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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 02nd October 2018**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Mrs.Northwood (Chairman) Coun.Mrs.Hutchings

## Coun.Carnell (Vice Chairman) Coun.Mrs.Olding

## Coun.Courtier Coun.Tomkinson

## Coun.Farrow

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## eMiss.C.Freston Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District/County Councillor

## 84) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Smith, Coun.Mrs.Calland, Coun.Rattlidge

85) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No declarations of Interest.

86) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 87)

## **Speaker: Councillor Reg Winsor on self-build housing**

Coun.Mrs.Northwood was running a bit late so Coun.Carnell chaired the start of the meeting and welcomed everyone that was present and introduced Coun.Winsor who then gave a talk about self-build housing. Coun.Winsor has done the scheme for many years but was not specific to Ipplepen. If you would like further information you can contact Coun.Reg.Winsor at [regiwins@gmail.com](mailto:regiwins@gmail.com). It was a very good turn out and we would welcome anyone that attended the meeting from the community to join the Neighbourhood Plans Group. If anyone would like to express their interest in self-build housing or owns land in Ipplepen to contact the Parish Clerk at [ipplepencouncil@btpenworld.com](mailto:ipplepencouncil@btpenworld.com). The Clerk will collate a list and then the Parish Council will hold a meeting with those interested to see how we can move it forward, working with the Neighbourhood Plan.

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

**Football Club –** This is still ongoing as we are awaiting the new plans from The Football Club.

**Ipplepen Cricket Club** **–** The Clerk has spoken to the Cricket Club and they are going to be sending over the plans shortly. The Parish Council will then submit the Planning Application on their behalf.

**Clampitt Road toilets** - Electricity is due for renewal – **Action** Coun.Tomkinson to find a cheaper supplier.

**Communities Together Fund –** TDC have sent an email regarding the CTF and Ipplepen receiving a potential grant of £2,300 if we apply, possibly for new play equipment. The opening date is 1st November 2018 **Action –** to be decided at the next Parish meeting.

89) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Chairman, Coun.Mrs.Northwood

## a)**Items from Devon County Council:-** DCC Connect Me – Vulnerable and fuel poor residents across Devon can apply for help to keep them warm and reduce their energy bills by up to £300 a year. The Local Energy Advice Programme (LEAP) is a free advice service supported by DCC and funded by energy suppliers. LEAP can install draught-proofing, low energy LED light bulbs and provide energy efficiency advice and help look for a better deal on energy bills. For more information <http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgxMDAxLjk1NTgzMzMxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MTAwMS45NTU4MzMzMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3Mzg0MDgwJmVtYWlsaWQ9aXBwbGVwZW5jb3VuY2lsQGJ0b3BlbndvcmxkLmNvbSZ1c2VyaWQ9aXBwbGVwZW5jb3VuY2lsQGJ0b3BlbndvcmxkLmNvbSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&102&&&https://www.devonnewscentre.info/vulnerable-can-recieve-help-to-save-on-energy-bills/>

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

TDC have emailed as they are trying to increase the number of residents who are signed up to Devon Alert. Anyone in the community can sign up to this and it is a free messaging system run by Devon and Cornwall Police to inform members of the public about rimes and incidents affecting their local area. To sign up please follow the link <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/our-services/devon-and-cornwall-alert/devon-and-cornwall-alert-explained/>

Teignbridge are holding a free get online drop in event at Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot on Thursday 18th October from 10am – 3pm

Teignbridge have brought forward the date of the Civic Service from 14th April to 10th February 2019 at Bovey Tracey at 3pm.

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

Coun.Mrs.Olding and the clerk will be attending the DALC AGM, Conference and Exhibition on Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

The Clerk will be attending a Budgets and Precept Course on Tuesday 9th October 2018.

Coun.Courtier is going to attend the New Councillors short course on Wednesday 5th December 2018 in Ivybridge.

d) **Items from the Police:**

Police have seen a sharp increase in reports about fake TV licensing emails claiming to offer refunds. The emails state that the refund cannot be processed due to “invalid account details”. The links provided in the emails lead to phishing websites to steal personal and financial details.

Devon and Cornwall Police introduce Chief Superintendent to South Devon. Taking on the new role is Chief Superintendent Keith Perkin who has worked for Devon and Cornwall Police for 28 years.

Update on proposed merger of Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police. Both Chief Constables and PCC’s agreed the business case, but have not reached a unanimous decision about whether to submit it to the Home Office. A final decision will be made on Monday 8th October 2018.

