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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 05th February 2019**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Carnell (Vice Chairman) Coun.Smith

## Coun.Mrs.Hutchings Coun.Rattlidge

## Coun.Courtier Coun.Tomkinson

## Coun.Mrs.Calland Coun.Mrs.Olding

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## eMiss.C.Freston Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District/County Councillor

## 150) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Mrs.Northwood (Chairman), Coun.Farrow

151) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No declarations of Interest

152) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.

## 153) **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING** - information from the Clerk

**Ipplepen Cricket Club** **–** Coun.Farrow has now submitted the Planning Application to Teignbridge on behalf of Ipplepen Cricket Club.

**Sensory Lights at the Millennium Centre –** Both sensory lights have now been fixed and are working.

**Communities Together Fund –** Teignbridge have granted the Communities Together Fund Application for £2,300 towards the cost of a bigger slide in the Recreation Ground. The clerk has applied for a £1,000 grant from Ipplepen Community Fund which has also been granted. The clerk asked permission to cover the remaining amount of the slide from the Amenities Play Equipment budget, Coun.Calland proposed and Coun.Tomkinson seconded (all unanimous) **Action -** Coun.Carnell will notify Rhino Play who were the successful tender to go ahead with the slide.

154) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Coun.Carnell (Vice Chairman) on behalf of Chairman, Coun.Mrs.Northwood

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

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

Information has been received regarding the upcoming elections in May 2019. If anyone is interested in becoming a Councillor, they can apply from Mid-February when the clerk will have more information.

c) **Items from DALC/DCT/SLCC:-** DALC’s January Newsletter.

d) **Items from the Police:**

Police alert has been received regarding counterfeit Scottish notes in Devon and Cornwall. Police are asking proprietors to be aware of counterfeit £50 Scottish notes being circulated. Reports have been received on places including Torquay, Launceston, Callington and Truro.

## **Other items received:**

e) Coun.Carnell has obtained a quote to put up CCTV, however the Parish Council feel it maybe more suitable if we could add to the camera that is already on the Village Hall. **Action -** Coun.Courtier will speak to Mr. Bennett to see if the Village Hall are prepared to let the Parish Council use the hall for such purposes and will report back at the Amenities meeting on Tuesday 12th February 2019.

f) A parishioner has sent an email regarding the overgrown hedges in various locations around the village **Action –** Coun.Carnell will monitor and will instruct the clerk to send a letter **Action –** Coun.Mrs.Northwood to put an advert in the Parish Magazine to keep hedges cut back

g) An email has been received from the secretary of Ipplepen Cricket Club who would like to meet at the ground to discuss the fence between them and the football club. **Action –** Clerk to contact the Cricket Club to find out what the nature of the visit is to see if all Councillors need to attend.

h)Coun.Mrs.Northwood put an advert in the Parish Magazine regarding the harness being removed from the disabled swing at the Recreation Ground, the harnesses cost around £80 each and have to be detachable for safety reasons, however the harness has now disappeared. The harness will be replaced before the Easter holidays.

i) Coun.Dewhirst emailed the clerk to report an incident with an oversized HGV taking the wrong turning into Combefishacre. Coun.Dewhirst has asked if a sign saying “unsuitable for HGV’s could be put at the entrance on the A381. It was agreed that it wouldn’t be reasonable to put a sign up as the HGV drivers have a duty to drive with care.

j) SHS have sent an email confirming their final payment and end of contract date. They have offered their assistance in the future should the need arise.

k) An invitation has been received to attend the Mayor’s Annual Civic evening on Saturday 30th March 2019, unfortunately no one is able to attend.

l) An email has been received from a parishioner regarding the dangerous road conditions during the recent icy conditions at Bow Bridge along the A381. The clerk has passed the email onto Coun.Dewhirst and Coun.Smith.

m) The Parish Council’s website provider emailed regarding the protocols they are calling ‘Operation London Bridge’. This is in the sad event of the Queen’s passing that the Parish Council consider having their website front page, over written with a black page carrying a portrait of HM Queen and a tab link to the normal homepage. The clerk looked into this and the Councillors voted against it as there is a charge of £35 +Vat.

n) Coun.Smith received an email from Ogwell Parish Council’s Snow Warden, asking why Ipplepen’s snow warden is paid. This is not the case as the Emergency Team are Councillors and members of the Community.

## 155) **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Millennium Centre** – Nothing to report

**TALC** – The next meeting is on Thursday 7th February 2019.

**Village Hall Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Ipplepen Community Fund** – The next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 14th March 2019.

**Emergency Team** – Nothing to report.

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

**County Matters**

At County we have scrutinised the Budget under the three stands of Scrutiny - Childrens Services, Health and Adults and Corporate, Infrastructures and Regulatory Services Scrutiny.

