

**Draft**

**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council  
held on the  
11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 in the Village Hall**

**Present**

Cllr J Friend (chairman)  
Cllr Mrs S Pine  
Mrs C Parkhouse  
Cllr S Shortridge  
Cllr J Watt

County Councillor A Davis and District Councillor J Tucker

**Officer**

G Dwyer

**Aug22/1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Mrs L Campbell, Cllr R Pelling.

**Aug22/2 Public Question Time**

There were no questions

**Aug22/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes as previously circulated be approved

**Aug22/4 Matters arising from the minutes**

- *The Area Officer from the Forestry Comm.* Needed a FOI request to enable her supply details of the conditions attached to the original woodland grant made to Coxleigh Barton as they were not in a currently available file, this had now been done by Cllr Watts and it was a question of waiting for a reply.

**Aug22/5 Inspection of Defibrillator**

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

**Aug22/6 Cheques for Payment**

Cheques for £(145.99) to G Dwyer (comprising Clerks salary £125.00 Auditors recompense £15.00 printer paper £5.99), Kameleon final invoice (£25.08) and Wilcox Media Annual hosting (£288.00) were signed at the meeting

### **Aug22/7 Report of the County Councillor**

County Cllr Mrs Davis reminded Councillors that Devon County Council were in recess. Meetings were being held to deal with the £40 million shortfall in the County Budget and an immediate consequence of the budget shortfall was the cancelling of the County Councillors locality budget which had been used to fund local initiatives.

### **Aug22/8 Questions to the County Councillor**

There were no questions

### **Aug22/9 Report of the District Councillor**

Councillor Tucker reported briefly as follows

- Although not to the same degree the District Council was experiencing difficult decisions when setting spending and budget targets
- Problems are still being experienced due to the vagaries of the national planning system which is impacting on Planning Management at a local level.
- Barnstaple is presenting badly to visitors due to litter etc.

### **Aug22/10 Questions to the District Councillor**

There were no questions

### **Aug22/11 Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been received

- DALC Newsletter
- North Devon's Rural Bulletin
- Anti littering initiative
- Traffic notices

Other general correspondence was noted

### **Aug22/12 Planning Applications**

- **Planning Application 75651** Extensions & Alterations to Existing Dwelling at Hartpiece Farmhouse Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4LG **RESOLVED** to recommend **approval**

*Cllr S Pine declared a personal interest in the following application and took no part in the debate*

- **Planning App 75526** Replacement garage and creation of self contained annex and associated works at the Millens Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4LF **RESOLVED** to recommend **approval**

### **Aug22/13 Planning Decisions**

There were none

## **Aug22/14 Reports from Councillors**

Members discussed the most appropriate way to record footpath problems and it was noted that an entry on the DCC website was quick and effective.

## **Aug22/15 Cheque Signatory Mandate**

Ongoing, some Councillors had been contacted and had returned the necessary information but as the bank were dealing with it on a sequential basis it was a time consuming task

## **Aug22/16 Clerks Report**

- **Annual Audit** The Clerk drew members attention to the possible changes to the annual audit regime and the requirements on the Parish Council should they opt out. It was **RESOLVED** to take no action
- **Pylon Replacement.** Electricity pylons in the village would be replaced in the near future and the Clerk would forward the timetable and road closure information as soon as it was received.
- **20 mph limit in village** The Clerk sought members views on the possibility of seeking private funding to erect advisory 20 mph limit signs. It was proposed that a joint application be made with East Down and Pilton West Parish Councils to Fullabrook CIC. It was **RESOLVED** that an attempt be made to obtain funding from Fullabrook CIC

## **Aug22/17 Clerks Annual Leave**

The Clerk would be away during part of September but this should not affect Parish Council Business

## **Aug22/18 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda**

There was none

## **Aug22/19 Urgent Business**

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....