## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 03rd January 2017**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Tompkins (In the Chair) Coun.Mrs.Calland

## Coun.Mrs.Northwood Coun.Carnell

## Coun.Mrs.Hutchings Coun.Farrow

## Coun.Mrs Wilson Coun.Palethorpe

## Coun.Smith

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## Mrs.F.Olding Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District & County Councillor

## 131) **APOLOGIES:** - Coun.Tompkinson

## 132) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No declarations of Interest

## 133) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 06th December, 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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##  **MATTERS ARISING** - information from the Clerk

**Solicitor Items**

**RegistrationTitle of Land Owned by the Parish Council at the Recreation Ground –** On-going. **Action: Solicitor**

**Ipplepen Primary School –** The Tenancy Agreement was signed by the Chairman and sealed in the presence of the Clerk. Action: **Solicitor – The Clerk will chase up the Solicitor again to establish if this subject is now concluded.**

**Scout Lease –** The new draft has now been passed to the Scouts for their comments.**–** **Action: Scouts/Solicitor, Clerk to chase up the Scouts again.**

**Bowling Club** – The Death certificates have now been obtained. Coun.Mrs.Northwood to draft a letter on behalf of the Bowling Club to be sent to the Solicitor – **Action: Coun.Mrs.Northwood.**

**Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site ­– Action: To further discuss with Coun.Tomkinson on the way forward with this project via Amenities meeting.**

**New logo for Parish Council** – Coun.Farrow had drafted an id card, which all Councillors felt was most acceptable. **Action: Coun.Farrow to proceed.**

**Adult Exercise Equipment** – Coun.Mrs.Northwood has put in a second grant application to Tesco which has been accepted and we will hear within the next six months as to whether we have been successful.

**Planning** – The screen has been ordered for the planning presentations and we await delivery some time during January.

**Chapter 8 Training** – Five parishioners/Councillors have been accepted by DCC for this training. Date still to be confirmed.

**Community Defibrillator –** The Clerk to meet with Bruce Hooker concerning the monthly reports.

**Toilet Block Update –** It was agreed to approach the contractors to request them to break down their tenders in to two phases i.e. the Building itself and the Internal Works.

**Tremlett Grove Play Area** – The work has now been completed.

**External Painting of Public Toilets** – The work still needs to be completed which is weather related.

**Skate Park Repairs –** Still to be completed, which again is weather related.

**Survey of Open Spaces** – Still to be completed by Coun.Smith

**Speed Stickers** – On order and awaiting delivery – **Action: Clerk to chase up.**

**Christmas Tree –** Letter of thanks to those assisting with the tree to now be sent out by the Clerk.

135) **CORRESPONDENCE** – The Clerk in the absence of Coun.Tompkins

## a)**Items from Devon County Council:-**

**Highways Community Enhancement Fund** – Passed to Highways Group to consider at their next meeting.

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

**Rural Skip** – The Rural Skip will visit Ipplepen layby on Biltor Road on Saturday 4th February from 10am-4pm

**Potential Referendum** principles for Towns and Parishes. The provisional settlement published does not propose applying any referendum principles to towns or parishes for 2017/18. However, the government does advise that increases in such precepts will be kept under review.

## c) **Items from DALC/DCT:-** Newsletter advising No extension of Council Tax referendum principles.

d) **News from the Police: - No news this month**

## **Other items received:** No further items received this month

A thank you letter had been received from the History Group for such a splendid tree in the Village Square, which was erected in time for this year’s Candlelit Procession.

The Clerk had received a complaint concerning Dog Fouling as to who might be spraying paint around the dog fouling. Coun.Dewhirst confirmed that this would be the Dog Warden. Also the Chairman had received a letter concerning horse fouling. A reply to be sent suggesting that this item be referred to TDC Environmental Health Department.

## 136) **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

## **Millennium Centre** - Next meeting due to be held on 24th January, 2017

**TALC** – Next meeting due to be held on 26th January, 2017

**Village Hall Committee** – No comments this month

**Football Club** – No meetings have been held since November 2016

**Community Fund** – Next meeting due to be held on 16th February, 2017

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

**TDC Matters:**

The initial stages of the Budget have been discussed, but further news on possible Council Tax Increases will be known next month. The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan has been discussed. This in effect will take over the strategic aims of our Teignbridge Local Plan and carry us through to 2040. It will involve TDC, Exeter City Council, East Devon District, Mid Devon District and the County Council.

**County Matters:**

There has been widespread public opposition to the cuts to acute and hospital beds proposed to head off a multi-million deficit in health services. Now the whole County Council is calling on the Government and NHS England to provide fairer funding for health services in our county. Councillors unanimously agreed that until health services in Devon are properly funded it is not possible to judge what the deficit was and if any action was needed to balance the books. The County Council has had to make incredibly difficult decisions about services over the past few years and we sympathise with health managers and need to work closely with them. Health and social care are so vital here in Devon where we have a significantly higher proportion of older people who need our help and support.