At Children’s Services we were relieved to see that the proposed Budget had increased from £123.6 million to £135.2 million of which the lions share will go to Children’s Social Care being £8.2 million for Looked After Children, £1 million to improved Foster Care arrangements and £2 million for service improvements and development. We were pleased that the Council had taken in direct delivery of Residential short breaks for Disabled Children, Rehab for visually impaired children and Public Health Nursing. Finally, this Budget is increasing fast and we were concerned that the Service would not be able to keep within its Budget having seen huge overspends in the last few years. At Health and Adult Services, we saw a proposed 2% increase in the budget to £232.6 million. This increase does not take account of inflation and Service Chiefs yet again warned that a 50p increase in the hourly wage was a £1 million increase in the budget. Yet again the Council is expected to deal with more cases and a smaller budget. This is most alarmingly seen in the Public Health Budget where £1/2 million has been cut and budgets for smoking campaigns, substance misuse and mental health have all been drastically cut. The only budget line to survive intact being Sexual Health where another 1,800 patients will be added to one of the UK’s most ambitious programmes. In my Scrutiny Committee we looked at the rest of the Council’s Services where we were sceptical of proposals to cut the Corporate budget by 6.6% to £32.9 million and hoped that Highways would actually be able to deliver their budget increase of 0.7% to £54.5 million. The budget reduction is mostly due to staffing reduction across all services and savings derived from the introduction of new HR systems expected by early summer – let’s hope it’s not delayed again. The Highways budget is split between Highway management at £25.7 million and Waste at £28.9 million. Highways are becoming adept at capitalising our budget, so rather than repair multiple potholes in a road from the revenue budget we now plan small resurfacing schemes from the Capital budget – this however puts great strain on our revenue side workforce. Overall the County budget is so dependent on central government funding that we chose to highlight that after a year of lobbying by Devon’s MP’s the schools budget had fallen so that Devon’s children are now funded £294 less than the national average – a wretched increase from £265 less than the national average last year leading to Devon schools laying off 525 teachers last year alone

**District Matters**

At Overview & Scrutiny we heard that Teignbridge has decided to fiddle with our Councillor’s Community funds – apparently some colleagues were saving the money up to enable them to have extra largesse in election years and many were just supporting the same old events year in year out.

I am hopeful that Officers who suggested that we should only distribute the money in £200 increments and not support churches or schools because they are “well-funded” were sent away with a very good idea of what we thought about that! So the issue at the moment is the preparation of the budget for 2019/20. At Teignbridge it is proposed that there is yet another increase in Council Tax of £5 or 3.03% to take the TDC element up to £170.17 for a Band D property. The government has reduced central funding on New Homes Bonus and removed the Revenue support grant. The Council continues to keep reserves at 12%. It is clear that the purchase of Market Walk continues to support Council Tax in a major way and the formation of Strata, the computer services company jointly owned with East Devon and Exeter City Councils, has contributed to major cost savings for the Council – although the early underperformance and roll out of new technologies has not been costed. Finally, although we are not able to see the specifics there are general cuts across all departments leading to budget savings, particularly in the Leadership team. Additional revenue will come from the car parks where there will be an overall 1.6% increase (but much higher increases for peak users) and there is a significant capital programme of £15 million that is planned for the Market Walk – of course debt incurred has to be paid back and yet again we see the good work done by the previous administration in leaving the Council debt free is being undermined. The figures are Corporate Services will increase from £3.7 to £3.8 million, Strategic Place (which is planning, car parks, housing and economy & assets) will increase from £0.45 to £0.89 million and Environment and Health will increase from £8.0 to £8.4 million. This all when contributions to the Capital budget are taken into account amounts to £15.9 million.

157) **PLANNING** – Coun.Calland on behalf of Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019, were approved and taken as read

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

**Granted:** Application 18/02556/FUL – Kitchen extension at 27, Crokers Way

**Granted:** Application 18/02139/FUL – Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof and new dormer at Little Swallows, Blackstone Road

**Granted:** Application 18/02503/OUT – Outline – dwelling (all matters reserved for future consideration) at Bulleigh Barton Farm

c) **Applications discussed**:

No Applications were discussed.

d) **Other items discussed:** No further items discussed

158) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Carnell

The Minutes from the meeting held on 15th January 2019, were approved and taken as read. Matters arising from the Minutes as follows:

a) Coun.Carnell obtained 3 quotes to order four cradle swings. Three quotes were received as follows:

Tender A – £237.60 inc Vat

Tender B - £162.00 inc Vat

Tender C - £85.45 inc Vat

**RESOLUTION:** Coun.Tomkinson proposed that the Council accept Tender C, seconded by Coun.Smith (all unanimious). The Clerk advised that the successful Tender is Ebay. **Action –** Coun.Carnell to order 4 cradle swings.

b) Teignbridge Council have removed all the bins from the Millennium Centre leaving the Parish Council without anywhere to dispose of the rubbish from the litterbins in the play areas. Coun.Carnell has obtained 3 quotes from waste disposal contractors. Three quotes were received as follows:

Tender A – £620.88 Annual cost based on every 2 weeks

Tender B - £400.80 Annual Cost based on 4 weekly

Tender C - £1,010.36 Annual Cost based on weekly

**RESOLUTION:** Coun.Smith proposed that the Council accept Tender B, seconded by Coun.Rattlidge (all unanimous). The Clerk advised that the successful Contractor would be Viridor **Action –** Clerk to inform successful contractor. The Parish Council would like to thank C.R.Woods for allowing us to dispose of the waste in their bin until we can set up our own collections.

