise to help and support the facilities and/or social activity and the people using them

You can find out more, including how to apply, on the Devon County Council website.

#### **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/>

Reminder about reporting a highway problem:

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

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