## IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

## **On Tuesday 02nd June, 2015**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Mrs.Northwood Coun.Farrow

## Coun.Mrs.Calland Coun.Smith

## eCoun.Mrs.Wilson Coun.Carnell

## Coun.Tompkins

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## Mrs.F.Olding Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District & County Councilllor

## 22) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Mrs.Cleasby, Coun.Mrs.Hutchings – Apologies were accepted.

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

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th May, 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

25) **BEATING THE BOUNDS**

The Beating the Bounds was a huge success with approximately 250 Parishioners taking part. Chris Popham is writing the article for the Parish Magazine. The total cost amounted to £1,453.27 with a further £52.86 to be added for the use of the Village Hall, making the final total £1,506.13, which left a surplus in the budget of £533.87. Several of the souvenir Tankards are left over and it was agreed to have these available for a donation at the forthcoming Cottage Garden Show. As the Ipplepen Community Fund had given a grant of £1,000 towards the Tankards, it was agreed unanimously to return £500.00 from the surplus left in the budget.

The Clerk will now send the numerous thank you letters to all those who contributed towards making the day such a success. A special thank you will be made to Rob & Chris at our next Parish Council meeting for not only their help with Beating the Bounds, but also for all the years they have given to the Parish Council.

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th April, 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman

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

## 82d) **Village Hall/Deed of Easement** – Our comments from our last meeting have been sent to the Village Hall Committee by our Solicitor and are due to be discussed at their next meeting due on the 3rd June, Coun.Mrs.Calland will be attending on behalf of the Council.

98b)  **Public Toilets** – Three Tenders to be sent out by Amenities for the refurbishment works.

152b) **New Toilet Block** - Final tender for the Viridor Grant Application has been promised for the forthcoming week, after which the application will be sent off. In the meantime Dave Cartwright has done some clearing of the site, which was looking rather untidy.

123h) **Community Defibrillator –** The Clerk to write to the Village Hall, Co-Op, Conservative Club and the Post Office to ascertain whether they would be prepared to site a Defibrillator on their outside wall. The Unit does have to have a power supply, but the amount of electricity required is minimalistic and is only required for a small heater which kicks in during very low temperatures. ***Action: The Clerk***

126d) **Southern Timber –** A further email had been received from the TDC Enforcement Officer advising that no application had yet been received and that a final letter has been sent advising them to submit the application within the next three weeks. If it is not submitted TDC will discuss the matter with the Principle Planning Officer to determine what enforcement action should be taken.***Action: The Clerk to chase again after the 3 weeks.(18th June).***

127a) **Football Club –** The Clerk had chased up the various queries relating to the last inspection, but still no reply had been received. A further inspection is being arranged with Clive Stevens

177b) **Typhoon** – Works are now completed.

12a) **Electoral Review of Devon –** Councillors were reminded that if they have any comments they need to be returned by the 6th July, 2015 reviews@lgbce.org.uk

12g) **Ipplepen Primary School –** Awaiting a reply to our letter sent following our last meeting concerning the Saplings Tenancy Agreement.

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

**TDC Matters** – Coun.Dewhirst confirmed that the new Chairman is Coun.Mike Hocking. Alistair also advised that he is still on the Audit Scrutiny Committee but no longer Vice-Chairman and he has moved from Planning, (but will remain a relief Member) to Overview and Scrutiny.

**County Matters** – The urgent work to the Teign Estuary Viaduct is now under way. The plan is to replace the damaged expansion joints and re-waterproof the structure in a six month project being undertaken for the County by South West Highways. In order to undertake this work one land will be closed at a time and a 30mph speed limit will be imposed, so expect some inevitable delays.

The Kingskerswell Road, known as Decoy Road has re-opened to the public. This scheme upgraded the road from what has become known as the Aller interchange through to Decoy Industrial Estate. This was welcomed by local residents as it now gives a safe journey to work or to shop in Newton Abbot.

Summer is on its way we hope and Devon Health professions are reminding the public to enjoy the sun safely while they make the most of their holiday. Devon has some of the highest rates of skin cancer in the UK with over 300 cases of malignant melanoma per year and 40 related deaths.

Finally, DCC’s Farm Wise Devon stand took the Gold Award on day one of this year’s Devon County Show. The stand which attracted people of all ages in their hundreds, was also visited by The Princess Royal.

29) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Coun.Mrs.Northwood

## **Correspondence:**

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

Emergency Management Summer Newsletter – passed to Coun.Mrs.Wilson

Community News Roundup May 2015

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

A letter had been received from TDC confirming receipt of our application to d3esignate the parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan. The Notice has to be displayed on the various notice boards around the Village until 5pm on 29th June 2015.

