

**Draft**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council**  
**held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**In the Village hall Shirwell**

**Present**

Cllr J Friend (Chairman)  
Cllr J Watts (Dep Chairman)  
Cllr E Abretti  
Cllr R Pelling  
Cllr Mrs C Parkhouse  
Cll Mrs S Pine  
Cllr S Shortridge

**Also in attendance**

**County Councillor Mrs A Davis.**

**Apr 26/1 Apologies for Absence**

District Councillor Mrs J Hunt

**Apr 26/2 Public Question Time**

There were no members of the public present

**Apr 26/3 Minutes the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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

**Apr 26/4 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none that were not on the agenda

**Apr 26/5 Inspection of Defibrillator**

The defibrillator had been inspected prior to the meeting.

**Apr 26/6 Report of the County Councillor**

Councillor Mrs Davis spoke briefly about the results of the library survey which will be considered by Devon County Council.

**Apr 26/7 Questions to the County Councillor**

A Councillor highlighted a road sign in Bratton Flemming that was defaced.

### **Apr 26/8 Report of the District Councillor**

There was no report

### **Apr 26/9 Questions to the District Councillor**

There were none

### **Apr 26/10 Correspondence**

- NDC weekly information sheet

### **Apr 26/11 Planning Applications**

- **Planning Application 81593 Broomhill Estate Muddiford Barnstaple Devon EX31 4EX** Change of use from hotel (C1) to residential dwellinghouse Grid Ref: 256521; 136791. It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL**
- **Planning Application: 81535 Coxleigh Barton Shirwell Barnstaple Devon EX31 4JL.** Variation of condition 2 (plans) attached to planning permission 78639 (Erection of B8 storage & distribution industrial unit) to allow front and rear extensions to unit. Grid Ref: 258638; 135475. Members queried whether a a previous application to provide an emergency water supply to the units been implemented and also expressed concern at alterations to previously approved planning applications for the size of the units. It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** subject to confirmation that the mergent water supply had been installed.

### **April 26/12 Planning Decisions**

- **North Devon District Council: Extraction of stone (up to 10,000 tonnes) for use on forestry tracks at Quarry at Muddiford Plantation, Muddiford Woods, Muddiford, Barnstaple** Application refused

### **Apr 26/12 Cheques for Payment**

A cheque to G Dwyer for clerks salary (£200.00) was signed at the meeting.

### **Apr 26/13 Community Governance Review/Local Government Reorganisation**

The Clerk confirmed that the return had been submitted

**Apr 26/14 Reports from Councillors**

Councillors discussed the links that were being considered to provide an access point for Parishioners

**Apr 26/15 Clerks Report**

The Clerk updated Councillors on the preparation of 2025.2026 accounts and it was agreed that Mr B Sherwin be asked to audit the accounts as in previous years.

**Apr 26/16 Public Questions regarding business on this agenda**

There were none

**Apr 26/17 Urgent Business**

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.15

Chairman:

Dated:.....