## IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

## **On Tuesday**

## **3rd March, 2015**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Mrs. Northwood (Chair) Coun.Popham

## eCoun.Carnell (Vice) Coun.Mrs.Wilson

## Coun.Vallance Coun Farrow

## Coun.Mrs.Calland Coun.Mrs.Cleasby

## Coun.Smith

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## Mrs.F.Olding Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District & County Councillor

## 168) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Tompkins

## 169) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Coun.Farrow declared an interest on planning application ref: 15/00343/FUL at Jaxon Cider Press, Fore Street.

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February, 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

The Clerk handed out the Nomination Papers for the forthcoming Election. Two forms have to be completed i.e. the Nomination Paper for Election of a Parish Councillor for Ipplepen and the Candidate’s Consent to Nomination. These have to be handed into TDC by no later than 4pm on the 9th April 2015. The Clerk advised that she is happy to hand them in on behalf of the Councillors, if they wish. If this is the case, please return to the Clerk at the next PC meeting due on the 7th April.

## 82d) **Village Hall/Deed of Easement** – This matter is progressing with the Solicitor now waiting on the Village Hall Committee to approve the draft Deed of Easement. In the meantime, the Solicitor had sent a letter with details of charges for the work involved in drawing up the Deed of Easement etc. The total will be just over £1,000 for the job from start to finish plus VAT and disbursements. This amount was approved by all Councillors present.

98b)  **Public Toilets** – The Agreement from the Cleaners had now been received and was duly signed by The Clerk. The backdated invoices for Dec/Jan and Feb. had also been received. The Clerk agreed to be the Emergency Contact and would inform the cleaning contractor accordingly.

152b) **New Toilet Block** – Still awaiting up to date quotations from Coun Farrow to enable the Viridor Funding to be applied for. Hopefully these will be available for the April meeting and to also enable decisions to be made as to which contractor will be used together with an envisaged start date.

123g) **Allotment –** The allotments are still to be inspected with a view to the bills being sent out in a couple of weeks’ time. The Clerk has received two notices from tenants and will advise Coun.Carnell, which allotments are now available, before the inspection takes place.

123h) **Community Defibrillator –** On-going

126d) **Southern Timber –** The TDC Enforcement Officer has acknowledged the complaint and will be in touch in due course with their findings.

127a) **Football Club –** The Amenities inspection has taken place and the Clerk has forwarded the report to the Football Club, awaiting their reply. ***Action: Clerk to chase for the reply***

139f) **Ipplepen Women’s Institute –** Coun.Carnell confirmed that they had been in touch and shown where to plant the trees, however after planting the trees, concerns had been received from residents living along Silver St. that the space in between the trees were now being used as football goals and were worried about the footballs landing in their gardens or on their parked motor vehicles. It was agreed that to remedy this situation benches would be placed between the trees. Coun.Carnell kindly volunteered to make the metal frame and permission was agreed for Coun.Carnell to purchase the timber for the seats.

158h) **Ipplepen War Memorial** – Unfortunately the War Memorial Trust do not believe it is appropriate for plaques to be added to war memorials, therefore this idea will not take place.

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

**TDC Report** - Council Tax in Teignbridge has been frozen for the fifth year running. The budget also carries forward, although controversial, the scheme to charge residents £35 a year Garden Tax to empty the green bins. Coun.Dewhirst mentioned that if parishioners need to visit Forde House to allow extra time to negotiate the works to the car park to enable the bulking station to be enlarged.

**County Matters** – At the DCC Budget meeting it was agreed an increase of 1.99% on Devon’s Council Tax Bills will be implemented. The increase will support spending of over £500 million including a last minute reprieve for threatened school lollipop patrols, winter road gritting and £100,000 to cushion bus service cuts and £40,000 for the Citizens’ Advice Bureau.

A public consultation has been launched on plans to improve the A382, a £23 million scheme to widen and realign the road which connects Newton Abbot with the A38 at Drumbridges. There will be exhibitions where preliminary designs will be displayed on 12th March 2-8pm and Saturday 14th March 12pm-3pm at Newton Abbot Library. The proposals are to increase the width of the A382 to improve safety along the route and a new shared pedestrian/cycle path, which will connect to new facilities at Drumbridges and other routes into Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton.