## c) **Items from DALC/DCT:**

DALC Newsletter June 2015 plus letter from NALC congratulating any returning New or Returning Councillors.

d) **Items from the Police:**

A National Survey on Rural Policing is being carried out and can be accessed via the Devon & Cornwall Police website <http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>

## **Other items received:**

e) A letter had been received from the Ipplepen Community Funding inviting members to attend their AGM due to be held on Thursday 25th June, 2015. 8pm at Ipplepen Millennium Centre.

f) **Solstice Renewables – Planning application for a Solar Park at Ruby Farm, Two Mile Oak.**

Councillors are invited to attend the public exhibition for the proposals being held on 3rd June from 3-4pm at the Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell.

g) **Hedge bordering Allotments** – The landowner of the field bordering the old allotment site (Courtgate Close end) has requested permission to attend to the height etc. of this hedge.***Action: Amenities to meet with the owner to discuss this matter.***

h) **Bus Shelter/Clampitt Road** – A Parishioner has reported that this bus shelter is in need of some tlc. ***Action: Amenities***

## 30) **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

## **Millennium Centre** – Coun.Mrs.Wilson

Next meeting which will be the AGM is due to be held on the 16th June, 6.15pm at Mill.Centre

**TALC** -

The Chairman & Vice-Chairman attended the meeting held on the 28th May, 2015. Please refer to the Chairman’s report attached to these Minutes.

**Village Hall Committee** – Coun.Mrs.Calland

Next meeting 3rd June, 2015

**Ipplepen Community Fund** – Coun.Mrs.Wilson

AGM to be held on 25th June 2015 8pm at Ipplepen Millennium Centre – All Councillors invited.

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

**Received**

Interest – June £

Millennium Centre – Rent for June £ 50.00

Donation towards Beating the Bounds from

 S.Tuckett £ 40.00

**Invoices Received and Approved**

BT – Internet & Tel. May £ 54.84 d/d

SWW – Public Toilets - May £ 35.00 d/d

D.Cartwright – Salary - May £

Mrs.H.F.Olding – Salary May incl.extra hrs. £

Inland Revenue – PAYE Month 2 £ 441.56

South West Grounds Maint. –Grass cut May £ 101.88

SHS Cleaning Clampitt Rd Toilets May £ 205.80

Mrs.Olding – Mouse for Computer £ 14.99

Eagle Plant – Hire of Toilet Units for B.Bounds £ 132.00

Cider for B.Bounds £ 80.40

Booker – Soft Drinks, cups etc.for B.Bounds £ 56.30 d/d

Argos – Batteries for B.Bounds £ 5.00

Village Hall – Use of Side Hall for P.Assy. £ 17.02

Postage £ 16.80

Clerk’s expenses for 3 months £ 50.00

Office Hire for 3 months £ 150.00

**Overall Balance including Reserve Account £105,838.13**

**Items to discuss:**

a) **Approval of Annual Report**

**RESOLUTION:** It was proposed by Coun.Tompkins, seconded by Coun.Farrow and agreed unanimously that the Annual Report for the year 2014/15 be approved.

b) Scout Lease – The Finance Chairman has had a look at the Scout Lease which is due for renewal this year. A meeting will now be arranged with the Scouts within the next few weeks.

32) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Carnell

a) The Minutes from the Amenities meeting held on 18th May, 2015 were approved and taken as read with the following items noted:

a) There will be at least two cuts of the grass before the Show, and a request to be made for the grass to be picked up in the rear field to remove any fire hazard. ***Action: The Clerk to remind Paul Cary, our grass contractor.***

b) The gate post to be replaced at the rear field, following this, the gate will be put back.

All other Amenity items are covered under Matters Arising, Minute 27.

32) **PLANNING** – Coun.Tompkins

a) The Minutes of the Plans Meeting held on the 20th May, 2015 (This meeting did not take place as there were no planning applications to discuss).

b) Grants of Conditional Planning Permission were read out.

c) Appplications discussed as follows:

**Application 15/01179/FUL** – Removal of existing rear extensions and replace with two storey extension to include Juliet balcony and porch at Mountfield, East Street.

