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Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
13th January 2022 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)
Cllr R Pelling
Cllr S Shortridge

Also in attendance County Councillor A Davis, District Councillor J Tucker and 2 members of the public

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.

Jan22/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs L Campbell, Cllr Mrs S Pine and Cllr J Watts

Jan22/2 Public Question Time

- Concerns were raised at the danger caused by the lack of maintenance of the white stop lines on the road Jnc in the Village meaning they were no longer clearly visible. **RESOLVED** that this be reported to DCC on the website.
- A road drain in School Lane was blocked. **RESOLVED** the Clerk to contact Chris Wallis and request him to clear the drain.

Jan22/3 Minutes of the meetings held on the 9th December 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Jan22/4 Matters Arising

Registration of footpaths following grant payments. It was noted that comments on an application for a woodland grant at Coxleigh Barton had been requested by the owners agent.

The proposed meeting with the Ramblers association had been deferred due to the upsurge in Covid infections prior to Xmas. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that District Councillor Tucker to speak to a contact in the Ramblers Association. County Councillor Davis to speak to the County Footpaths Officer and Cllrs Watts and Shortridge, together with the Clerk meet with the Ramblers North Devon Footpaths representative to seek information on the conditions attached to the 2001 woodland grant and the owners seeming non-compliance.

The Clerk to respond to the author of woodland management plan expressing the Council's reservations

Jan22/5 Councillor Vacancy. Awaiting information from NDC following the statutory vacancy notice before co-opting a Councillor.

Jan22/6 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

Jan22/7 Cheques for Payment

Cheques for the Clerk's salary (£125.00) Kameleon Web site hosting (£75.24) and Chris Seage (grass cutting) were approved and signed at the meeting

Jan22/8 Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Mrs Davis had not prepared her normal written monthly report as the Xmas period had meant little change to previous report but reminded the meeting of the road closure associated with the forestry works at Marwood. It was noted that a private land owner had requested approval for works associated with Ash Die Back and it was **RESOLVED** that steps be taken to carry these out at the same time as the road closure already requested.

She highlighted the number of excess speeding tickets issued to motorists on the A361 link road.

Jan22/9 Questions to the County Councillor

There were none

Jan22/10 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker reported briefly as follows

- Progress is continuing with the new leisure centre. The site of the existing centre has a planning application under consideration for apartments
- Work has started on the site of the Shapland and Petter building
- The working party to look for solutions to the lack of affordable housing has met
- A decision is awaited on the appeal by the landowner regarding the unauthorized gateway at Burridge

Jan22/11 Questions to the District Councillor.

There were none

Jan22/12 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- NDC Newsletter
- Cott Brake Arlington woodland creation
- Marwood – temporary traffic order
- Rural Bulletin
- Wodland Management Plan for Coxleigh Barton

Jan22/13 Planning Applications

Application 74581Sepscoth Farm Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4JL
Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse
Class Q at Grid Ref: 258986; 136039 **RESOLVED** to make no comment

Jan22/14 Planning Decisions

There were none

Jan22/15 Confirmation of Precept 2022/2023

RESOLVED that the precept be set at £2950

Jan22/16 Reports from Councillors

Councillors had nothing further to report

Jan22/17 Clerks Report

The Clerk advised members that he was due to have an ankle replacement shortly which might affect his availability to attend meetings

Jan22/18 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There were none

Jan22/19 Urgent Business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.42

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....