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

## **Correspondence:**

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

Emergency Management Newsletter March 2015

Community News Roundup Feb.15

Details on TAP Fund (Town & Parish Fund)

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

February News from Citizens Advice Bureau

Teignbridge Monthly Update Jan/Feb.2015

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

## **DCT** (Devon Communities Together) advice and hints on applications from the Big Lottery Fund when filling in the forms.

**DALC** Newsletter – Local Government Finance Settlement

## **Other items received:**

d) Monthly Bulletin from Galliford Try on the A380 South Devon Link Road

e) **Tennis Club** – The Tennis Club had requested permission to advertise some local businesses on the outside of the court fencing. After discussion it was agreed unanimously to object to this request.

## 174) **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

Next meeting due to be held on the 14th April, 6.15pm at Mill.Centre

**TALC** - Coun.Mrs.Northwood/Coun.Carnell

Next meeting due to be held on the 26th March, 2015

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

The date of the next meeting is due to be held on 4th March, 2015

**Local MP Anne-Marie Morris**

The Chairman and Clerk met with Anne-Marie Morris on Thursday 19th February when she spoke on the three major topics. Firstly, Super-fast Broadband, Planning issues, and flooding. With regard to Super-fast Broadband, this is now available in Ipplepen, for 90% of households. Your post-code is used to determine the availability/strength/speed etc. but it is dependent on the distance your property is from the cabinet. Planning Issues were second on the agenda, Annie Marie has been fighting Government for them to allow and adopt a Community Right of Appeal. For communities with a Neighbourhood Plan, a Community Right of Appeal would give parishioners the same rights as developers – but under a planning inspectorate – because it is obvious that a community would not be able to employ barristers etc. like developers do. Finally, the subject of flooding was raised, however, luckily this is not a serious issue for Ipplepen.

**Newton Abbot Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Chairman, Coun.Tompkins and the Clerk met with other local parishes to hear how far Newton Abbot has proceeded with their Neighbourhood Plan. Theirs has reached the stage where various consultations have been concluded and initial policies have been drafted. It was also interesting to hear from the Chairman of Abbotskerswell Parish Council, who have also commenced this task and is attending our Parish Assembly to speak on this subject.

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

**Balance No.1 Account £ 30,606.67**

Interest – Feb £ .22

Millennium Centre Rent – Feb. £ 50.00

Ipplepen Community Fund – Grant for Tankards £ 1,000.00

**Balance £ 31,656.89**

**Invoices Received for Approval**

Transfer of VAT for Toilet Block £ 2,070.00

Stationery £ 3.99 d/d

BT – Internet & Tel.Feb. £ 53.11 d/d

D.Cartwright – Salary Feb. £ 306.86

Mrs.H.F.Olding – Salary Feb. £ 856.26

Inland Revenue – PAYE Month 11 £ 285.80

South West Grounds Maint. –Grass cut Feb. £ 101.88

SHS Cleaning Clampitt Rd Toilets Dec/Jan. £ 266.82

SHS Cleaning Clampitt Rd Toilets Feb £ 205.80

Inspiration – B.Bounds Tankards £ 1,288.08

Staples – Stationery £ 20.97

Staples – Shredder £ 64.99

Shaw & Sons – PC Accounts Book £ 76.74

Thunderfix Hardware Store – Key for N.Board £ 4.69

Coun.Carnell – Signs for Allotment Gates £ 10.38

Public Works Loan Board – Moor Rd. £ 1,426.53

SWW – Water at Public Toilets Dec-Feb £ 89.86

Clerk’s Expenses for 3 months £ 50.00

Office Hire £ 150.00

**Total £ 7,332.76**

**Balance: £24,324.13**

**Reserve Account as at 03.03.15**

**Balance £60,015.39**

**Overall Balance £84,339.52**

**Items for Discussion:**

**a) Faster Broadband –** It was discussed as to whether this would be an option for the Parish Council. However, it was decided to leave this for the time being and re-visit the subject in six months’ time, when the hiccups that seem to be occurring with various parishioners have been sorted out.