The Clerk also obtained a quote from Initial to provide and empty the sanitary and nappy bins at the recreation Ground. The Annual cost of this is £163.28.

Coun.Smith proposed that the Council accept, seconded by Cun.Mrs.Hutchings (all unanimous). **Action** – Clerk to notify Initial

c)We have an interim toilet cleaner for the toilets at the Recreation Ground, the current contractor’s for Clampitt Road toilets will end in March 2019. The cleaning of both toilets will then be advertised as a vacancy. **Action –** Coun.Mrs.Northwood to put advert in the Parish magazine.

d) The litterbin has been purchased and is waiting to be fitted near the skate park.

e) Coun.Carnell has ordered a new speed hump sign which will be put on the fence along the access road once it has been repaired. Coun.Carnell will paint the speed humps for safety reasons when the weather improves.

f) Rob Vallance has contacted Coun.Carnell to report that there are two dumpy bags of salt at the Quarry.The bags have been there for a long time so may not be any good **Action –** Coun.Courtier to go and have a look.

g) Coun.Mrs Olding thanked Coun.Carnell for going out gritting the footpaths last week during the spell. The Parish Council would also like to thank Coun.Courtier and Kevern Mortimore for their assistance.

h) There are two grass machines that need servicing but are no longer required by the Parish Council. Once they have been serviced they can be sold off in the Spring time **Action –** Coun.Carnell to make a list of all the surplus equipment.

i) A memorial bench being placed near the War Memorial has been discussed. The Parish Council will look at the possibility of fencing off the square around the War Memorial **Action –** Coun.Carnell, Coun.Smith and Coun.Courtier will meet to discuss further.

j) The clerk has received proof’s back for the lanyards but will wait to order them until after the elections in May 2019.

159) **FINANCE & PERSONNEL** – Coun.Smith

**Balance No. £ 50,095.65**

**Received:**

ICC – Rent £ 106.25

Tennis Club Rent £ 130.00

Bowling Club Rent £ 225.00

Planning Portal – Fee for Planning App for ICC £ 137.00

Bank Transfer - Transfer for Public Toilets £ 1,000.00

Bank Transfer - Transfer from Handymans salary to £ 3,536.93

Grass Cutting Budget

Bank Transfer - Transfer from Handymans salary to £ 1,000.00

Amenities budget

**Balance £ 56,230.83**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 18,245.54**

**Balance £ 37,985.29**

**Reserve Account**

**Balance £ 40,834.22**

**Overall Total £ 78,819.51**

**Items discussed:** No items this month

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

1. Coun.Smith has the P3 survey in hand and the clerk has the Finance forms.
2. The visibility splay at the Dainton junction is not on the DCC grass cutting list so it will be added onto to the grass cutting contractor’s so it will be cut..
3. The Minutes from the Highways Meeting held on 19th January 2019 were approved and taken as read.
4. Next Highways meeting is due on 21st March 2019.

161) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Neighbourhood Housing Need Survey has been printed and is ready to now be distributed. Ipplepen Parish magazine have agreed to send these out with the March magazine. A contribution of £100 was suggested, Coun.Courtier proposed, Coun.Mrs.Olding seconded (all unanimous). The Parish Council will receive the information on the survey after Easter.

162) **APPROVAL OF WINTER NEWSLETTER**

The Winter Newsletter was approved.

163) **SUGGESTIONS FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY SPEAKER**

Coun.Dewhirst suggested the Community and Safeguarding Manager from Teignbridge to discuss policing matters. **Action –** Clerk to contact to see if Ms Hewitt would be available.

164) **ITEMS LEFT ON THE TABLE** – Items can be obtained from the Clerk

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

166) **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Amenities Meeting 12th Feb. 7pm at Mill.Centre

Plans Meeting 20th Feb. 7pm at Mill.Centre

Full Parish Council 5th Mar. 7.15pm at Mill.Centre

Neighbourhood Plan13th Mar. 7pm at Mill Centre

Community Fund 14th Mar. 7.30pm at Mill Centre

Highways 21st Mar. 6.30pm at Mill.Centre

MCMC 30th Apr. 6.15pm at Mill.Centre

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm