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Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
11th November 2021 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr Mrs L Campbell (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Pine
Cllr R Pelling
Cllr S Shortridge
Cllr J Watt

Also in attendance 2 members of the public

Officer

G Dwyer (Clerk)

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

Nov21/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Friend

Nov21/2 Public Question Time

A member of the public drew the Council's attention to the Housing initiative in Cornwall designed to increase the houses available to local and young people

Nov21/3 Minutes of the meetings held on the 14th October 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Nov21/4 Matters Arising

The owner of Town Farm Cottage would need to contact the County Council to raise the issue of damage done on several occasions to his cottage. It is alleged that the problem is caused by the road camber.

Nov21/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

Nov21/6 Cheques for Payment

Payment for the Clerk's salary (£125.00), contribution towards printer ink (£4.74) and postage (£3.96) were approved and a cheque signed at the meeting.

Nov21/7 Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Mrs Davis had forwarded her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. She highlighted the high levels of Corona Virus infections and the need to arrange for the 3rd vaccination as soon as possible. She also raised the issue of North Devon's poor recycling stats. There will be further consultation on the bus service plan once the government grant level is known

Nov21/8 Questions to the County Councillor

There were none

Nov21/9 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker briefly made the following points

- Ms Bailey had withdrawn her resignation and would continue as head of planning
- There is an online meeting to discuss the shortage of local needs housing and the failures of the national planning system to find an effective solution.

Nov21/10 Questions to the District Councillor.

There were none

Nov21/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- A public announcement from Trading Standards
- Grants and Community news, November 2021
- Fibre Optic Broadband is now live in Shirwell
- Notes of the Parish Forum, October 2021
- North Devon's weekly information sheets

Nov21/12 Planning Applications

Cllr S Pine declared a prejudicial interest in the following item, left the meeting and did not speak or vote thereon

Application 74084 Muddiford Plantation Muddiford Devon. Retrospective planning application for the retention of altered access to facilitate timber extraction and a new stone surfaced area for turning and timber collection.

. The following points were made

- It was noted that the land ownership shown on the plan was incorrect and that revised ownership plans are being prepared.
- The application is incomplete as it doesn't cover pre-works carried out to facilitate this operation.

- Concern was expressed about site stability following the pre-works
- Access to remove timber required access from a minor side road
- Concern was expressed about water running onto the highway.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal as it was felt the application was incomplete

Nov21/13 Planning Decisions

There were none

Nov21/14 Registration of footpaths following grant payments

Discussions were held regarding the seeming ignoring of woodland access requirements attached to grants. The Council had expressed their concern following a recent consultation request regarding a woodland grant. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk prepare a draft consultation letter for circulating to local interest groups and research the local records office for a recent grant and its conditions.

Nov21/15 Reports from Councillors

- A Councillor queried whether there were parking restriction attached to a recent development in the Village as a resident continually parked on the main street of the village. Councillor Tucker undertook to check with the Planning Office. It was felt the land might be highways owned.
- It was accepted that it was not possible to erect road width warning signs on the entrance to the Village

Nov21/16 Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Nov21/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

Referring back to agenda item 14 a member of the public highlighted a successful joint woodland creation scheme in South Devon.

Nov21/18 Urgent Business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 8.02

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors report November 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/>

Waste and Recycling

The 2020/21 performance statistics have recently been published and Devon's recycling rate reduced to 55.3% from the previous year's 56.6%. The reduction can be linked to the provision of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) which closed for seven weeks during the first lockdown commencing end March 2020. Subsequent social distancing measures reduced site capacities, closure of resale shops and the introduction of booking systems also impacted on the amount of waste processed leading to a reduction in recycling performance.

East Devon once again achieved the highest recycling rate amongst Devon's Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) with 60% marginally down from previous years 60.5%. The other seven WCA figures as follows: Teignbridge (55.9%); Torrington & West Devon (55.2%); South Hams (54.7%); Mid Devon (53.7%); North Devon (49.5%) and Exeter (27.8%).

While our recycling centres recycling performance remains high at 72%, 2020/21 saw a small reduction from previous year (75%). Reductions across all streams were noted for Devon's HWRCs, notably organic material down 22%. The closure and restrictions to HWRC re-use shops last year resulted in a 64% reduction in sales, equating to 666 tonnes less material resold to members of the public – all HWRC re-use shops have now re-opened.

Peninsula Transport Vision consultation feedback

The consultation on the Peninsula Transport Vision five goals concluded on the 17th September.

Over 200 responses from communities, business transport operators and stakeholders with all goals receiving over 80% support. Thank you to all my parishes who took part.

- 1) By investing in road and rail network improving access to education, skills and employment – important in levelling up
- 2) Resilience and reliability critical in efficient movement of goods and people and responding to climate change / severe weather events
- 3) Promotion of walking, cycling and public transport to reduce demand for cars as well as support transition towards low emission vehicles (freight and private transport)

- 4) Improve people's choice of travel, affordability and safety of travel
- 5) Outstanding natural environment which makes it great place to live and work but important we also deliver new homes and jobs in places served by high quality transport choices.