176) **PLANNING** –Coun.Tompkins

a) It wasn’t necessary to hold the Plans meeting on the 18th February, 2015.

b) Grants of Conditional Planning Permission were read out.

c) Appplication discussed as follows:

**15/00420/FUL –** Animal field shelter at Brook Barn, Comefishacre

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

**15/00343/FUL –** Retention of decking in rear garden at Jaxon Cider Press, Fore Street.

**Comment:**  Ipplepen Parish Council object to this retrospective application on the grounds that it interferes with the amenities of the neighbouring property and would set an unacceptable precedent. (All agreed, Coun.Farrow declared an interest and did not vote).

177) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Carnell

a) The Minutes from the Amenities meeting held on 9th February, 2015 were approved and taken as read with the following comments:

b) The **Typhoon** has now been taken out of action due to safety reasons. Coun.Carnell advised that he would research the parts that needed to be replaced and a working party needed to be organised to replace the safety matting.

c) **Football/Cricket Club Car Park Gates** – A complaint had been received that these gates are constantly being left open and unlocked at night. The Clerk was requested to write to both clubs asking that they ensure that this is not done in the future.

d) The cost of servicing the two grass mowers had been obtained by Coun.Carnell and it was agreed that the service should proceed.

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

a) **Potholes** – The Clerk was given a list of potholes to report. Parishioners to be reminded in the magazine that anyone can report potholes on the DCC website.

b) **Fermoys/Two Mile Oak Footpath** – A safety audit has not been done by DCC as yet and there is a possibility that this will not be necessary. It is fast becoming apparent that as the Parish Council will be responsible for this new footpath in the long run, that we will be able to apply for the Lottery Grant in our own right.

c) **Pavement by Toll House, Clampitt Road** – DCC is now required to do a Safety Audit. Coun.Smith to liaise with the Clerk to get an order sent to DCC for this to be done.

d) **Bus Shelter at Wellington Inn** – Coun.Smith thinks that he has found a suitable bus shelter and is obtaining prices. Once these are to hand, a planning application will be sent to TDC.

e) **Biltor Road** – A Safety Audit is to be requested from DCC concerning the bend into Conniford Lane, again Coun.Smith to liaise with the Clerk to place the order for this to be done.

The next Highways meeting is to be held on 19th March at 7pm Mill.Centre.

179) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Coun.Popham

A meeting has been organised with Mr.Stuart Todd from Locality to speak to all Councillors at the Plans Meeting due to be held on 18th March 7.15pm at the Millennium Centre.

180) **Beating the Bounds 2015** – Coun.Popham

a) **Scrolls** – The final draft was approved and the Clerk was requested to order 700 copies.

b) **Route** – Coun.Popham and Coun.Vallance are hoping to walk the route within the next couple of weeks.

c) **Tankards** – These have now been ordered and paid for by a grant from the Ipplepen Community Fund, a letter of thanks to be sent. Wristbands will be issued to the walkers, which will be exchanged for a tankard at the end of the walk.

d) Coun.Popham has written a poster for the April magazine to commence the publicity of the event.

The next meeting is due to be held on 23rd March at 7pm

181) **Rural Aid** – One application had been received from the Tennis Club for a grant of £5,000 towards the re-surfacing of the Tennis Courts. **RESOLUTION:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously to put forward the Tennis Club for a Teignbridge Rural Aid Grant.

182) **Transport Plan** – It was agreed that now that one of the main objectives of our Transport Plan was a 20mph limit within the Village, which has now been achieved, it was time to re-visit some of the other requirments eg. enforcing the parking on yellow lines and a virtual footpath along East Street etc. With this in mind therefore it was agreed that all Councillors would have a look at the Transport Plan over the coming weeks and come back to the next meeting with any ideas.

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

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

Amenities Meeting 09th March 7pm at Mill.Centre

Plans Meeting 18th March 7pm at Mill.Centre

Highways 19th March 7pm at Mill.Centre

Beating the Bounds 23rd March 7pm at Mill.Centre

TALC 26th March 7pm at Parke, Bovey Tracey

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

MCMC 14th April 6.30pm at Mill.Centre

**Annual Assembly 16th April Ipplepen Village Hall 7.30pm**

Meeting Closed at 10.06pm