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**Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
12th October 2023 in the Village Hall, Shirwell**

Present

Cllr J Friend Chairman
Cllr J Watts (Vice Chairman)
Cllr E Abretti
Cllr Mrs C Parkhouse
Cllr R Pelling
Cllr Mrs S Pine
Cllr S Shortridge

Also present County Councillor A Davis and two members of the public

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Abretti to the Council

Officer

G Dwyer

Oct23/1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

Oct23/2 Public Question Time

A partially sighted member of the public drew member's attention to the problem with fading road markings on shame faced lane in the village adjacent to Post Box Cottage. She normally uses the markings to cross the road safely but at the moment has no way to orient herself to the post box when posting a letter. The County Councillor reminded the meeting of the rural marking project and undertook to bring this to their attention.

Oct23/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th September 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved

Oct23/4 Matters arising from the minutes

The Clerk advised members that Devon Highways had stated that the overgrowth of the vegetation did not meet their criteria for it to be treated as a safety issue. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the Church warden to seek a solution.

Oct23/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected by the Clerk

Oct23/6 Report of the County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Davis had forwarded her report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. She highlighted

- Route restrictions on the west bound carriageway of the A361 for a month
- The need to order salt stocks if required Te Chairman undertook to speak to the snow warden and order stocks if required

Oct23/7 Questions to the County Councillor

There were none

Oct23/8 Report of the District Councillor

There was no report

Oct23/9 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Oct23/10 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been distributed in advance of the meeting.

- Dalc Monthly bulletin
- Consultation document on dogs public space protection
- Survey on polling station locations
- NDDH news update
- County Councillor's October report

Oct23/11 Planning Applications

Cllr Mrs Pine declared a prejudicial interest in this application as she is the immediate neighbour of the applicant. She left the meeting and did not speak or vote thereon

Planning Application: 77649 The Millens Shirwell, Demolition of existing garage & erection of new garage with associated works at Barnstaple Devon EX31 4LF **RESOLVED** to recommend **APPROVAL** subject to confirming that the ownership boundary marked on the plan was correct.

Oct23/12 Planning Decisions

None reported to the meeting

Oct23/13 Cheques for Payment

A Cheque for £150.00 to G Dwyer (Clerks salary) was signed at the meeting

Oct23/14 Reports from Councillors

- A large pothole was reported on the road between the A39 and the B2023. Cllr Mrs Pine to log on the DCC website

Oct23/15 Matters brought forward by Members of the Public

There were none

Oct23/16 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that he had not received an invoice for the Annual Insurance Policy, he had contacted the company.

Oct23/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There was nothing reported

Oct23/18 Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Chairman: Dated:.....

**Shirwell Parish Council
County Councillors Report
October 2023**

North Devon Link Road

The North Devon Link Road will be partially closed for a month from Wednesday 11 October to allow essential maintenance work to go ahead.

As part of Devon County Council’s ongoing scheme to upgrade the A361, contractor Griffiths needs to excavate the road in a number of areas to waterproof five major structures beneath the highway. Drainage improvements, safety barrier replacement and resurfacing will also be undertaken at the same time.

The work will require the closure of the westbound carriageway (Tiverton to Barnstaple) of the A361 between North Aller roundabout and Landkey roundabout, for a month.

Traffic heading to Barnstaple will be diverted onto the C783 to travel through Filleigh, Swimbridge and Landkey.

On-street parking in these villages on the diversion route will have to be restricted during this period to help maintain traffic flow. The diversion route will be regularly monitored.

There will be a separate diversion route available for HGVs and abnormal loads heading westbound (Tiverton to Barnstaple) to reduce the number of large vehicles travelling through the villages. This will be signed via the B3227 and A377.

The eastbound carriageway (Barnstaple to Tiverton) will remain fully open to traffic throughout this phase of work.

More information at;

<https://community.alungriffiths.co.uk/projects-in-your-area/north-devon-link-road/>

Up to £10k grants available to help tackle crime and antisocial behaviour

The Police and Crime commissioner has launched a fund aimed at tackling crime and anti social behaviour, the grant scheme is being delivered in partnership with Devon Community Foundation and aims to benefit small and medium sized organisations whose work contributes to the Commissioners Police and Crime Plan.

To apply: devoncf.com/grants/PCC-grants

Snow Wardens

Gentle reminder to order any salt you need, the colder weather will soon be upon us. You may need to update contact details if there has been any change in who your snow warden is, with an election earlier this year I am aware we may have forgotten to talk about this during the summer.

Grit bins should be filled but if you would check just in case that would be really helpful, if they need filling the link is below;

[Grit Bins map – Road and Transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

**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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