## **Other items received:**

e) An invitation has been received via email to attend Devon’s housing needs launch event on 12th October 2018 at the Best Western Hotel, Tiverton - **Action** Clerk to ask Coun.Rattlidge if he would like to attend

f) Kingsteignton Town Council have sent an invitation to Coun.Mrs.Northwood to attend the Mayor’s Civic Carol Service on Monday 10th December 2018 at 7pm, Coun.Mrs.Olding will attend along with Coun.Mrs.Northwood

g) The light in the AED box at the War Memorial needs replacing, Coun.Tomkinson has tried to replace this on serval occasions and hasn’t been able to gain access due to vehicles parking to close – **Action** Clerk to put a sign on the box and Coun.Mrs.Northwood to put an advert in the Parish Magazine asking everyone to respect access to this at ALL times

h) An email has been received from a parishioner who is setting up a website and have asked if the Parish Council would like to be involved **Action** – Clerk to contact Parishioner to ask if a link to the Parish Council website could be put on.

i) An email has been received from Sports and Play Consulting. Their aim is to meet with Clerks or Councillors in the coming months if they have a need to develop a new sports facility, playground etc **Action –** Clerk to contact about a new skate park

j) Coun.Dewhirst has emailed regarding the poor state of the noticeboards for the Carnival Club, Parish Council and the PCC’s. Coun.Dewhirst has offered to pay for these to be re-varnished from his Councillors fund **Action** – Coun.Carnell to arrange for the works to be carried out. Also complaints have been made to Coun.Dewhirst regarding bonfires in North Street **Action –** Coun.Mrs.Northwood to put an advert in the Parish Magazine asking parishioners to be respectful of their neighbours if having a bonfire.

k) Coun.Mrs.Northwood has been informed that someone had been stung by a wasp which still seem to be in the Willow in the Toddler Play area at the play park **Action** Coun.Courtier to investigate if there is a nest and will report back, if there is the Clerk will arrange for this to be removed by a professional company.

l) A parishioner reported that the toilet lock in the men’s toilets at Clampitt Road was broken. Coun.Carnell replaced the lock and the parishioner called back to say thank you for replacing it and doing it so quickly.

m) Coun.Dewhirst has a custom and self-build housing document, if anyone is interested and would like to have a look the link is [https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/media/4974/custom-and-self-build-housing-july-2016.pdf](https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/media/4974/custom-and-self-build-housing-july-2016.pdf Action - Coun.Mrs.Northwood) **[Action -](https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/media/4974/custom-and-self-build-housing-july-2016.pdf Action - Coun.Mrs.Northwood)** [Coun.Mrs.Northwood](https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/media/4974/custom-and-self-build-housing-july-2016.pdf Action - Coun.Mrs.Northwood) to put the link in the Parish Magazine

## 90) **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Millennium Centre** – Nothing to report

**TALC** – Next meeting to held on Thursday 29th November 2018.

**Village Hall Committee** – Nothing to report

**Ipplepen Community Fund** – The next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 6th December, 2018.

**Emergency Team** – Nothing to report.

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

**County Matters**

Analysis by Bournemouth University’s Ageing and Dementia Research Centre has revealed that almost a fifth of over-75s in the UK go three months or longer with no one to share a meal with. This can lead to health problems, including malnutrition and chronic loneliness, as well as a higher risk of developing a degenerative illness, such as dementia – it can be as detrimental to an older person’s health as lifelong smoking and alcoholism.

Devon has a higher than average percentage of older people among its population. Estimates suggest that between 15,000 to 19,000 over 65s in Devon experience intense loneliness; and that around 38,000 experience mild loneliness.

The County Council, the NHS and local voluntary organisations, have launched a website called Show You Care to help celebrate community activity, and that encourages people to get involved with volunteering and being engaged members of society. To find out more about things that you can do to make your community a better place to live, visit the Show You Care website. To find local Befriending opportunities, visit the Pinpoint website.

A clear message was sent out that suicide is a community issue because the majority of people who take their own lives are under the radar of mental health services. As part of World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), suicide prevention campaigners were telling people it's safe to ask people if they are feeling suicidal.

People link suicide to mental health but 76 per cent of people who kill themselves are not in contact with mental health services 12 months prior to suicide. Three quarters of all suicides are males.

Initiatives include preventive measures at notorious suicide spots and sharing a Letter of Hope written by people who have experienced suicidal feelings. We know it works if someone reads it who is feeling suicidal because there is feedback from people who have said they would not still be here today if they hadn’t read it. The Samaritans can be reached round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can reach them by calling 116 123, by emailing jo@samaritans.org or by visiting www.samaritans.org

The County Council and Jobcentre Plus are launching a campaign to encourage businesses to recruit more people with learning disabilities, autism and mental health needs. The national unemployment rate among people with disabilities is almost three times higher than the equivalent among people without disabilities. There are currently about 21,000 adults with a learning disability in Devon. The Council’s social care services know about 3,500 of them and about 8 per cent of those are in paid employment. The challenge is not that there’s an unwilling workforce – people with disabilities want to work. The challenge, which is described by many people with disabilities, is that it’s very difficult for someone with disabilities to get a job. Lots of people with learning disabilities, autism or mental health needs are put off even from applying for jobs through fear of the stigma and misconceptions that can accompany disabled candidates in a recruitment process. The campaign will highlight the wide range of support, including financial support, that is available to employers and candidates to help them with recruitment and create opportunities for people with disabilities to live the lives they choose as independently as possible.

