

Draft
Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
12th June 2025 in the Village Hall, Shirwell

Present

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

Officer

G Dwyer

Also In Attendance

County Councillor Mrs A Davis and one member of the public

Jun 25/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Friend and Cllr S Shortridge

Jun 25/2 Public Question Time

There were no questions

Jun 25/3 Minutes the meeting of the 8th May 2025

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be amended to note that Cllr Mrs Parkhouse absence had been mistakenly recorded as that of Cllr Mrs Pollard

Jun 25/4 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none

Jun 25/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator has been inspected and cleaned.

Jun 25/6 Report of the County Councillor

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

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Jun 25/7 Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions.

Jun 25/8 Report of the District Councillor

Cllr Mrs J Hunt sent a housing services news letter (June 25) which arrived after the meeting so was not discussed but is available on the North Devon website

Jun 25/9 Questions to the District Councillor

There were no questions

Jun 25/10 Correspondence

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

- **Planning Applications 80048 and 80230 (See under planning applications)**
- National Trust Presentation about developments at the old Lake at Arlington – dates for presentation

Jun 25/11 Planning Applications

- **Planning Application 80048** Erection of conservatory to rear of property at Woodview Shirwell Barnstaple Devon. Members considered the application but were reluctant recommend approval without further information on possible water run-off. Members were also concerned at the size of the proposal and the effect on neighbouring properties
- **Planning Application 80230** Erection of a circular slurry store, reception pit and associated works at West Plaistow Muddiford Barnstaple Devon EX31 4EY **RESOLVED** to recommend **APPROVAL**

Jun 25/12 Cheques for Payment

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

Jun 25/14 Reports from Councillors

- Councillors congratulated Cllr Watts for the success of the table tennis club, in particular they noted the positive effect it was having as a community event.
- The Shirwell village sign had not been found and it was assumed to have been stolen. The DCC to be informed via their website

Jun 25/15 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that Mr Sherwin had audited the accounts and had found nothing of concern. The Clerk had forwarded the exemption certificate to the Auditors and posted the dates for inspection the accounts on the website. Councillors recorded their thanks to Mt Sherwin for his efforts.

Jun 25/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There were none

Jun 25/17 Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed 8.07 pm

Chairman: Dated:.....

