

## Draft

### Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council held on the 8th June 2023 in the Village Hall

#### Present

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)  
Cllr J Watts (Dep Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs Parkhouse  
Cllr R Pelling  
Cllr Mrs S Pine  
Cllr S Shortridge (part meeting)

Also present County Councillor A Davis and one member of the public

#### Officer

G Dwyer

#### Jun23/1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

#### Jun23/2 Public Question Time

The member of the public updated the Council on the current condition of the memorial bench on the Village Green. He had re-varnished it and repaired the joints but felt the Council should consider purchasing a replacement bench. **RESOLVED** to defer the matter until the July meeting to enable costs to be established

#### Jub23/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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

#### Jun23/4 Matters arising from the minutes

- There were none

#### Jun23/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

#### Jun23/6 Report of the County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Davis had forwarded her report which is attached to these minutes. The report contained a schedule of night time closures for the link road improvements. In addition she highlighted the initiative to refurbish cycles for later sale in recycling centres.

### **Jun23/7 Questions to the County Councillor**

There were none

### **Jun23/8 Report of the District Councillor**

There was no Councillor present and no report

### **Jun23/9 Questions to the District Councillor**

There were none

### **Jun23/10 Correspondence**

General correspondence had been circulated.  
In addition the following had been circulated to members

- Dalc bulletin
- Email from enforcement officer for planning re Heather Cottage parking

### **Jun23/11 Planning Applications**

**Application 77095 Shirwell Community Primary School Shirwell Barnstaple Devon** Application for listed building consent for replacement of various windows and doors **RESOLVED** to recommend **APPROVAL**

### **Jun23/12 Planning Decisions**

None reported to the meeting

### **Jun23/13 Cheques for Payment**

Cheques for £150.00 to G Dwyer (Clerks salary) Shirwell Village Hall £210.00 (room hire for 2 years)

### **Jun23/14 Reports from Councillors**

- Concern had been expressed at the ramped vehicle access to Wood View being used when it was thought that this was for construction purposes only. The Planning Enforcement Officer had explained the reasoning behind his view that the current use was lawful although members felt that the approved parking layout meant upper level parking was not possible. **RESOLVED** to defer the matter to next month's meeting.
- Chris Seage to be asked to increase the visibility splay at Toll Bar cross when the grass is cut next
- Members of the public had cleaned the bus stop/shelter. Other minor maintenance works to be identified.

### **Jun23/15 Matters brought forward by Members of the Public**

A member of the public had expressed concern to a Councillor at the proliferation of new telecom masts in Shirwell. The matter to be deferred to the July meeting to enable the views of N D homes to be sought.

### **Jun23/16 Clerks Report**

The Clerk had been advised that co-option of a Councillor to fill the vacant position could start immediately. Councillors to bring suggestions to next month's meeting

### **Jun23/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda**

There was none

### **23/18 Urgent Business**

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Chairman:.....

Dated:.....

## **Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors Report June 2023**

### **North Devon Link Road**

The work continues and is on time, Borners Bridge junction (North Molton junction) is progressing well, this is a complicated area with a huge increase in levels required to put in the roundabout; which is a lozenge shape. Permits around working in the watercourse, the transatlantic cable and a medium pressure gas main all add to the complexities, the junction scheduled to be operational for turns in June. There will still be work to do there but vehicles will be able to use the junction as intended. West Buckland overbridge is progressing well and Landkey roundabout is functional now. The scheme is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

*From 12th – 15th June there will be working overnight on the infrastructure at **Borners Bridge** junction. The A361 will be closed between Bish Mill Roundabout & Aller Cross roundabout.*

*The closure will be from **8pm to 6am**. For local traffic in the North Molton area, neighbouring villages & hamlets residents will be aware of local roads to use to access/cross the A361.*

*The official diversion route north of Bourners Bridge will be signed for larger vehicles/ those unfamiliar with the area during the closure. Traffic lights will be in place on East St, South Molton during the closures.*

*During June there will also be working in the **Blakes Hill Road area at Landkey** for essential drainage & resurfacing works.*

*The road will be **closed** between the A361 Landkey roundabout & Birch Road. The closure will start at 8pm on the Friday evening & reopen at 6am on the Monday morning. Please see below for dates & times. There will be a requirement to use traffic lights over the night-time weekend to complete the final carriageway works and white lining.*

*Blakes Hill Road, Landkey Day / Time Date Total Closure Traffic Lights Friday 8pm to 6am 16 & 17 June*

*Blakes Hill Road Landkey Junction (A361) Saturday 6am to 8pm 17 June*

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*There will be night-time traffic lights in areas between **Portmore Roundabout and Aller Cross Roundabout** during the summer months. The traffic lights will be used between 8pm and 6am and will be throughout the scheme on short lengths. The team will be working on a variety of construction work activities.*

*I apologise for any inconvenience*

### **Recycled Bikes available at Recycling Centres.**

Fully serviced, reconditioned bikes are on sale at many of Devon's recycling centres from this week.

This week is international Bike Week (5-11 June) and this initiative will reduce waste and offer more people access to cycling.

With some brands of bike as much as 20 per cent more expensive than a year ago, it offers those who want to saddle up a chance to do so at an affordable price.

A specially trained team at SUEZ, who run the recycling centres on Devon County Council's (DCC) behalf, will repair the bikes from their new 'Re-Cycle Hub' at the Brunel Road facility in Newton Abbot.

They will repair old bikes, no longer wanted by Devon residents, and give them a new lease of life.

They will then sell them through the network of reuse shops in Devon's recycling centres. Each bike will be serviced and include a warranty.

Each year an estimated 10,000 bikes come through the recycling centres in Devon as residents outgrow them, break them or get frustrated that they're taking up valuable space in the garage.

**Reminder of how to report a Highway issue;  
Report a problem - Roads and transport (devon.gov.uk)  
0345 155 1004**

Live chat is available on the Highways website Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4.30 pm (4 pm on Fridays). To report a problem with road maintenance, traffic management and parking, streetlights and signs and public rights of way

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