Finally, Devon County Council agreed proposals to install Average Speed Cameras on the South Devon Highway. The £285,000 scheme to reduce speeds on the A380 was unanimously backed by the County Council’s Cabinet. Local concern has been raised about speeding traffic on the South Devon Highway since the road opened in 2015. A scheme to locate cameras at four locations on the route to enforce the 50mph limit was referred to Cabinet after the Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee had approved the principle of the camera installation at its meeting in July. The average speed cameras were considered to be the most efficient way of enforcing the 50mph speed limit on the road in order to improve safety, while also tackling air and noise pollution. The cameras are expected to be installed by the end of the year. The scheme is supported by the Devon and Cornwall Safety Camera Partnership, and Devon and Cornwall Police, who have stated that enforcement would be beneficial in reducing the traffic speeds on the new stretches of dual carriageway which opened in 2015.

**District Matters**

Teignbridge Housing Services has launched a new Property Agent Rating Scheme (PARS) to help landlords and tenants. Designed to be similar to the familiar ‘food hygiene rating scheme’, PARS sees participating agents displaying window stickers and certificates at their premises and ratings on their websites.

Working in collaboration with local landlords, landlord associations, letting agents, solicitors, and accountants, the new scheme is a means of ensuring all letting agents and property managers comply with letting related legislation, creating a fair playing field across the industry. In addition to reassuring landlords that their business is being handled professionally the scheme will also help improve conditions and safety in rental properties. There are four potential ratings ranging from bronze, which is the minimum rating, up to platinum. The bronze standard is still identified as ‘good’ and means the agent meets all current letting relating legislation. Achieving a silver means that the agent also offers good practice, gold rated agents go the extra mile offering enhanced service, with platinum agents being members of a regulatory body.

Last week saw the launch of a new Credit Union partnership which aims to promote financial inclusion and choice for people living in south west England. The innovative partnership between nine south west housing associations and a local Credit Union, Westcountry Savings and Loans, aims to bring Credit Union services to customers, communities and staff to tackle the issue of high cost credit by providing affordable, trusted financial products.

Teignbridge Executive Councillors approved the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan document for wider consultation despite it being described at the meeting as being full of buzzwords and not addressing any of the big issues that affect this rural district, in particular the poor bus services that are not designed to get people to and from work. It had no development strategy and little in the document to back up the digital theme of the vision. Teignbridge Council are leading on this strategy for DCC, TDC, ECC, MDDC and EDDC. Sadly, for Teignbridge planners it was unanimously rejected two days later by Councillors from EDDC, who said it was ‘simply not fit for purpose’. East Devon councillors felt it lacked any kind of detail and was ‘just a PR document’. One Councillor said: “When I read this, thought it was a bit like swallowing a camel and squeaking out a gnat. I want to see this document enhanced with information about healthcare facilities, new technology, and energy systems, so I cannot agree that this can be the document for public consultation.” I guess it is back to the drawing board for Teignbridge and County.

92) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The meeting due to be held on Wednesday 17th September was cancelled as there were no planning applications to discuss

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

**Granted: Application DCC/4047/2018** - Regrade field with waste from development of adjacent garden centre; relocation of existing solar arrays at Bird of Prey Centre, Fermoys Garden Centre and Farm Shop, Totnes Road, Ipplepen

c) **Applications discussed**: There were no Planning Applications to discuss this month.

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

93) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Carnell

The Minutes from the meeting held on 9th September 2018, were approved and taken as read. Matters arising from the Minutes as follows:

1. Coun.Carnell and Coun.Courtier met with the Chairman of the Scout Hut to see where would be a suitable location for the gas bottle cage. No Planning permission is required. Coun.Farrow spoke to Building Regs who have said that they would need to speak to the fire officer and seek their advice on where would be the best place **Action** – Clerk to contact and ask for drawing and put them in contact with the fire officer in Torquay.

b) The Clerk has contacted and is still waiting for a reply from SHS cleaning who clean the toilets to ask for their cleaning times and what products they use. **Action** – Clerk to write and ask for the information as the work is not being carried out as per the contract.

c) The litter bin rota needs reviewing in the next few weeks

d) There have been no complaints regarding overgrown hedges but a letter is ready to be sent should the Parish Council be made aware of any

e) A complaint has been made about the vehicles driving down to the allotments, the Parish Council have spoken with the Allotment Committee who have agreed that a padlock is put on both the gates to stop this from happening. Should anyone wish to drive down to the allotments, they will need to obtain the keys from the Chairman of the Allotments. A key will also be held by the Scouts. The padlocks will be put on week commencing 15th October 2018 and the secretary of the allotment Committee will place a sign on the gate of who to contact for the keys.

f) The toddler swings and the Cargo net climbing frame are in need of repair. The swings repair will be carried out shortly whilst the cargo net will take a little longer.

g) The toilets at the Recreation Ground will be locked at 5pm and open at 8a.m everyday, this will take effect from Saturday 27th October 2018.

h) The toilet cleaner has reported the cracks in the toilet block at the Recreation Ground, these cracks are happening because of the shrinkage of the timber.

i) Coun.Carnell has been in contact with the plumber regarding the toilet in the gents at the Recreation Park. It needs a need syphon and will be done in the next few days.

j) The Allotment Committee have asked about Public Liability Insurance for the allotments, this needs to be provided by them and not the Parish Council.

k) The Play Inspection Company have sent an acknowledgment for next year’s play inspection **Action** – Clerk to contact and accept

94) **FINANCE & PERSONNEL** – Coun.Mrs.Olding on behalf of Coun.Smith

**Balance No. £ 28,830.13**

**Received:**

Mill.Centre Rent for September **£ 50.00**

Football Club Rent **£ 137.50**

Precept – Second half for 2018/19 **£ 33,410.00**

**Balance: £ 62,427.63**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 4,141.31**

**Balance £ 58,286.32**

**Reserve Account**

**Balance £ 32,495.75**

**Overall Total £ 90,782.07**

**Items discussed:**

1. Poppy Wreath - **Action** – The Clerk was asked to order the poppy wreath
2. Insurance Renewal – Coun.Mrs.Olding Proposed and Coun.Courtier seconded (all unanimous) that we renew our insurance with a 3 year (LTA) with Inspire for £ 2,260.92
3. Coun.Mrs.Olding proposed, Coun.Farrow seconded (all unanimous) that we order the photo I.D Lanyard’s for each Councillor and the Clerk from Aaron Printers for £110.40
4. Web Host for 2018/19 - this is on hold until the next meeting

95) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY** – Coun.Mrs.Olding on behalf of Coun.Smith

1. The Highways meeting due on Tuesday 18th September 2018 was not held.
2. Coun.Smith attended the Stoneycombe Quarry Liaison Group on Wednesday 26th September, they will contact DCC about having a permissive path along the A381 and it was suggested that it be put into the Neighbourhood Plan.
3. The next Highways meeting is on Thursday 22nd November 2018.

96) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Coun.Rattlidge has been in touch with Alexis Marsh at TDC for some help/Guidance and said she was very helpful in taking things forward. **Action -** Coun.Mrs.Northwood to put an advert in the next Parish Magazine asking for members of the Community to come and join the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

97) **Distribution of ‘H’ Signs**

The ‘H’ signs are going to be distributed with the Parish Magazine in November. The Clerk has offered to help put them in the magazine. Coun.Mrs.Northwood proposed and Coun.Courtier seconded (all unanimous) that the Parish Council will donate £100 for them distributing them for us. The Clerk will need to order an extra 200 to ensure all parishioners receive one, Coun.Courtier Proposed and Coun.Mrs.Olding seconded (all unanimous).

98) **Councillor Advocate Scheme**

Coun.Rattlidge had his induction at Newton Abbot and said it was a two way communication channel to assist police/parishioners. He also attended a meeting last week regarding gang culture and police attempts to control these youths. They have started using civil powers in the court and if these conditions are breached then they would be arrested. It is a greater deterrent and seems to be working with a large reduction in most crimes in town centres. He will update further at next month’s meeting.

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

100) **OPEN FORUM** – Councillor Philip Bullivant from Teignbridge District Council was present for the meeting and commended the Parish Council on how well the meeting was organised and run throughout the evening.

101) **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Amenities Meeting 9th Oct. 7pm at Mill.Centre

Plans Meeting 17th Oct. 7pm at Mill.Centre

Highways 22nd Nov. 6.30pm at Mill.Centre

MCMC 20th Nov. 6.15pm at Mill.Centre

Community Fund 3rd Oct. 7.30pm at Ipplepen Primary School

Full Parish Council 6th Nov. 7.15pm at Mill.Centre

Neighbourhood Plan **Tbc** 7pm at Mill Centre

Meeting Closed at 10pm