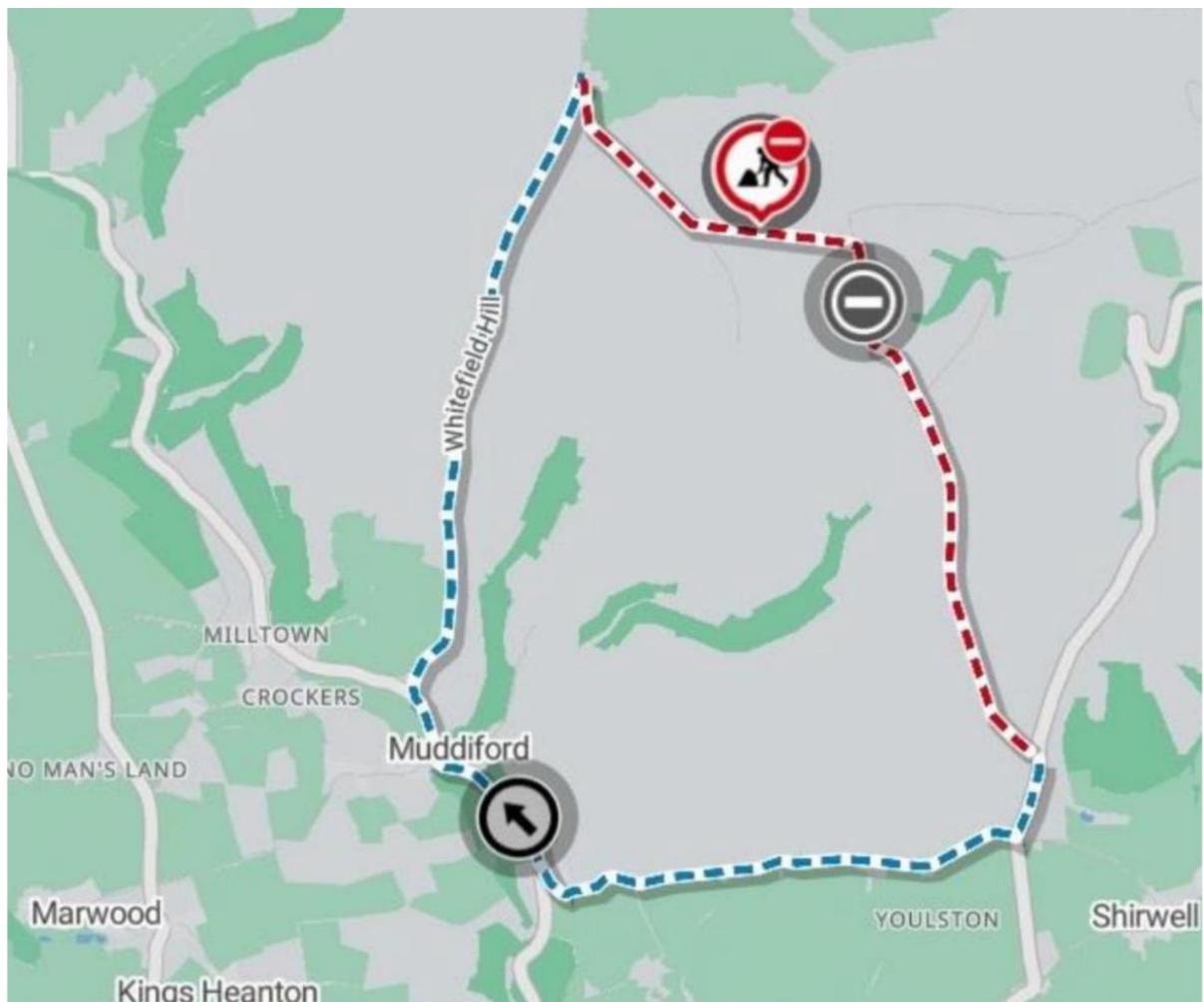
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Highway resurfacing

Thank you for your patience over the duration of the resurfacing works at Burridge, I am pleased with the result!

More good news;

Devon Highways will be undertaking patching works on the Road from Indicott Cross to Upcott Cross between **Monday 21st – Tuesday 29th July 2025 (weekdays only)**. The highway requires maintenance and these essential repairs will help restore the surface, protect the underlying foundation and improve safety. The work involves removing the old surface and laying new material. For safety reasons the road will be closed to all traffic during our working hours. Please see the road closure and works area highlighted in red on the map below, the signed diversion route is shown on the map in blue.



Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

The Government-funded scheme provides activities and nutritional meals over the holidays for children aged five to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

If your child is not eligible for benefits-related free school meals they still may be able to access activities under the 'extended criteria.'

More information about the extended criteria on [information for parents and carers on our children, families and education](#) webpage.

It is now possible to [book activities](#) online. The new EEQU system displays all the holiday activities on offer, with links detailing where and when the activity is, how to get there and other important information. Once you've applied the booking system will carry out an instant assessment of their eligibility to attend. If eligible, you will receive a confirmation of the booking and you will be sent reminders ahead of the session.

If you need to cancel it's easy to do and will free up the slot allowing those on the waiting list the chance to book.

There are over 100 holiday activity providers around Devon who provide a wide range of activities for children and young people.

From arts and crafts workshops to sports and outdoor activities, the programme is designed to keep children engaged, active, and well-nourished during the school break. All clubs will be operating for a minimum of four hours and will include a hot meal.

One of the venues available is the Calvert Trust which offers a range of activities and is a great opportunity to try something new.

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