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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 7th January 2020**

## **In attendance**:

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

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

## Coun.Palethorpe Coun.Rattlidge

Coun.Mrs.Hutchings Coun.Courtier

## eMiss.C.Freston Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District/County Councillor

132) **APOLOGIES** - Coun.Mrs.Calland, Coun.Smith

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

134) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

135) **MATTERS ARISING**

**In-house training for Councillors –** DALC are holding an in-house training course for Councillors and Broadhempston Parish Council have kindly allowed Councillors from Ipplepen to join them on Thursday 23rd January 2020 in Broadhempston at 6.30pm.

**DCC Urban Grass Cutting Agreement –** The agreement for 2020/2021 has been received from DCC for the urban grass cutting. Coun.Palethorpe proposed we accepted the agreement, Coun.Mrs.Olding seconded (all unanimous). Coun.Palethorpe signed the agreement and passed it to the clerk to send back to DCC.

136) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Coun.Carnell (Chairman)

a)**Items from Devon County Council:-** No items received this month

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

## c) **Items from DALC/DCT/SLCC:-** DALC have sent an invitation to make a nomination for the Royal Garden Party on 27th May 2020. Coun.Mrs.Hutchings said she would like the opportunity to attend **Action –** Clerk to complete and return nomination form on behalf of Coun.Mrs.Hutchings.

d) **Items from the Police:** No items received this month

## **Other items received:**

e) Ipplepen Local History Group have sent in a letter to thank Coun.Carnell, Coun.Courtier and Coun.Palethorpe for erecting and lighting the Christmas tree in the village square in time for the Candlelit Procession.

f) The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme within Teignbridge is a group of concerned /likeminded neighbours joining together to help reduce crime and the fear of crime within their community. For further information you can visit ‘Our Watch’ website at [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) Coun.Rattlidge is going to contact Teignbridge Community Watch Hub to see if a member can attend the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 4th February 2020.

g) IU Energy have sent an email with the latest pricing for a fixed 3 year contract, with regards to the electricity which is due for renewal in June 2020, for the Millennium Centre, the field meter and Clampitt Road toilets. Coun.Palethorpe proposed we accept, Coun.Farrow seconded (all unanimous) **Action –** Clerk to notify IU Energy.

## **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Millennium Centre** – Nothing to report

**Village Hall Committee** – Nothing to report

**Ipplepen Community Fund** – Next meeting due on 15th January 2020.

**Emergency Team** – Nothing to report

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

**County Matters**

At County I think you are all aware I have been visiting the Atkinson Secure Children’s Home for the past seven years on a monthly basis and so I was delighted that it has received a glowing report after government inspectors said that each child feels ‘safe and secure’ and receives ‘good-quality individualised care.’ The County Council-managed children’s home specialises in the welfare of children aged from 10 to 17 who are likely to either abscond, suffer significant harm or injure themselves or others. A team of Ofsted and Care Quality Commission inspectors visited the home, and rated educational outcomes, safeguarding, leadership and the progress of the children as ‘good.’ Inspectors said that the staff are highly motivated and dedicated, and the children are listened to and fully involved in their care planning. Each child is given opportunities to express their needs and to explain what is important to them and to make contributions towards their own futures and to life in the home. The report adds: “The staff’s warm relationships with the children encourage positive behavioural change…they provide clear and structured boundaries…consequently, children reduce their risk-taking behaviour, feel safer and learn from their experience. This is a well-managed home. An experienced and settled senior leadership team provides good-quality guidance and support to the rest of the staff team.”

Devon County Council’s Cabinet has approved the construction of a £2.2 million park and change scheme to the east of Exeter Science Park. The site aims to relieve traffic congestion on the A30 Honiton Road and Moor Lane roundabout, enabling drivers to park on the edge of the city and then switch to sustainable forms of transport – bus, bicycle or car share – for their journey into the city.

The scheme will provide 300 parking bays, initially with six charging points for electric vehicles, six electric bikes available to hire, and cycle lockers to securely store 20 bicycles for commuters. It’s hoped that work on the scheme will start in February next year.

