## IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

## **On Tuesday 4th March, 2014**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Popham (In the Chair) Coun.Farrow

## Coun.Mrs.Northwood (In the Chair) Coun.Smith

## eCoun.Mrs.Wilson Coun.Carnell

## Coun.Tompkins Coun.Vallance

## Coun.Mrs.Calland

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## Mrs.F.Olding Parish Clerk

## 175) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Mrs.Cleasby

## 176) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No declarations of interest

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th February, 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

## 8a) **Tennis Club Lease** - On-going, the Tennis Club have now approved the draft lease, we now await the final lease to be prepared by our Solicitor

## 171) **Bowling Club Trustees** – The Clerk has been in touch with WBW, a reply was received with a promise that the draft deed would be sent by the 1st February, but as yet it has not been sent.***Action: Clerk to chase up this item.***

## 47d) **Website Manager** – On-going

## 82d) **Village Hall/Deed of Easement** – On-going

## 85c) **Replacement Cargo Net** – On-going

98b) **Review of Public Toilets** – On-going

129a) **Re-instatement of grass area, East St. by Western Power** – On-going

152b) **New Toilet Block** – A replacement proforma invoice had been received from Tanner & Bruce to enable us to now apply for the remainder of the St.Mary’s Section 106 money.

152c) **Tremlett Grove Trees** – Removal of the trees is imminent.

167b) **Consultation on Teignbridge Green Infrastructure Strategy –** This document has now been passed to Coun.Tompkins.

169f) The Football Club has now supplied the various paperwork, certificates etc. requested.

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

The TDC Budget was discussed on the 21st February with the main focus being to continue freezing Council Tax and to continue to provide free Sunday parking. A number of cuts, however, in public services would be necessary. The cuts included public toilets, cctv, rural road sweeping and membership of South West Councils.

Unfortunately the £300k left from the Right to Buy Scheme was not included in the Budget, this will be used to fund the new Kingskerswell feeder road to Decoy Industrial Estate.

Waste Disposal – Teignbridge’s fleet of bin lorries are ageing and need to be renewed in April 2015, but to do this the council needs to think about how it will be collecting from households over the next 7 years. Two options are being considered at present. a) A fortnightly recycling service4 that includes cardboard and mixed plastics alongside items currently collected. Food and garden waste collected fortnightly co-mingled. Residual waste collected fortnightly, or b) the introduction of a weekly collection of food waste and weekly recycling collection that includes cardboard and mixed plastics alongside items currently collected. Residual waste continues to be collected fortnightly. Garden waste is collected fortnightly through a paid subscription service.

With regard to County matters, DCC have approved a budget calling for nearly £28 million of savings for next year. The Council also backed a council tax rise. Devon is already reviewing a range of services in order to save £110 million by 2017. These include cuts to meals on wheels, Care Homes, Children’s Homes, and Youth Services etc. A 1.99% increase in council tax will minimise the need for even deeper spending cuts. This review will also mean the services offered to the people of Devon will have to be dramatically reduced. Communities will have to become more self-reliant.

Finally in the light of the recent bad weather a few statistics. Devon normally has 13 pothole gangs and as of last week there are now 34 teams attempting to fill the backlog. Devon normally has about 2,000 potholes reported a month, but 11,500 potholes have been reported so far in 2014 and this is costing an extra £65,000 a week. County engineers estimate that the maintenance backlog now stands at £770m for our 8,000 miles of road. County engineers have dealt with 1300 fallen trees, 150 embankment slips and 4000 flooding incidents.

## 180) **CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS** – Coun.Popham

## **Correspondence:**

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

## Community News Feb.14

P3 Spring Newsletter (It was noted that there is new information available to assist

With community events available on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/can-do-guide-for-orgainisers-of-voluntary-events>

**Traffic Speed in the Village** – An initial survey for Ipplepen area has now been completed. It has found that in order for the 20mph restriction to be brought up to a fully compliant level that some additional measures will need to be implemented. As part of the most recent amendment to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions it has now been authorised by the DfT that repeater signs and/or repeater road marking roundels can be implemented instead of more intrusive and costly traffic calming measures, such as speed cushions. Therefore, any works identified will be implemented in line with this amendment, in order to minimise disruption and cost. Ipplepen is on the priority list for consideration as part of the next financial year’s programme.

**Maintenance of gullies, buddle holes, etc.** – The Chairman of Highways, Coun.Dennis Smith has replied to DCC’s request for comments on this subject and has pointed out how important it is that this service remains.

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

No items this month

## c) **Items from DALC/CCD/DPFA/DACB:**

## March Newsletters from DALC

## **Other items received:**

d) **PCSO Lisa Clubb** report was read with the following comments:

There were no reported crimes in Ipplepen during the month of February.

The next Police Drop in surgery will be on Monday 10th March from 10 am in the Village Hall.

e) Monthly Bulletin on the A380 South Devon Link Road.

f) Flood damage information from our Insurance Company

g) Best Kept Village Competition details received.

h) The BBC is looking for talented amateur kitchen gardeners to compete in BBC’2s Big Allotment Challenge for more information on applying email [grow@silverriver.tv](mailto:grow@silverriver.tv) ***Action: Clerk to advise Allotment Holders.***

i) BBC 2 is considering featuring a business in the Ipplepen area for the programme called *The Fixer.* If they decide to do so, filming will start shortly and then intermittent periods over the next 3-4 month. If they feel the need to film in Ipplepen itself they will ensure that they do not cause congestion in the village and be as unobtrusive as possible.

j) **Ipplepen Carnival Club-** Permission was granted from the Parish Council for the use of the recreation field on Saturday 9th August, 2014.