**Comment:** No objection

**Application 15/01345/FUL** – Single storey side and rear extension at 63 Luscombe Close

**Comment:** No objection

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

a) The Minutes of the Highways Meeting held on 21st May were approved and taken as read with the following comments:

b) Coun.Smith was re-elected as Chairman of the Highways Group and Coun.Mrs.Wilson was re-elected as Minute Secretary. There were no changes to the Terms of Reference, which were duly signed and passed to the Clerk for her records.

c)**Two Mile Oak Footpath** is progressing slowly.

d) **Clampitt Road Footpath** – A safety audit has been carried out, but it would appear, DCC have done it in the wrong place. Coun.Smith to advise DCC of this and to tell them that we do not wish to wait any longer to proceed and are going ahead anyway and trust that in the meantime they will do their safety audit correctly asap, so that any potential problems can be identified. ***Action: Coun.Smith to advise DCC accordingly, and to contact an architect to provide a full survey and drawings for pricing, to enable matters to get under way.***

d) **Footpaths & Bridleways** – Clearance work is needed on Footpath 8, & 12. ***Action: The Handyman to be requested to strim footpath 12. Footpath 8 will need to be done by a Contractor.***

e) **Caunters Close Gully** – A bill of quantities had been received from DCC at a total cost of £3,491.00. We have £2,000 available in our Reserve Account towards this project.

**RESOLUTION:**  It was proposed by the Chairman of Highways Coun.Smith, seconded by Coun.Mrs.Wilson and agreed unanimously to commence the works. ***Action: Coun.Smith to contact DCC with a request to commence proceedings.***

f) **Bus Shelter Wellington Inn –** Coun.Smith is still sourcing a suitable shelter that will fit our requirements.

g) A complaint had been received concerning horses using the footpath through from Biltor Road to Courtgate Close and leaving behind what they do!. This to be mentioned in the magazine as a general reminder to horse riders that this footpath should not be used as a bridleway.

h) Concerns have also been expressed from parishioners relating to the trailer tent being parked on the narrow highway outside Poplar Terrace together with random wheelie bins that are not being put back after collection. On some days this is causing an obstruction. ***Action : This issue to be reported to the Environmental Department at TDC and DCC Highways.***

34) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Coun.Tompkins

The first step of applying for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for the Ipplepen Neighbourhood Development Plan has been completed. (Refer to Minute 29b). The Chairman wrote an article to the Community, which appeared in the June edition of the Parish Magazine, to enable parishioners to be aware that in July there will be a leaflet for them to please read, setting out all the information about producing such a plan and to come along to our Exhibition being held on Friday 24th July 4.30-7.30pm or Saturday 25th July 10.30am to 12.30pm at Ipplepen Millennium Centre.

The leaflet produced by Coun.Mrs.Wilson was approved in principle with a few minor alterations. The final draft will then be taken to the printer by the Clerk and then passed to the lady in charge of distributing the Parish Magazine in time for the July edition.

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

36) **OPEN FORUM** – No further comments

37) **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS;**

Amenities Meeting 08th June 7pm at Mill.Centre

MCMC – AGM 16th June 6.15pm AT Mill.Centre

 Plans Meeting 17th June 7pm at Mill.Centre

Community Fund AGM 25th June 8pm at Mill.Centre

Full Parish Council 07th July 7.15pm at Mill.Centre

Highways 23rd July 7pm at Mill.Centre

Meeting Closed at 9.22pm

Cllr. Carnell and I attend the TALC AGM on Thursday 28th May, when David Howe of Newton Abbot was re-elected Chairman and Dudley Swain of Dunchideock was re-elected Secretary.

They both emphasised the importance of local Councils attending these meetings, because it is a chance for all Parish and local Councils to come together, and find that more often than enough we all have the same problems, and with TALC we can have a stronger voice to let the various speakers know our thoughts and opinions.

Nicola Bulbeck, TDC Chief Executive had been arranged to be our speaker, but due to another engagement in London had been unable to attend.

Mr. Nick Davies, Business Manager, Strategic Places at TDC spoke of how his management of planning applications and enforcements fits into the planning organisation at TDC.

Following his talk there was enthusiastic and lively questions put to him and much discussions took place. Some of the main issues put to him were :

CIL - He emphasised that CIL is based on the net increase in floor area as a consequence of new construction, not simply the building footprint.

The Parish Planning Charter - few members were aware of this, and he agreed it was difficult to find it on the TDC website and agreed to make an easier access to it.

He spoke about how TDC planning committees work and how they rely on local Councils to give their views, but would not agree with us all present, who all expressed the opinion that “do they really listen to us?” as we all felt that so many planning applications we object to TDC still pass.

Issues were raised with regard to enforcements, and why it takes them so long to make them, if they ever do. He explained that due to staff shortages, and the time and research they have to carry out, it probably does seem that they are not taking quick enough action. They also have to give time for each case to hopefully get settled, without the need for an enforcement action which is a costly procedure.

He was also quizzed on planning consistency, as many local Councils (like ourselves) queried this. Again he went on to say that National Planning Policy Practice guidance is always sought on their decisions.

Finally, if ever a local Council has a complex planning application to view, he reminded us that TDC can always have a planning officer attend our meeting to help with legislation, the Planning Policy framework etc.

 Cllr. Shirley Northwood 30/5/15