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**Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
14th September 2023 in the Village Hall**

Present

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

Also present three members of the public

Officer

G Dwyer

Sep23/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Pelling, County Councillor Mrs A Davis and District Councillor Mrs J Hunt

23/2 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

23/3 Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th August 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved

23/4 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none that are not on the agenda

23/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned.

23/6 Report of the County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Davis had apologised for her non-attendance

23/7 Questions to the County Councillor

There were none

23/8 Report of the District Councillor

There was no report

23/9 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

23/10 Correspondence

General correspondence will be circulated after the meeting.

23/11 Planning Applications

- **Planning Application 77517** Erection of a replacement dwelling at Hartpiece Farmhouse Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4LG it was **RESOLVED** to recommend **APPROVAL** subject to no increase in the Footprint.
- **Planning Application 77444** Demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of new dwellings and associated works to include erection of small scale wind turbine (following class Q approval **74527**) Higher Upcott Farm Shirwell
With members approval the Chairman suspended standing orders to allow members of the public to speak on the following application. Cllr Mrs Parkhouse expressed a prejudicial interest in this matter as she lives close to the site of the application, she withdrew from the meeting and did not speak or vote thereon.
Members of the public expressed their concern at the the application and made the following points
 - The scale of the proposal
 - The number of solar panels and the possible effects of reflected light
 - Site disruption during the development would affect quality of life for neighbours
 - No provision has been made for water extraction
 - The affect on wildlife seems to have been ignored*The meeting resumed under standing orders*
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend **REFUSAL** as this was not on the footprint of the previously approved class Q application, the overall size of the proposal was was unsympathetic to the site and constituted sporadic over development

23/12 Planning Decisions

None reported to the meeting

23/13 Cheques for Payment

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

23/14 Reports from Councillors

- Slight concern was raised at the sequence of recent mini festivals and advice given on how to report them
- Although the damaged sign at Toll Bar has allegedly been repaired it either had been mistakenly recorded as dealt with or had been damaged again. **RESOLVED** Cllr Pollard to report it via the DCC website

23/15 Matters brought forward by Members of the Public

- The hedge adjacent to the Church needed trimming as it constituted a hazard to, amongst others, a partially sighted resident in the village. **RESOLVED** the Clerk to record on the DCC website

23/16 Clerks Report

The Clerk had nothing to report

23/17 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There was nothing reported

23/18 Urgent Business

There was none

The Chairman moved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are to be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw

23/19 Cooption of Councillor to fill vacancy

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Chairman: Dated:.....