An action plan to help reduce the amount of food waste in Devon has been endorsed by the County Council’s Cabinet. It follows a Food Waste Spotlight Review being commissioned by the Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee earlier this year. Representatives from food charities, councils and anaerobic digestion plants attended the review to discuss why food is wasted, how to reduce it and ways to improve its collection.

Almost a third of all food purchased in Devon is thrown away, either by residents or businesses, every year. Latest figures show that it’s not just residents who are wasting food – UK businesses annually waste 1.9 million tonnes. The review heard that householders were continuing to incorrectly dispose of food waste. Almost a third of the contents in an average residual waste bin is food waste, which could be composted or recycled. The review concluded that there are several key actions could help solve some of these issues. Firstly, clear, consistent messaging on household food waste recycling is needed to ensure residents understand what to put in the food waste bin. Secondly, greater collaboration with food waste charities should be encouraged to improve food waste education, including in schools. Parish and town councils should also be supported to combat food waste by making use of organisations like community fridges. Finally, businesses should be encouraged to combat food waste. Improved online resources which lays out how reducing food waste could benefit their business, should be created. Communities and residents across the County are being called on to vote for their ‘People’s Choice Hero’ as part of the 7th annual Thank You Awards. A shortlist has been created from the nominations made by the public and can now be viewed and voted for on the Recycle Devon website. Votes will be open until 31 January 2020. All the shortlisted candidates have been invited to attend an awards ceremony at County Hall on 6 March 2020 in the Coaver Club. The Thank You Awards are organised by the Recycle Devon team, and were first launched to recognise those people who do that bit extra to help ensure Devon remains clean and green. There were over 40 nominations in seven different categories for this year’s awards including School Recycling Hero, Collection Crew/Operative and Small Business Champion. The People’s Choice Hero award is an additional category to be voted on by members of the public.

Recycle Devon is a partnership of 10 councils including Devon County Council, Torbay Council and the eight District Councils.

**District Matters**

At Teignbridge the Budget process started in earnest today. We are reacting to reductions in central government funding and making efficiencies where possible – the level of the Teignbridge element will rise by £5 or 2.94%. However, we will be funding a Climate Change officer and associated spending as well as enhanced Planning Enforcement. We will continue to support housing, including more Social Housing, and it is worth mentioning again that the Social Housing announced last month was the first in over ten years! We will be investing in our town centres with a new hotel in the centre of Teignmouth and work on bringing forward a new town centre in Newton Abbot. We will work towards the final setting at Full Council on 24th February.

Additionally, today we formalised our Electric Vehicles Policy and a Town & Parish Service Devolution Policy which will I believe help us to ensure an equitable distribution of Council assets.

138) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2019, were approved and taken as read

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

**Granted:** Application 19/01864/FUL – Demolition of existing extension and garage, create two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and parking space at 6, North End Close.

**Granted:** Application 19/01377/MAJ – Kennel block and training barn, reception centre and associated external works at Biltor, Animals in Distress

**Granted:** Application 19/02138/FUL – Demolition of pre-cast concrete panel garage and replacement with a timber framed studio and store building at Maitlands, Wrigwell Lane.

**Granted:** Application 19/01527/FUL – Livestock building (for stabling of horses & other livestock and storage) together with access track at Dainton Copse, Holman Hill

**Decisions Received: Councillor’s Comments if necessary**

c) **Applications discussed**:

Application 19/02522/CAN – Fell goat willow, pear and apple trees at Old Grange, Bridge Street

Coun.Farrow proposed no objection, Coun.Mrs.Olding seconded (All unanimous)

Application 19/00672/FUL – Construction of building for use as holiday accommodation at Great Ambrook

Coun.Farrow and Coun.Carnell attended a site inspection arranged by Teignbridge Planning. This application will be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday 21st January 2020, the Parish Council will wait their deliberation.

Ipplepen Athletic Football Club have emailed plans to extend the club house and are seeking the Parish Council’s permission to submit a Planning Application. Coun.Farrow proposed we go ahead with the proposal, Coun.Palethorpe seconded (All unanimous). Coun.Farrow asked the Football Club to send the plans over so that he can submit the Planning Application on the Football Clubs behalf.

139) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Palethorpe

The Minutes from the meeting held on 10th December 2019, were approved and taken as read. Matters arising from the Minutes as follows:

a) The Urban Grass Cutting agreement has been signed.

b) Amenities are looking at putting a thermostat in the plant room to control the heating in the toilets at the Recreation Ground. Coun.Palethorpe is in the process of obtaining three quotes.

c) It was disappointing to see that not everyone removed their cars from the War Memorial for the Carol Service on Friday 20th December 2019. Plenty of notice was given. Coun.Dewhirst has written to DCC to ask that they enforce these events in the future, and is waiting for a reply.

d) A few members of the community attended the Parish Council meeting in December 2019 to discuss planting fruit and signature trees. It was suggested that these be planted along the bank by the allotments. Coun.Palethorpe has arranged to meet with the group to discuss further areas.

e) Two new lights have been replaced at the Millennium Centre and the tap in the kitchen is being fixed on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

f) Coun.Palethorpe is waiting for a second quote on the repairs to the play park equipment.

g) Part of the large fallen Oak tree at the Football Club has been removed over the Christmas period. The tree was left to encourage wildlife and natural habitat. A member of the Committee from the Football club was present at the meeting, and offered to pay £250 into the Parish Council’s bank account as compensation for the wrongful removal of part of the tree. The Parish Council have also requested on several occasions that the dumpy bags of rubbish are removed from around the club house. This has still not been done, Coun.Palethrope recommended that the dumpy bags are removed by 1st February 2020. If this has not been done by this time, the Parish Council will arrange for these to be removed and will be at the cost of the Football club.

140) **FINANCE & PERSONNEL** – Coun.Mrs.Olding

**Balance No. £ 57,802.74**

**Received:**

Mill Centre – Rent £ 100.00

DCC Urban Grass Cutting 19/2020 £ 1,321.00

Football Club – Rent £ 137.50

**Balance: £ 59,361.24**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 4,412.38**

**Balance £ 54,948.86**

**Reserve Account Balance £ 55,950.01**

**Overall Total £ 110,898.87**

**Items discussed:** No items this month

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

a) The next Highways meeting is due on Thursday 16th January 2020.

142) **APPROVAL OF PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2020/2021**

Coun.Mrs.Olding proposed, seconded by Coun.Carnell and agreed unanimously to request **£68,362.00** from Teignbridge District Council for the 2020/2021 Precept.

143) **APPROVAL OF OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE POLICY**

Coun.Mrs.Olding proposed, seconded by Coun.carnell and agreed unanimously that we approve the policy for Operation London Bridge.

144) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Coun.Rattlidge

The next Neighbourhood Plan meeting is due on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

145) **COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE SCHEME**

The first Community responders – retained firefighters with full police powers, have almost completed their training and will be qualified for full independent patrol within a few weeks. The role was created to provide a resource in seven Devon towns. Community Responders can patrol as police officers within five minutes of their fire station so can respond to fire ‘shouts’ within the designated times, so their firefightr ‘downtime’ is used effectively. The public engagement events will be taking place at 7 different locations in January 2020.

146) **APPROVE WINTER NEWSLETTER**

The Winter Newsletter was approved.

147) **LAND AT TREMLETT GROVE**

The Deed of Covenant has been signed by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will be receiving approximately £47,795.00 for the sale of the ransom strip.

148) **ITEMS LEFT ON THE TABLE** – Items available from the Clerk.

149) **OPEN FORUM** – No comments this month

150) **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Neighbourhood Plan 08th Jan. 7pm at MillCentre

Amenities Meeting 14th Jan. 7pm at Mill.Centre

Community Fund 15th Jan. 7.30pm at Mill Centre

Highways 16th Jan. 6.30pm at Mill Centre

MCMC 21st Jan. 6.15pm at Mill Centre

Plans Meeting 22nd Jan. 7pm at Mill.Centre

Full Parish Council 4th Feb. 7.15pm at Mill.Centre

Meeting Closed at 9pm