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**Minutes of the Meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
13th June 2024 in the Village Hall, Shirwell**

Present

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

Also present County Councillor Mrs A Davis

Officer

G Dwyer

Jun24/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs R Pelling and S Shortridge

Jun24/2 Public Question Time

**Jun24/3 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on the 9th May
2024**

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved

Jun24/4 Matters arising from the minutes

Nothing that was not on the agenda

Jun24/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected and cleaned. New batteries and pads were installed in May

Jun24/6 Report of the County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Davis had today forwarded a copy of her report which is attached to these minutes, she highlighted the online consultation into bus-rail integration which is open until the 26th June and gave the latest information on the link road improvements

Jun24/7 Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions

Jun24/8 Report of the District Councillor

There was no report

Jun24/9 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Jun24/10 Correspondence

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

DALC bulletin

Notification of exempt status from the annual audit process

NDH update

ND Community lottery bulleting

ND Grants and community news update

ND weekly information sheet

Devon news roundup

In addition there was a letter from a member of the public querying why the minutes were not posted on the notice board(s) After discussion when it was noted that the letter writer had been advised several times of the reasons for not doing this it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk respond to the letter writer acknowledging receipt of her letter

Jun24/11 Planning Applications

There were none

Jun24/12 Cheques for Payment

Cheques for £150 to G Dwyer (Clerks salary) £18.00 (DALC course fee) were signed at the meeting

24/13 Reports from Councillors

- Cllr Abretti reported on the Police webinar and outlined the topics covered. It was noted that returning 'Police to the beat' was a priority.
- Cllr Watts reported on the present position with starting a table tennis night at the Village Hall
- Concern was expressed at the possible traffic issues resulting from a wedding venue application at Plaistow Mills. It was noted that traffic issues would be one of the things dealt with when a licence application was made. it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk bring the attention of the licencing Authority to the Parish Councils concern

Jun24/14 Matters brought forward by Members of the Public

The wildflower plot at the old Village Store site needed a perimeter cut.

RESOLVED the Clerk to arrange

Jun24/15 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the annual audit submission had been accepted and no further action was required

Jun24/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There was none

Jun 24/17 Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm

Chairman:

Dated:.....

Shirwell Parish Council County Councillors report June 2024

Barnstaple Railway Station interchange between buses and trains.



From Monday 22 May until Wednesday 26 June, we are inviting the public to view the plans and provide feedback on our Have Your Say [website](#). Our proposals aim to improve bus-rail integration at the busy station, which is used by over 500,000 passengers per year.

They also aim to provide an improved gateway to Barnstaple, with a simplified road layout making it easier for people to access the station and bus stop. The changes include an upgraded bus stop directly outside the main entrance, which would be served by all buses and would incorporate shelters and real-time information screens.

It is also proposed to install a bus access on Sticklepath Terrace, to enable buses to use this road when travelling towards Barnstaple town centre, avoiding queues of traffic on Station Road.

The plans are being developed in partnership with Network Rail, who own the station and other rail infrastructure, and Great Western Railway, who operate trains serving the station.

It would be very helpful if the Parish Council would submit a response and please share as the more responses the better, thank you

Link Road Update

An update on the expected completion dates for the North Devon Link Road scheme;

- Landkey Footbridge will be erected by the first few days in June, mostly complete now.
- A large section of the road will be substantially completed prior to the summer holidays from Portmore roundabout down to Landkey Viaduct at Swimbridge, any remaining works focused around the footbridge.
- Borners Bridge roundabout will also be completed mid-July.
- The central section from Landkey Viaduct through to the Filleigh cutting will be the last area to be completed over the summer with the West Buckland Junction being the last section in late September.
- Landscaping works will have to be done over the winter period due to the planting season.

40mph speed limits (30mph at Borners) will be taken off at the same time as the programmed completion dates.

Overnight maintenance work will be carried out on the A361 17th- 22nd June (dual carriageway section)

A number of overnight closures will be needed to undertake the work which includes re-tensioning of safety barriers, line marking, grass cutting, gully emptying and bridge inspections. All of the closures will be from **8pm to 6am**. The **A361** will be closed overnight in both directions between **Bolham roundabout and Gornhay** from 8pm on the evening of Sunday 16 June until 6am the following morning (Monday 17 June).

On the evenings of **Monday 17 June and Tuesday 18 June**, the road will be closed eastbound only between **Gornhay and Sampford Peverell from 8pm-6am**. On the westbound carriageway, the outside lane will be closed in short sections at a time while work is carried out in the central reservation. These lengths of lane closure will move with the area being worked on.

Overnight on **Wednesday 19 June and Thursday 20 June** the road will be closed westbound between **Gornhay and Sampford Peverell** from 8pm-6am. Eastbound, the outside lane will be closed in short sections at a time while work is carried out in the central reservation. These lengths of lane closure will move with the area being worked on.

From 8pm on Friday 21 June until 6am the following morning (Saturday 22 June) lane closures will be in place from J27 M5 to Bolham roundabout.

General Devon updates.....

Growing Communities Fund

If you know of a community group that has a project that could improve people's wellbeing, reeve hardship, or provide a warm space to work, learn or socialise in the area there is a grant available:

Information at communitygrants@devon.gov.uk

DCC awarded more than £7m to deliver more Electric Vehicle charging points

Devon County Council has been awarded more than £7m of Government funding to support its delivery of thousands of new, publicly accessible, Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points across the county over the next few years.

The capital funding comes from the Department for Transport's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund. The Fund aims to support the roll-out of

electric vehicle charging infrastructure across England, for drivers without off-street parking. and we've received one of the largest allocations in the country.

Personal news

At the recent annual meeting I was voted in as Deputy leader for Devon County Council. I will retain the Climate change and Environment and Transport portfolio.

Highway emergency number is :0345 155 1004 (If you are reporting an emergency that is very likely to present an imminent threat to life or serious injury or serious damage to property).

Reporting defects on the highway the Devon County Website [Report a problem - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

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