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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Meeting held at Ipplepen Millennium Centre**

## **On Tuesday 6th August 2019**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Carnell (Chairman) Coun.Farrow

## Coun.Mrs.Olding (Vice Chairman) Coun.Smith

Coun.Courtier Coun.Palethorpe

Coun.Rattlidge Coun.Mrs.Hutchings

Coun.Mrs.Northwood

## eMiss.C.Freston Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District/County Councillor

52) **APOLOGIES** - Coun.Mrs.Calland

## 53) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No declarations of Interest.

54) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July, 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

55) **MATTERS ARISING**

**Electricity at the Mill Centre –** The Parish Council decided that the account should be put in the Parish Councils name and the bills should be paid by them The usage from the toilet block and the Mill Centre will be worked out half yearly and the Parish Council will invoice the MCMC for their usage. **Action –** Clerk to contact EDF and change the account over into the Parish Councils name.

**Memorial Bench at War Memorial –** This is ongoing and Coun.Rattlidge is meeting with Highways next week to look at the area.

**New flooring at the Mill Centre –** Gina has asked UFS if she can spend pre-school funds on replacing the flooring and they have agreed. Two more quotes need to be obtained to comply with their policy and this is being organised by them.

**Re-Valuing Parish Council properties** – The clerk has contacted their insurance company and they use a different company to come and value the properties. They have quoted £750 +VAT to come and revalue. Coun.Farrow and Coun.Carnell will meet to discuss the revaluing. The Finance Committee will then meet to discuss **Action –** Coun.Carnell and Coun.Farrow to arrange a date to meet.

56) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Coun.Carnell (Chairman)

a)**Items from Devon County Council:-** No items received this month

## b) **Items from Teignbridge District Council & Teignbridge CVS: -**

Wessex Resolutions CIC are a not-for-profit organisation working in partnership with TDC. They lend council funds to homeowners for essential home repairs and improvements. For more information call

Wessex Resolutions visit [www.wessexresolutions.org.uk](http://www.wessexresolutions.org.uk).

Garden Waste renewal time- If you are already a customer, don’t forget that you will need to renew your subscription before 31st August 2019 for the service to continue. It’s easy to renew or sign up online at [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/gardenwaste).

Rural Aid Fund applicants: Following a meeting of the Rural Aid Committee on 17th July 2019, St Andrews Church have been successful in obtaining £1,000 towards the new footpath.

Teignbridge have sent an invitation to join them at a special community event Strong Communities Forum Event – Thursday 10th October 2019 10am – 1.30pm at Teignbridge Council, Forde House.

Community Organisations that own or manage a building or outdoor space that’s used for a wide range of community activities can apply for interest free loans of up to £50,000 for up to 5 years to develop their trading activities and generate a more sustainable income. Application can be submitted via an expression of interest form.

Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling places, the consultation period for this review will commence on Monday 5th August 2019 and end on Friday 6th September 2019. Any person or organisation wishing to make a representation in respect of the arrangements of polling districts and polling places within the boundary of Teignbridge District Council, must write to Cathy Ruelens, Polling District Review, Electoral Services Office, Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 4XX or by email to electoralservices@teignbridge.gov.uk by 6th September 2019.

## c) **Items from DALC/DCT/SLCC:-** DALC’s newsletters

## **Other items received:**

d) The public consultation is now open until 20th September 2019 on the proposed changes to the Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue. You can tell them what you think by completing the online questionnaire at [www.dsfire.gov.uk](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk) or emailing safetogetherprogramme@dsfire.gov.uk

e) A parishioner has emailed about how overgrown the footpath is just past Hardup Bridge to the main Totnes to Newton Abbot Road. Coun.Smith will investigate to see if it has been cut.

f) The Mayor of Dawlish has sent an invitation to their Annual Civic Service on Sunday 22nd September 2019 at 3pm. Coun.Carnell would like to attend **Action –** Clerk to reply

g) Littlehempston Parish clerk has emailed asking if Councillors from the parishes bordering Littlehempston would meet at a point on the boundary to welcome each other and pass over a commemorating scroll for their ‘beat the bounds’ which will be taking place on Saturday 21st September 2019 **Action –** Clerk to contact and find out more details.

h) St Andrew’s Churchwarden has emailed to say thank you for our help and encouragement in obtaining the Rural Aid Grant from TDC.

i) Coun.Dewhirst has emailed the clerk to report that there are a number of young people who are hanging around the skate park who are acting in a bullying manner towards the other younger people using the park. The local neighbourhood police have been informed about this issue.

j) An email has been received regarding a vehicle being parked on the roundabout in Bowden Road. Coun.Courtier has been and placed a sign on the vehicle asking them to refrain for parking on the grass.

k) An email has been received from a parishioner regarding the parking of motor trade vehicles on residential roads often opposite drive entrances. Some of the vehicles are untaxed or have out of date MOT. If a vehicle has no MOT and you can see it being driven you can call the police immediately on 999. Untaxed vehicles need to be reported to the DVLA by phone on online. If the vehicle appears abandoned and in untaxed contact Teignbridge District Council on 01626 361101.Seagull nuisance is also a problem around the village. They are protected by law and it is illegal to remove or disturb a nest. During the nesting season they become very territorial and aggressive. Residents are encouraged not to feed the seagulls.

