

**Draft**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council**  
**held on the**  
**14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in the Village Hall, Shirwell**

**Present**

Cllr J Friend (chairman)  
Cllr J Watts (vice chairman)  
Cllr E Abretti  
Cllr R Pelling  
Cllr Mrs S Pine  
Cllr S Shortridge

**Also In Attendance**

County Councillor Mrs A Davis

**Aug 25/1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Mrs Parkhouse  
G Dwyer (clerk)

**Aug 25/2 Public Question Time**

There were no members of the public present & there was not a representative of the National Trust

**Aug 25/3 Minutes the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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

**Aug 25/4 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none

**Aug 25/5 Inspection of Defibrillator**

The defibrillator has been inspected.

**Aug 25/6 Report of the County Councillor**

Cllr Mrs Davis explained that there was no report as the Council was in recess.

**Aug 25/7 Questions to the County Councillor**

There were no questions.

## **Aug 25/8 Report of the District Councillor**

There was no report

## **Aug 25/9 Questions to the District Councillor**

A question was raised by a Councillor regarding Policing in Barnstaple High Street and surrounding areas. It has been noticed and reported to the Cllr that there are many apparently homeless people, some displaying behaviour that can cause concern. Open drug dealing was observed. The Cllr had specifically had it reported to him by Parishioners that they felt unsafe in Barnstaple High Street.

Cllr Mrs A Davies advised the Parish Council to write to Hannah Harrington Barnstaple Town Centre Manager at Barnstaple Town Centre Management explaining the concern.

In addition to the above action, the matter will be reported to the Police through the Parish Councillor Advocate OPCC.

## **Aug 25/10 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence

## **Aug 25/11 Planning Applications**

**Planning Application 80632.** Hartland View Shirwell. Erection of 3 dwellings (Following Class Q ref 78823

The application was discussed, and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend **REFUSAL** as:

- The application doesn't comply with the local plan.
- The development makes no facility for affordable housing.
- There is no mention of priority to local need for housing.
- The development should be for primary residence only.

## **Aug 25/12 Cheques for Payment**

A cheque to G Dwyer for salary (£200) was signed at the meeting.

## **Aug 25/13 Reports from Councillors**

- Discussions regarding the surplus utility pylons to be on agenda for September.
- The speed awareness camera was due a move and this looked to coincide with battery recharge.

Aug 25/14 Sub Committee Report LG reorganisation

A verbal interactive report was given by Cllr James Friend. This covered the likely ways forward and how, since his external meeting, there was no further action at this time.

## Aug 25/15 Clerks Report

There was no report.

## **Aug 25/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda**

There was none.

## Aug 25/17 Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed 8.15 pm

Chairman: Dated:.....