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**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
10th March 2022 in the Village Hall**

Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)
Cllrs Mrs L Cambell (vice chairman)
Cllr R Pelling
Cllr Mrs S Pine
Cllr S Shortridge
Cllr J Watt

Also in attendance County Councillor A Davis, District Councillor J Tucker and 1 member 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.

Mar22/1 Apologies for Absence

There were none

Mar22/2 Public Question Time

There were no questions

Mar22/3 Minutes of the meetings held on the 10th February 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Mar22/4 Matters Arising

- **Registration of footpaths following grant payments.**
A meeting with the local footpaths officer for ND Ramblers will take place in the next few days.
- **Councillor Vacancy.** Mrs Charlotte Parkhouse had volunteered to take up the vacant Councilor position and it was **RESOLVED** to accept her offer. The clerk to inform North Devon Council.
- **Community Speedwatch.** After discussion it was resolved to pursue the formation of a community speedwatch in the village. The Clerk to contact the Police to start the setting up process.

Mar22/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

Mar22/6 Cheques for Payment

Payments for the Clerk's salary (£125.00), room hire at the Village Hall (£96.25) and C Wallis drain clearing (£105.00) were signed at the meeting

Mar22/7 Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Mrs Davis drew members attention to the high levels of COVID infection in the South West and stressed the need to take all necessary precautions. The effect this had on the availability of health care generally had become a major problem.

Mar22/8 Questions to the County Councillor

There were none

Mar22/9 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker reported briefly as follows

- Council Tax bills will be issued soon together with an explanatory leaflet about the Government rebate available to some residents
- NDC were undertaking the spring clean in readiness for the summer season
- The lack of affordable housing is a major problem still..

Mar22/10 Questions to the District Councillor.

There were none

Mar22/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

Revised code of conduct which had been placed on the agenda for next month.

In addition general correspondence for information had been forwarded

Mar22/12 Planning Applications

There were none

Mar22/13 Planning Decisions

There were none.

Mar22/14 Reports from Councillors

- Members highlighted the problem with littering in the Town Centre
- Confusion generated by the inadequate and misleading signing for road works (it was noted that the Tree works at Muddiford was due to finish soon)
- Further damage had been done to the guttering at Town Farm Cottage

Mar22/15 Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Mar22/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There were none

Mar22/17 Urgent Business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.45

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....