Current Work to support the five goals includes;

- 1) Strategic Economic Corridors which is an appraisal of 3 Strategic Economic Corridors in the Peninsula:

- North South Corridor including A38 / M5 and Paddington Mainline Growth Corridor
- East West Corridor including A30 / A303 / A358 and Waterloo Mainline Growth Corridor
- North West Corridor including A361 / A39 North Devon Link and North Devon Rail Line Corridor

- 2) Freight Strategy

Positive inputs from freight operators, the private sector, LEPs and local authorities – generated a lot of ideas on collaborative piece with Western Gateway.

Now the key is to refine this into some key interventions that support our Vision, namely around ensuring we can move freight efficiently and taking opportunities to decarbonise these goods movements.

- 3) Other Key Studies

EV and Carbon Strategy running in parallel as a lot of overlap – fits with Vision Goal to deliver affordable, zero carbon transport for everyone
Rail Study – paused due to significant changes with GBR, changing travel patterns post COVID and so re-scope in progress. Worth noting, we already have a strong Peninsula Rail plan and significant progress is being made (i.e. South West Rail Resilience Programme, emerging work on Mobile Connectivity (covered at the end of presentation) and aspirations to strengthen performance of 2nd strategic rail route (i.e. reliability/connectivity and resilience on West of England line). Need to explore what decarbonisation opportunities there are and respond to Gear Change and Bus Back Better national strategies to better integrate with walking, cycling and public transport

- 4) Current and Future Commissions

We are keen to progress our strategy and in parallel developing the strategic implementation plan as we want to be able to identify our key strategic transport asks and influence upcoming opportunities through National Highways Roads Investment Strategy 3 (post 2025) and Network Rail's Control Period 7 (2024-2029)

- 5) Rail Projects

Network Rail Corridor Studies are the Continuous Modular Strategic Planning (CMSP) which replace the route studies – they seek to pose and answer strategic questions about how rail can support local aspirations, for instance supporting economic growth and specifying the type of infrastructure and timetables that are needed.

Great British Railways aims to integrate the railways (bringing together track and trains) in order to deliver passenger-focused travel with simpler, modern fares and reliable services.

6) Restoring Your Railway

In Addition to the Dartmoor Line which is a £40m investment. (services to Okehampton)

Wellington and Cullompton stations, funded from Tranche 1 of RYR and hopeful of further development funding.

Also, announced recently DCC's successful bid to the Restoring Your railway fund for the reinstating of the line Bere Alton to Tavistock, the £50k will help fund the business case work.

7) South West Mobile Connectivity

Innovative pilot to make better use of GSM-R (Global System for Mobile Communications- Railway) masts and install O2, Vodafone and EE mobile phone connectivity, which will not only boost voice and data coverage on rail journeys but also deliver improved mobile connectivity to 30 x local towns and villages across the Peninsula. If we can't achieve faster journeys, at least make them more productive (working office concept).

Bus Service Improvement Plan

Very many thanks to the Parish Councils who took part in the high level consultation in the summer.

After taking the proposal arising from the feedback to Cabinet in October we have now published our BSIP (Bus Services Improvement Plan) on the Travel Devon website: [National Bus Strategy - Devon's Response - Travel Devon](#)

So what happens next?

This is now with the DfT, who will assess it, alongside other BSIPs submitted from local authorities around the country. They will then allocate us a proportion of the £3billion Bus Back Better funding pot. We haven't been given an indication of when we might hear about this, but anticipate it not being before December.

Once we have been notified of our funding allocation (hopefully all of the funding we have asked for!), we will go out to a full public consultation on the plan – we now anticipate this will be January/February - before commencing delivery of the plan from next April onwards.

In the interim we will be starting the process of forming an Enhanced Partnership with our bus operators, and will also be kicking off the consultation process with some focus group sessions, specifically to find out views from individuals with protected characteristics (such as the young people and those with learning or physical disabilities).

Road Closures

Seaside, Combe Martin, Road Closure; from Monday 22 November 2021 to Friday 26 November 2021 (both dates inclusive) the road closure will start at 09.30 am and will be removed at 15.00pm so hopefully this will help the school run .

Lynton Cross all going well, the road closure will change- Iron Letters to Lynton Cross will be 22nd November anticipated finish is 10th December. (weather permitting)

Reminder about reporting a highway problem:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>
[telephone: 0345 155 1004](tel:03451551004)

One network, shows future roadworks in each place; <https://one.network/>

Drains locators and frequency of inspection (cleaning);

<https://apps1.wdm.co.uk/Live/Devon/PBLC/PIP/map.aspx?cg=kaarb>

Location of and faulty street lights,

<https://www.lightsonindevon.co.uk/Public/ReportFault.aspx>

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