

Draft
Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the
11th September 2025 in the Village Hall, Shirwell

Present

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

Also In Attendance

County Councillor Mrs A Davis and 2 members of the public

Sep 25/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Friend and R Pelling

Sep 25/2 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

Sep 25/11 Planning Application 80672 (brought forward on the agenda)

With members approval the Dep Chairman brough forward consideration of Planning Application 80672 to this point on the agenda and suspended standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak on this item.
The member of the public detailed the history of this application and confirmed that the changes required by the Planning Officer had been included in the revised application

Planning Application 80672. 1 Blatchford Cottages Barnstaple Devon EX31 4EU. Demolition of outbuilding and construction of single storey garage/storage dual pitch roof building, and utility room. Members

RESOLVED to recommend **APPROVAL**

Sep 25/3 Minutes the meeting of the 14th August 2025

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved

Sep 25/4 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none that were not on the agenda

Sep 25/5 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator would be inspected after the meeting.

Sep 25/6 Report of the County Councillor

Cllr Mrs Davis explained that there was not a lot to report as the County Council was in recess, she briefly outlined the road works programmed for the Autumn and reminded Councillors to use the County Council website to report highway issues.

The closing date for comments regarding Local Government restructuring was November 2025.

Sep 25/7 Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions.

Sep 25/8 Report of the District Councillor

There was no report

Sep 25/9 Questions to the District Councillor

There were none

Sep 25/10 Correspondence

- Letter from MP's office regarding placing minutes on notice boards
- National Trust – Outdoor hub letter
- Planning Apps 80672 Blatchford Cottages
- Planning App 80686 Arlington – works to Dam

Sep 25/11 Planning Applications

- Planning Application 80672. 1 Blatchford Cottages Barnstaple Devon EX31 4EU. See earlier on the minutes
- Planning Application 79703 - North Woolley at Arlington Court Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4JZ Creation of an outdoor hub, to include improved vehicular access from the A39, car park, visitor facilities, multi-use accessible trail, a cycling skills area, natural play features and associated development (Amended plans) It was **RESOLVED** to recommend **REFUSAL** as it was felt the amended plans did not address the Highways issues noted when the scheme was discussed in February 2025
- Planning Application: 80686 Arlington Dam Arlington Court Barnstaple Devon EX31 4LP Listed Building Consent for modifications to Arlington Dam outlet structure to include installation of a fish and eel pass. RESOLVED to recommend **REFUSAL** as the proposals would change a historically important landscape scheme and seems counter intuitive as it creates downstream flood issues.

Sep 25/12 Cheques for Payment

A cheque to G Dwyer for £218.25 (salary £200 and reimbursement auditors recompense £18.25) and was signed at the meeting.

Sep 25/13 Reports from Councillors

- Discussions regarding the surplus utility pylons to be dealt with by Councillor Shortridge.
- The speed awareness camera site in Burridge to be agreed with Highways Officers (Cllr Mrs Davis to arrange). An additional pole will not be required
- It was noted that Shirwell Town was continuing to suffer from drainage issues. It seems that this is from the drain adjacent to that property and Chamings Dean. (Cllr Shortridge declared a prejudicial interest in this matter as the owner of Shirwell Town. Apart from reporting the issue he took no part in the discussion and left the room.) **RESOLVED** that the matter be reported to Devon CC on their website

Sep 25/14 Sub Committee Report LG reorganisation

To be on the October agenda.

Sep 25/15 Clerks Report

A letter from the MP's office regarding posting minutes on the website had been replied to, it was noted that this had been raised previously in committee.

Sep 25/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda

There was none.

Sep 25/17 Urgent Business

There was none

The meeting closed 8.30 pm

Chairman: Dated:.....