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**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
9th February 2023 in the Village Hall**

Present

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

Also present County Councillor Mrs A Davis and District Councillor J Tucker and one member of the public

Officer

G Dwyer

Feb23/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Pelling

Feb23/2 Public Question Time

There were no questions

Feb23/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved

Feb23/4 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none

Feb23/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

Feb23/6 Report of the County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Davis informed the Council that Devon county Council will hold their budget meeting in march when it is predicted Council Tax will be increased by 5%.

The recent spell of freezing temperatures had necessitated the County Council carrying out emergency repairs which would need to be re-done properly as soon as it could be programmed.

Feb23/7 Questions to the County Councillor

A member questioned the possibility of supplying a dog waste bin on Shirwell Footpaths but accepted that the cost of emptying the bin etc made it difficult to justify. It was accepted that Dog walkers were responsible for removing the faeces from footpaths.

Feb23/8 Report of the District Councillor

District Councillor J Tucker briefly mentioned the following

- Planning Application 75934 at Coxleigh Barton had been referred to the Planning Enforcement Officer as previous planning requirements had not been carried out. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk ascertain the present position.
- CAB were relocating but hoping to remain in Barnstaple
- Litter in the Town Centre was an ongoing problem

Feb23/9 Questions to the District Councillor

There were none

Feb23/10 Correspondence

The following correspondence has been circulated

- DALC newsletter
- ND weekly Bulletin
- 2023 election FAQ

Other general correspondence was noted

Feb23/11 Planning Applications

There were none but see minute **Feb23/12** below

Feb23/12 Planning Decisions

Application 76473 –Youlstone Park Shirwell Application for consent to works to trees covered by a tree preservation order in respect of selective stem removal.

The Council expressed concern that this application had been approved without them being given time to consider it. They questioned what safeguards had been put in place to ensure that only essential works were carried out and in what form, if any, the reinstatement/replacement planting would be carried out. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact North Devon Council to seek answers to these questions.

Feb23/13 Cheques for Payment

Cheques for £125.00 to G Dwyer (Clerks salary) and £203.00 to Chris Seage (grass cutting) were signed at the meeting

Feb23/14 2023/2024 Expenditure

The Clerk declared a prejudicial interest in discussions relating to his salary and left the room.

After discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Grass Cutting contract with C Seage be continued and the Clerks Salary be increased to £1800 pa

Feb23/15 Reports from Councillors

In response to a question from a Councillor it was acknowledged that it was the responsibility of potential purchasers to research the implications of Planning Policy for part Q buildings

Feb23/16 Clerks Report

The Clerk advised Councillors that he had requested a supply of nomination papers for the May elections.

Feb23/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There was none

Feb23/18 Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....