k) **Ipplepen Cottage Garden Society** – Permission was granted from the Parish Council for the use of the recreation field on Saturday 19th July, 2014

l) **Ipplepen Village Hall Committee** – A letter had been received requesting financial support from the Parish Council towards the costs of their Phase 2 Extension. **RESOLUTION:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously to grant £500 from the Power of Well Being fund towards this project.

m) **Ipplepen Football Club** has requested permission to explore the feasibility of a mobile phone communication mast being erected at the Moor Road site. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council do not object to them exploring this avenue, but they would need to ascertain whether planning permission would be necessary. Coun.Smith advised that in some cases the mast can be attached to existing floodlighting towers, which Ipplepen already has installed at the Football Club. ***Action: The Clerk to reply to the Football Club***

## 181) **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

## **Millennium Centre**

The next meeting is due to be held on 11th March, at 6.15pm

**TALC**

The next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 29th May, 2014.

**Village Hall Committee**

Nothing to report

**History Group**

Coun.Mrs.Northwood reported that the History Group had been successful with their grant application for £3000 towards the War Memorial restoration, therefore together with the grants received from the Ipplepen Community Fund and the District Councillor’s Fund work can now commence in time for Ipplepen’s 100year commemorative celebrations of the First World War, which will take place on Sunday 3rd August, 2014.

182) **RURAL AID BIDS** – Three requests had been received i.e. St.Andrews Church Rooms, Village Hall and the Football Club. An email had also been received from Teignbridge advising that this year they have extended the time by which the applications have to be returned until Friday 16th May 2014. With this in mind therefore it was agreed that a decision would be left until the April Parish Council meeting. ***Action: The Clerk to inform the applicants***.

183) **SPEAKER FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Coun.Mrs.Northwood to approach the History Group for a speaker on the War Memorial.

184) **AMENITIES** - Coun. Carnell

Minutes for the meeting held on the 10th February, 2014 were taken as read with the following comments:

a) Toll House Tree Clearance – Coun.Smith requested the Clerk to ask Kitsons to act on behalf of the Parish Council for the transfer of ownership for the land to the Parish Council.

b) Toilet Block – Refer to Matters Arising on page 1 of these Minutes.

c) Tree Risk Assessment – On-going

e) Bus Shelter at the Wellington Inn – On-going

f) Fencing of Tremlett Grove Play Area – Costings to be obtained.

g) The harness for the disabled swing needs replacing.

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

**Balance No.1 Account £ 27,187.42**

**Received**

Mill.Centre Rent – March £ 50.00

Interest – Feb. £ .19

Scout Rent £ 90.00

**Balance £ 27,327.61**

**Invoices Received for Approval:**

Viking (Toners) £ 244.80 (already paid)

TDC – ICC Planning Application £ 770.00 (already paid)

Transfer of Locality Budget Grant £ 2,000.00 tr.

BT – Internet & Tel. £ 35.41 d/d

D.Cartwright – Salary Feb. £ 327.70

Mrs.H.F.Olding – Salary Feb. £ 838.68

Inland Revenue – PAYE Month 11 £ 295.03

South West Grounds Maint. £ 101.88

Office Hire for 3 months £ 150.00

Clerk’s Expenses for 3 months £ 50.00

Public Works Loan Board £ 1,426.53

Southern Timber – Shed Felt £ 35.33

British Gas – Electric at field £ 22.26 d/d

**Total £ 6,297.62**

**Balance: £21,029.99**

**Reserve Account**

**Balance £35,907.72**

**Overall Balance 04.03.14 £56,937.71**

186) **PLANNING** – Coun.Tompkins

a) Various Grants of Conditional Planning Permission were read out.

b) The following application for planning permission were discussed:

**Application 14/000398/FUL**

Multi-use building for shelter and storage at Flax Bourton, Wrigwell Lane, Ipplepen.

**Comment:** IPC have no objection to this planning application providing it is not for commercial use. The applicant should also provide details of proposed external lighting to prevent disturbance to protected species, notably bats. (unanimous decision)

c) **Appeal** against refusal of Planning Permission 14/00010/REF for dwelling and garage with associated parking, access and turning facilities at Park Hill Lodge, Totnes Road, Ipplepen.

**Comment:** IPC wish to maintain our objection on the grounds already stated.

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

a) **Footpath/Ipplepen to Two Mile Oak** – On-going. The Parish Council have been successful in obtaining £3,225 grant from the Teignbridge Elector Fund towards this project.

b) Toll House Footpath – Coun.Smith requested the Clerk to request Kitsons to act on behalf of the Parish Council for the transfer of ownership of the land to the Parish Council.

c) The next Highways meeting is due to take place on the 20th March 2014.

188) **ITEMS LEFT ON THE TABLE** – No items this month

189) **OPEN FORUM**

a) Coun.Dewhirst mentioned that a Village Litter Pick had been arranged for Saturday 5th April, 2014. Also the Film Club will be running the film “*Captain Phillips”*  on Saturday 29th March to help raise funds for the Village Hall Extension.

b) The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee thanked the Parish Council for their supporting grant for the Phase 2 Extension project and confirmed that they had also been successful in obtaining a grant from Viridor and Ipplepen Community Fund.

190) **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Amenities Meeting 10th March 7pm at Mill.Centre

MCMC 11th March 6.15pm at Mill.Centre

Plans 19th March 7pm at Mill.Centre

Highways 20th March 7pm at Mill.Centre

Full Parish Council 01st April 7.15pm at Mill.Centre

**Parish Assembly 17th April 7.30pm Village Hall**

Meeting Closed at 9.03pm