

Draft
Minutes of the meeting of Shirwell Parish Council
held on the 13th August 2026 in the Village Hall Shirwell

Present

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

Also in attendance

County Councillor Mrs A Davis

Aug 26/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr E Abretti

Aug 26/2 Minutes the meeting of the 9th Jul 2026

RESOLVED that the minutes as previously circulated be approved

Aug 26/3 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none that were not on the agenda

Aug 26/4 Inspection of Defibrillator

The defibrillator had been inspected prior to the meeting and the batteries replaced.

Aug 26/5 Report of the County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs Davis updated the Council with the latest information on Local Government Reorganisation, there would be 4 unitary authorities and the details differed from those chosen by Local Councils in Devon. There would be elections in May 2027.

Aug 26/6 Questions to the County Councillor

There were no questions.

A Councillor highlighted a problems as families with Children of primary school age had recently moved to houses on the top road, which would mean a walk along the main road to access the local primary school. It was **RESOLVED** the matter be an agenda item for September's meeting

Aug 26/7 Report of the District Councillor

There was no report

Aug 26/8 Questions to the District Councillor

There were none

Aug 26/9 Correspondence

- **North Devon Council information (2)**
- **NDH newsletter**
- **N Devon Film Competition**
- **Public Consultation on Dogs open spaces public protection order**
- **Parish Forum presentation (video link to meeting record)**

Aug 26/10 Planning Applications

- **Planning Application 81653 - 1 Warren Cottages Shirwell Barnstaple EX31 4JZ.** Erection of an agricultural shed/workshop together with associated works (amended location/block plan) **It was RESOLVED to Recommend Refusal** as the supporting information to the application was not shown as part of the application

Aug 26/11 Planning Decisions

There were none that differed from the recommendation of the Parish Council

Aug 26/12 Cheques for Payment

Cheques to G Dwyer for clerks salary (£200.00) and auditors recompense (£19.50) and J Friend for defib batteries (£50.99)

Aug 26/13 Community Governance Review/Local Government Reorganisation

Information was due in the next few days

Aug 26/14 Reports from Councillors

There were none

Aug 26/15 Clerks Report

- **Community Governance Review/Local Government Reorganisation.** There was no new information

- **North Devon and Torridge - local plan Scoping Consultation. The Clerk had submitted the Council's response**
- **Woodview Shirwell. Planning Officers response (see Correspondence)**

No action to be requested at the moment

- **Village Hall Planning Application – Cllr Mrs Pine declared a prejudicial interest in this as she was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee she withdrew from the meeting and did not speak or vote thereon.**

Members discussed the proposed Planning Application for alterations to the wall surrounding the Village Hall and it was **Resolved to finance the cost of the Planning Application.**

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

There were none

The meeting closed at 8.00

Chairman:

Dated:.....