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Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
9th September 2021 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Pine
Cllr R Pelling
Cllr N Turner

Also in attendance County Councillor A Davis 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.

Sep21/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs L Campbell, Cllr J Watts, Cllr S Shortridge and District Councillor J Tucker

Sep21/2 Public Question Time

There were no questions

Sep21/3 Minutes of the meetings held on the 12th August 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved.

Sep21/4 Matters Arising

There were none that were not on the agenda

Sep21/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned. In answer to a query it was confirmed that the emergency response operators were aware of the defibrillator and would advise anybody making a relevant 999 call of its location.

Sep21/6 Cheques for Payment

Payment for the Clerk's salary (£125.00), and Kameleon for website security work (£180.00) were approved and signed at the meeting.

Sep21/7 Report of the County Councillor

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

Discussion on the Peninsular Transport strategy consultation the following points were made ...

- North Devon has poor local transport which is desperately in need of improvement. In particular it was noted that only an improvement in frequency of service would encourage increased use. Members instanced the affect on the Ilfracombe economy that occurred when the train service between Barnstaple and Ilfracombe was shut down, which had a knock on effect on the area.
- Leading on from that it was noted that any policy would need 'joined up' thinking and should not be limited to solving local issues at the expense of an area strategy, and also not be too focused on the larger population areas.
- The strategy should include the development of public service links between centres of population and airports and ports.
- The success of the tarka line between Barnstaple and Exeter has highlighted how properly thought out transport strategies can rejuvenate rural communities and open up educational and work oportunites which that are not dependant on private transport.
- Part of the strategy should focus on developing investment and research on transport methods other than electric.

Sep21/8 Questions to the County Councillor

- Cllr Shortridge had apologised for his non-attendance but had emailed an issue raised by a parishioner regarding damage to the roof of Town Farm Cottage caused, it is thought, by the camber of the road leaning high vehicles out of the vertical and hitting the roof. County Councillor Davis had raised the issue with the technical officer concerned and would report back to the Council. **RESOLVED** to await her findings.
- Concern was expressed regarding the condition of the road between Toll Bar Cross and the Muddiford road. The road is badly potholed and needs major repairs. The County Councillor to investigate.
- Although outside Shirwell Parish boundaries members discussed the recent accident at the Junction of the A361 and B3230. It was **RESOLVED** to support the County Councillor's recommendation to lower the speed limit between Burrige and the Hospital roundabout

Sep21/9 Report of the District Councillor

Councillor Tucker had apologised for his non-attendance.

Sep 21/10 Questions to the District Councillor.

There were none

Sep21/11 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to Councillors

- North Devon Climate summit
- Newsletters
- Grants and communities newsletter

Sep21/12 Planning Applications

Application 73954 Conversion of redundant barns to form 1 dwelling at Sugwells Road from Tollbar Cross to the Old Rectory Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4JX
RESOLVED to recommend approval

Sep21/13 Planning Decisions

There were none

Sep21/14 Registration of footpaths following grant payments

Deferred to the October meeting pending further information from the footpaths officer

Sep21/15 Reports from Councillors

There were none.

Sep21/16 Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

Sep21/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

A member of the public asked the County Councillor whether the proposal for the A361 link road would include some lengths of just 3 lanes. It was confirmed it would but there would be no lengths of the road that allowed both lines of traffic to use the middle lane

Sep21/18 Urgent Business

There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.35

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors report September 2021

[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.

Vision 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 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 17th September 2021.

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, or you can contact us by emailing info@peninsulatransport.org.uk.

Coronavirus updates from Devon County Council

Please be aware that we have extremely high rates in the area.

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

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