## **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Millennium Centre** – The next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 17th September 2019.

**TALC** –The next meeting is due to be held on 26th September 2019.

**Village Hall Committee** – Nothing to report

**Ipplepen Community Fund** – Next meeting due on 5th September 2019.

**Emergency Team** – Nothing to report

57) **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Coun.Dewhirst

**County Matters**

Residents are invited to have their say on Devon County Council proposals to allow care and health professionals to park on yellow lines when visiting clients at home. Currently, an exemption permit allows care workers and other health care staff to use on-street pay and display, limited waiting and residents parking for no charge. The Traffic Regulation Order proposes to extend this exemption to include parking on single and double yellow lines – but only when alternative parking isn’t available.

Devon County Council proposes to launch this enhanced scheme from this autumn on a trial basis. The care or health professional will have to have made a reasonable effort to find alternative parking first, and park where it is safe to do so. The vehicle must not cause an obstruction, block access or pose a danger to road users, for instance on a corner. If the scheme is approved, all professionals and care companies, who currently hold permits, would be invited to apply for the new updated permit. The existing exemption permit would be phased out from the autumn.

A new campaign has been launched to encourage landowners with ash trees on their property to inspect them for Ash dieback. The “My tree, my responsibility” campaign, supported by the Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum, aims to inform owners of trees to look out for signs of the fungal tree disease and to take any appropriate action in order to maintain public safety.More than 90% of Devon’s native ash trees are expected to be lost due to Ash dieback in the next five to 15 years. Devon County Council surveys have estimated that it will potentially have to remove around 6,300 of its own ash trees from highway land across the county, which would cost the authority around £2.5 million to fell.

Across the county there are around 448,000 ash trees within falling distance of the highway that are owned by third parties or on unregistered land. The overall cost of felling all of these ash trees could be more than £70 million.

**District Matters**

Teignbridge Council are in the process of asking members of the public to complete our biennial satisfaction survey. Our team will be out and about this August at shows and fairs asking people to complete the survey.

At the Full Council meeting on Monday, I presented and Council approved making the current interim Senior Management structure permanent. Council also approved recommendations from an Independent review of Senior Leadership Team (SLT) pay by South West Councils, using the Local Government Association Senior Management Job Evaluation Scheme and regional and national pay benchmarking data to review senior managers' pay. The Council's pay policy will be updated to reflect this work. These new Senior Leadership arrangements will deliver savings of £150,000 a year.

Our ability to attract and retain high quality staff is key to being able to deliver the quality of service that our residents expect and deserve. We need to continue to deliver for the people of Teignbridge, and it’s important that our staff have the skills and knowledge, and also the mandate to do so. This permanent structure provides stability to our whole workforce, and ensures our staff continue to deliver against the Council’s priorities, as well as showing innovation and leadership.

The structure will make permanent the four senior leadership roles of Head of Operations, Head of Corporate Services, Head of Service Delivery and Improvement and Head of Place and Commercial Services.

58) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2019, were approved and taken as read (Meeting not held)

b) **Grants & Refusals** of Planning permission received:

**Decisions Received: Councillor’s Comments if necessary**

c) **Applications discussed**:

**Application 19/01323/FUL –** Clennon, Ipplepen – New biomass/pallet boiler and associated storage structure

Coun.Farrow is going to put a response together and will circulate

**Application 19/01317/FUL –** Appleloft, Road from Normans Farm to Tanyard Farm – Demolition of existing garage and out buildings and replace with new garage, store and pool room

Coun.Farrow is going to put a response together and will circulate

**Application 19/01392/FUL –** 5, Bridge Street – Raising of an existing rear boundary wall

Coun.Farrow proposed no objection, seconded by Coun.Smith (All unanimous)

**Application 19/01460/TPO –** 52, Dornafield Drive East, Ipplepen – Crown lift one horse chestnut (T1) and two oaks (T2 & T3)

Coun.Farrow proposed no objection, seconded by Coun.Smith (All unanimous)

d) **Other items discussed:**

**Application 19/01377/MAJ –** Animals in Distress, Edgelands Lane, Ipplepen – Kennel block and training barn, reception centre and associated external works

Coun.Farrow reported that there were not any plans available to Teignbridge’s website at present and this application will be discussed at the Plans Committee meeting on Wednesday 21st August 2019.

59) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Courtier

The Minutes from the meeting held on 9th July 2019, were approved and taken as read. Matters arising from the Minutes as follows:

a) Coun.Courtier has received a complaint about the fallen tree at the Football Club **Action –** Coun.Courtier to inspect and remove any loose or damaged branches.

b) The basketball nets are rusted and broken **Action –** Coun.Palethrope to look into purchasing two new nets.

c) It was discussed about automatic spray air fresheners being put on the wall in the toilet block at the Recreation Ground. It was decided and agreed for these not to be purchased due to the recent anti-social behaviour happening in the toilets

d) Coun.Courtier has inspected and part of the assault course at the Recreation ground is broken due to a rotted post **Action** – Coun.Courtier to ask the contractor who will be erecting the fence by the typhoon to have a look.

e) The toilet block at the Recreation Ground will **close at 5pm** until further notice due to the recent anti-social behaviour. This is to avoid any further unnecessary cost to the parish. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

f) Coun.Mrs.Hutchings has tried to contact the Football Club about the planting of trees in the Autumn, but has had no response **Action –** Clerk to write to the Football Club and also contact the Woodland Trust.

g) We are running low on black bags which are used for the litterbins around the park. **Action –** Coun.Carnell to purchase a large quantity of heavy duty black bags.

h) Coun.Mrs.Northwood mentioned the Candlelit Procession which will be happening on Saturday 30th November 2019. Coun.Courtier, Coun.Carnell, Coun.Palethorpe, Coun.Mrs.Hutchings and Coun.Rattlidge confirmed they would be available to help.

60) **FINANCE & PERSONNEL** – Coun.Mrs.Olding

**Balance No. £ 38,433.24**

**Received:**

Mill.Centre Rent for July & August £ 100.00

ICC- Rent £ 106.25

**Balance: £ 38,639.49**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 3,642.99**

**Balance £ 34,996.50**

**Reserve Account**

**Balance £ 57,950.01**

**Overall Total £ 92,946.51**

**Items discussed:** No further items discussed

61) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY** – Coun.Smith

1. Coun.Smith has arrange for the grass cutting contractor to carry out the footpath clearance.
2. Resurfacing work has been carried out in Cooke Drive and Ledsgrove, they ironwork will be done over the next couple of weeks.
3. Coun.Smith agreed to carry on as Chairman of Highways and Coun.Mrs.Olding agreed to carry on as minute secretary.
4. A meeting took place at Fermoy’s to look at where the footpath access onto the Fermoy’s site could go.
5. Fingerposts for the centre of the village by the war memorial, one by the Recreation Ground and another by Dornafield Road were discussed. Coun.Smith will obtain quotes.
6. The transport plan will be discussed at the next Highways meeting.
7. The drop curbs along Biltor Road need looking at. Coun.Smith asked Coun.Dewhirst to arrange for Toby Stephenson from DCC to visit.
8. The DCC consultation on double yellow lines – The extension round the corner of the double yellow lines in North Street into Bridge Street **Comment:** Unanimously agreed

Fore Street extension **Comment:** Very concerned about the “No Loading” aspect.

1. Coun.Smith has noticed that the gate leading down to the allotments is being left open and a large pile of rubble has appeared. This is going to be broken up and used to fill the potholes on the road leading down to the allotments.
2. The next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 19th September 2019.

62) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Coun.Rattlidge

Coun.Rattlidge has successfully obtained a grant of £7,813. Coun.Rattlidge proposed that we accept Teignbridge District Councils quote, Coun.Carnell seconded (all unanimous). The next Neighbourhood Plan meeting is on Wednesday 4th September 2019. The public consultation will be held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Millennium Centre and all parishioners are encouraged to come along and voice their opinion.

63) **COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE SCHEME**

Coun.Rattlidge has tried to get more information on setting up a neighbourhood watch but hasn’t had a reply. The next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 so will ask for some information then.

64) **APPROVE SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

The Summer Newsletter was approved.

65) **ITEMS LEFT ON THE TABLE** – Items available from the clerk.

66) **OPEN FORUM** – No comments this month

67) **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Amenities Meeting 13th Aug 7pm at Mill.Centre

Plans Meeting` 21st Aug 7pm at Mill.Centre

Full Parish Council 3rd Sept 7.15pm at Mill.Centre

Highways Meeting 19th Sept 6.30pm at Mill.Centre

Neighbourhood Plan 4th Sept 7pm at Mill Centre

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation 18th Sept 7pm at Mill Centre

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm