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Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
14th October 2021 in the Village Hall

Present

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

Also in attendance 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.

Oct21/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr N Turner, County Cllr A Davis and District Cllr J Tucker

Oct21/2 Public Question Time

A member of the public highlighted concerns that the drop in centres for housing problems and those suffering from mental health issues might not be re-opened after the COVID pandemic.

Oct21/3 Minutes of the meetings held on the 9th September 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Oct21/4 Matters Arising

Discussions on the effect on Village life of large vehicles not being aware of restricted access was highlighted by the damage to Town Farm Cottage recently. **RESOLVED** that the matter be raised again next month when the County Councillor be asked to report on the possibility of positioning warning signs at the entrance to the village.

Oct21/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

Oct21/6 Cheques for Payment

Payment for the Clerk's salary (£125.00), contribution towards a document shredder (£16.25) and Kameleon for website maintenance (£75.24) were approved and signed at the meeting.

Oct21/7 Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Mrs Davis apologised for her non-attendance but had forwarded her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Oct21/8 Questions to the County Councillor

Discussions were held regarding property damage caused by oversized vehicles (See agenda item 4) To be discussed in November when hopefully the County Councillor would be present.

Oct21/9 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker had apologised for his non-attendance.

Oct21/10 Questions to the District Councillor.

There were none

Oct21/1 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- DALC newsletters
- Local Business bulletins
- NDC Weekly information sheet
- Rural Bulleting
- Local newsletter
- Correspondence regarding damage to Town farm Cottage Shirwell

Oct21/12 Planning Applications

There were none

Oct21/13 Planning Decisions

There were none

Oct21/14 Registration of footpaths following grant payments

Discussions were held regarding the seeming ignoring of woodland access requirements attached to grants. A member of the public had been advised by the owner that walking in Coxleigh Barton was not allowed due to issues relating to equestrian use and commercial shooting. After a lengthy discussion, when a new potential application for grant for a new woodland proposal at Coxleigh Barton was noted it was **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the County Council Footpath Officer and other interested parties, including the Ramblers

Association highlighting existing problem and seeking advice and help in enforcing the grant requirements for previously awarded grants. It was further **RESOLVED** to pass no comment on the latest application through the Forestry Commission's Woodland Creation Planning Grant until the situation on abiding by conditions for previous grants was made clearer.

Oct21/15 Reports from Councillors

There were none.

Oct21/16 Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Oct21/17 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.

Oct21/18 Urgent Business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.45

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors report October 2021

Queens Green Canopy.

To mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 this project invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

Communities and Groups - The Queen's Green Canopy
(queensgreencanopy.org)

So far there is one tree in North Devon! It would be great to see Kentisbury on the map.

If the parish council or any other community group are interested I am happy to help fund this.

Highway engagement with Parish councils.

The Parish Council will shortly receive a letter regarding "Doing What Matters" and how planning highway maintenance links with this important project. DCC will pilot a new way of working. The aim is to understand the routes within the parish which residents/visitors feel are the most important and gain more valuable local knowledge within the Highway team.

Currently DCC use technical data from specialised vehicles which travel along the network of roads and scan them for defects/weaknesses. Local knowledge from Parish Councils and other road users also feeds into this and would like the parish council to have an input into what you consider to be the priority routes within the parish together with any known issue such as drainage.

I will be sending out a map of the parish and will be asking ask that you identify the top 2 priority routes within the parish and any locations of known drainage issues that you would like to be investigated/considered. In identifying your routes it would be good if you could consider the following points:

- What routes you think are most used and important to your residents/visitors
- What problems you are aware of on the road/footway
- Which roads/footways you feel need to be maintained within the Parish in priority order
- If you are aware of any drainage problems
- Special events/dates when we should avoid undertaking works
- Issues which people raise with you in relation to highway maintenance

There will be other highways issues that you would like us to consider such as speeding, vegetation and signs but at present we would like the parish to focus on the maintenance of the roads within the parish.

This is just a 'heads up' to what will be coming to you and gives you some time to think about the routes which are your top 2 priority routes.

Funding available for organisations to support self-isolating residents

Devon County Council is launching a new fund to help community organisations provide practical, social and emotional support to Devon residents self-isolating due to COVID-19.

The grants of up to £5,000 for small projects and £20,000 for larger projects can be used to help those self-isolating with any caring responsibilities; accessing food and other supplies; practical tasks such as dog walking; and mental health and wellbeing support to address things like loneliness and boredom.

Groups can also use the money to improve their community's awareness and understanding of the government's self-isolation rules, including when you

need to self-isolate, how long for, what it involves and why it is a vitally important part of slowing the spread of COVID-19, as well as what The legal requirement to self-isolate for ten days if you test positive for coronavirus, or you are an unvaccinated contact of someone who does, remains a critical part of breaking the chains of transmission by preventing those who are infected from mixing others and passing on the virus. This financial support to the organisations that are doing innovative and inspiring work to reach people within their communities, particularly the most vulnerable, and help them to remain well-connected and resilient as we face the challenge of managing coronavirus over the winter. To help ensure vital support reaches those who need it most, the council has identified particular communities that could be prioritised, including areas of socio-economic deprivation; multi-generational and high occupancy households and occupations with high COVID-19 exposure risk as well as Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups, certain religions, faiths and nationalities linked to increased risk and people with disabilities or impairments. They are also keen to focus funding on under-represented communities such as LGBQ+ and trans or non-binary gender, Gypsy, Roma and Travellers, migrants, asylum seekers and refugees and people with dependencies on drugs or alcohol in contact with services or experiencing homelessness and rough sleepers. Applications will be accepted from constituted and not-for-private-profit voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector groups and organisations, town and parish councils, charities, very small groups who have no independent bank account (who have an eligible sponsor) or a combination of such groups working together. Devon County Council is working in partnership with Devon Communities Together and the wider voluntary and community sector to support community groups wishing to access this fund. For more information about the COVID-19 Outbreak Management Grant, including how to apply, please visit [devon.cc/outbreak-management-grant](https://www.devon.gov.uk/outbreak-management-grant)

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

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