138) **PLANNING** – Chairman of Plans Committee Coun.Farrow

a) The Plans meeting due to be held on 21st December did not take place.

b) Grants of Planning permission etc.were read out.

c) **Applications discussed:**

**16/02858/FUL** Retention of tool shed and a polytunnel at Appian Way, Wrigwell Lane.

**Comment:** No objection (unanimous decision)

**16/03049/FUL** – Single storey extension to side and rear at 7 Mayfair Road.

**Comment**: IPC have no objection (unanimous decision)

**16/03201/FUL** – Retention of additional 4 stables and proposed lean to store to stable barn at Hettor Barn, Ipplepen

**Comment:** IPC have no objection in principle, but are disappointed we are again having to consider a retrospective application and will not support any further development on this site as we feel it has reached saturation point.

**16/03177/OUT** – Outline – erection of 6 open market dwellings and 2 affordable dwellings (approval sought for access and layout) at Land at Tremlett Grove.

**Comment:** No objection (Coun.Smith abstained from voting).

139) **AMENITIES** – Chairman of Amenities, Coun.Carnell

The Minutes from the meeting held on 13th December 2016, were approved and taken as read. Matters arising from the Minutes as follows:

a) **Toilet Block Update** – Refer to Matters Arising above.

b) **Play Equipment Maintenance** – Work completed.

c) **Skate Park** – Awaiting action from ARC which is weather related.**Action: Coun.Carnell**

d) **Basket Ball Back Boards –** Will be fitted as soon as possible.

e) **Play Safety Surface –** Coun.Carnell confirmed that the rubber crumb had been received and will be put down as soon as weather permits.

f) The two agreed signs have been attached to the Conservative Club Wall advising people that it is illegal to park on the footpath.

140) **FINANCE & PERSONNEL** – Chairman of Finance Coun.Smith

**Balance No. £ 49,363.44**

Mill.Centre Rent for January £ 50.00

Rural Aid Grant for Basket Ball Court £ 2,500.00

Football Club Rent £ 137.50

**Balance £ 52,049.94**

**Invoices Received and Approved:** **£ 3,489.14**

**Balance £ 48,560.80**

**Reserve Account**

**Balance £ 81,762.95**

**Overall Total £130,323.75**

**Items discussed:**

a)The Finance Committee met to discuss the Precept Budget, Rent Reviews and the Clerk’s Appraisal on the 14th December, 2016. The following **Resolutions** evolved from that meeting:

**RESOLUTION 1.**  Coun.Smith proposed, seconded by Coun.Mrs.Wilson and unanimously agreed to set a maximum amount of £12,500 for the Clerk’s gratuity in view of the number of years she has served the Council. She is entitled to 3/80ths of her final annual salary and as she has not yet decided when to retire, she insisted it is only fair to the Parish Council to set a maximum amount.

**RESOLUTION 2.** Coun.Smith proposed, seconded by Coun.Farrow and unanimously agreed to request £66,640.00 from TDC for the 2017/18 Precept. We have been informed by TDC that the estimated council tax support grant will be £3,130 (still to be approved by TDC). If this is the case the amount from which Council Tax will be calculated will be £63,509 compared with £58,559 for 2016/17. The increase is due mainly to the new Toilet Block at the Recreation Ground and the extra £10,000 for the Clampitt Road Footpath.

b) SWH Invoice – This invoice will not be paid until the outstanding works have been carried out

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

a) The next Highways meeting is due to be held on 19th January, 2016. Although this date could change.

b) There were no further matters arising to discuss.

142) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – The Clerk

Coun.Mrs.Hutchings with Coun.Dewhirst had visited various local businesses in the area to encourage them to be part of our Neighbourhood Plan Committee. Two new members were recruited and a further meeting of the steering group can now be arranged on the 15th February 2016

143) **APPROVAL OF WINTER NEWSLETTER** – Duly approved unanimously.

144) **DATE OF PARISH ASSEMBLY** – The date for the Parish Assembly was agreed to be held on the 20th April 2017. Councillors were requested to think about whom to invite as our Speaker this year.

145) **ITEMS LEFT ON THE TABLE** – Available from the Clerk

146 **OPEN FORUM** – No comments

147) **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Amenities Meeting 10th Jan. 7pm at Mill.Centre

Plans Meeting 18th Jan. 7pm at Mill.Centre

Highways Meeting **tba Jan.** 6.30pm at Mill.Centre

MCMC 24th Jan. 6.15pm at Mill.Centre

Full Parish Council Meeting 07th Feb. 7.15 pm at Mill.Centre

**Neighbourhood Plan 15th Feb.** 7pm at Mill.Centre

Community Fund 16th Feb. 7.30pm at Mill.Centre

Meeting Closed at 9.22pm