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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 3rd March 2020**

## **In attendance**:

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

Coun.Mrs.Calland Coun.Smith

## Coun.Palethorpe Coun.Rattlidge

Coun.Mrs.Hutchings Coun.Courtier

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

## eMiss.C.Freston Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District/County Councillor

168) **APOLOGIES** – No apologies

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

170) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2020, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

171) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Parish Clerk

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

## b) **Items from Teignbridge District Council & Teignbridge CVS: -** No items received this month

## c) **Items from DALC/DCT/SLCC:-** DALC Newsletter regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). For more information please visit the Parish Council’s website at <https://ipplepenparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

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

## **Other items received:**

e) An email has been received with an update regarding the recycling scheme at the Hub. They will notify the Village when they are up and running and are hoping to achieve this in April. The Recycling station will stand just inside the railings by the entrance to the Hub.

f) A parishioner has emailed about the severe flooding at the bend in the lane at the rear of Southern Timber. This has been reported to DCC Highways, and they have contacted the Parishioner to say that they will be carrying out a detailed assessment, which should be completed by the 16th March 2020.

g) Coun.Carnell has received a phone call regarding the signage on the access road off Silver Street. The land is registered to the Parish Council and we have no Deeds as proof of otherwise from the residents of Silver Street. Highways will discuss at their next meeting.

h) Pre-School have emailed asking for permission to use the electric in the playing field on Tuesday 10th March 2020 for Sport Relief. The Councillors agreed and Coun.Palethorpe will contact the Pre-School to make the necessary arrangements.

i) The Mayor of Dawlish has sent an invitation to all Councillors for Fish ‘n’ chips & Quiz on Saturday 21st March 2020 at The Manor House, Dawlish at 7pm.

j) Devon County Council have sent a letter regarding drainage maintenance responsibilities. At their recent conferences a great deal of interest was shown in a display identifying who is responsible for maintaining and clearing drainage systems on and around the highway. For more information please visit <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/maintaining-roads/>

k) A Parishioner has emailed the clerk about a new Webinar support series for Parish clerks and Councils on how to declare Climate Emergency.

l) HM Treasury have sent a letter to inform the Parish Council that the Parliament has legislated to revise the statutory basis of the Public Works Loan Board. The change came into effect on 25th February 2020. They have confirmed that it does not affect existing PWLB loans, new loans, or the process for applying for loans.

m) Roy Stephenson has confirmed that he can attend this year’s Parish Annual Assembly as the speaker regarding Neighbourhood Watch.

n) The Village environment group have emailed about their enquiry for planting trees. Coun.Palethorpe is liaising with the group.

o) The Parish Council’s Solicitor has emailed regarding the deeds for the land at the War memorial. They do not hold any deeds for this piece of land which is not owned by DCC although they maintain it at the public’s expense. **Action -** Coun.Dewhirst is going to discuss it further with DCC.

## **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Millennium Centre** – Next meeting due on 17th April 2020.

**Village Hall Committee** – Nothing to report

**Ipplepen Community Fund** – Next meeting due on 16th April 2020.

**Emergency Team** – Nothing to report

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

Devon residents and visitors may have concerns about coronavirus. I would like to reassure you that the government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. The County and District councils are monitoring the situation closely and coordinating with Public Health England. We are taking all possible steps to keep you safe. The approach being taken by the NHS is to identify potential cases of COVID-19, isolate them and then contain the virus. If you've been to Wuhan, Hubei Province in China or northern Italy in the last 14 days (even if you do not have symptoms) or to other parts of China, including Macau, Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Italy or Malaysia in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath (even if it's mild) do **not** go to a GP surgery, community pharmacy or hospital. Call NHS 111, stay indoors and avoid close contact with other people. Everyone is being reminded to follow Public Health England advice to always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel. To wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Finally, avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

**County Matters**

The County Council approved its budget a week last Thursday in a marathon five-hour session. There was more money for vulnerable children, adult social care and roads and road drainage.

More than £43 million extra will be pumped into vital services with an additional £23.7 million for adult care and health, £11.5 million more for children’s services and £1 million more to help deal with drainage issues on the road network. In total the council’s spending will rise by £43.1 million from £498 million in 2019/20 to just over £541 million – when you add the £539.35 million Dedicated Schools Grant it takes the council’s spending over the £1 billion mark for the first time in ten years.

The average Band D council tax bill for Devon’s services will rise by 3.9 per cent to help pay for it – that’s 1.9 per cent for general services and 2 per cent dedicated solely to adult care.

Devon’s Cabinet member for finance said: “It (*the Budget*) provides significant additional resources to adult social care, children’s services and highways which are the things that matter most to our Devon residents. Although there has been a small increase in support from the Government, we need the certainty of future income to protect services. County Treasurer Mary Davis told councillors: “In 2020/21 the authority’s core funding will increase by 1.63%. This does not however mean that it has been easy for the authority to set a balanced budget. There are significant ongoing pressures in both adult and children’s services with the greatest area of concern being the funding shortfall on the High Needs Block (children with special needs) and the lack of information from Government on what they intend to do about it.” In simple terms Adult Care and Health will rise by £23.714 million to £260.258 million. Children’s Services will rise by £11.538 million to £146.845 million. Communities, Public Health, Environment and Prosperity will rise by £0.925 million to £39.713 million. Corporate Services will rise by £4.17 million to £36.91 million. Finally, Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste will rise by £2.79 million to £57.508 million. This is patently good news but these figures should be put in context - £2.189 million of the Highways increase is inflation – we still get £1 million more for highway drainage but at the expense of cuts in winter operations and saving made on waste tonnages. In my role of Chair of Scrutiny, I put forward a raft of recommendations that included lobbying Central Government to increase our Public Health Grant, recognising the insufficient funding for prevention work and recording our great concern about recruitment in Health and Adult Care following the introduction of a points based immigration system. During the debate the Lib Dems proposed an additional £4 million for highway drainage, £.5 million for renewal of white lines (have you tried to drive round Penn Inn recently), launching a new Green Devon initiative to bring forward wildlife corridors, wild flower meadows and verges and help with additional tree planting and creating 20 mph zones around all Devon schools. All this would be paid for by drawing £4.5 million from the Council’s Emergency reserve of £18 million and ending wasteful payments to 108 staff who have an essential car user allowance but drive less than one mile a week!

Sadly, this was voted down. In the end It means the Band D bill will rise by £55.17 to £1,439.46.

However, you need to remember that each Devon School Child is underfunded by £294 a year, that the County Council has lost £180 million in Core funding since 2010 and we will end up with a £45 million deficit by March 2021 for Special Education Needs and the Government says this can only be paid for out of the Schools Budget. Austerity has definitely NOT ended.

**District Matters**

Last Monday Teignbridge passed their Budget for 2020/21. The Teignbridge band D council tax rose by 2.94% or £5 to £175.17 per annum – this would mean that general reserves are increased to 12.3% of the net revenue budget for 2020/21 or just under £2.0 million. The revenue budget includes: an assumption of a 2% pay deal with higher increases for those on lower grades from 1 April this year. Revenue contributions will increase to fund capital expenditure at £0.6 million in 2020/21 and increasing slightly thereafter. Sadly, Rural aid will reduce to £26,000 from 1 April 2020 for smaller Parishes and the Councillor’s community fund will reduce to £1,000 each. Parking fees will increase to provide an increase in income of £185,000. The capital programme was approved: increasing jobs and homes through continuing support for housing whilst backing business and encouraging community-led planning. Three major town centre investments will be funded mainly from prudential borrowing. Finally, as said we have frozen the Green Bin Charge; we have employed a Climate Change Officer and given him a Budget of £120,000 as well as £7.5 million of Green Projects to manage in our Capital Budget and an additional Planning Enforcement Officer. And for those of you concerned about Council waste the Essential Car User payments have been slashed.

173) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2020, were approved and taken as read

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

**Refusal:** 19/02078/FUL – Replace tile hung elevations to front and rear dormers with cement board cladding at 16, Barn Park Close.

**Refusal:** 19/01877/FUL – The temporary stationing of a log cabin for 3 years to serve as a key worker supervisory dwelling in connection with equestrian use at Moorwood, Moor Road.

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

c) **Applications discussed**:

Application 20/00242/FUL - Installation of acoustic housing to existing AC units at The Co-Op, Fore Street.

Coun.Farrow proposed that we accept the application, Coun.Carnell seconded (all unanimous).

Ipplepen Athletic Football Club – Proposed drawings and Design & Access Statement.

Coun.Farrow will speak with the Football Club regarding improvement of the plans. The Parish Council are very supportive of the idea.

Coun.Smith proposed, Coun.Palethorpe seconded, (all unanimious), that when Coun.Farrow is happy with the improved plans that we go ahead with submitting the Planning application.

174) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Palethorpe

The Minutes from the meeting held on 11th February 2020, were approved and taken as read. Matters arising from the Minutes as follows:

a) Coun.Palethorpe is obtaining quotes for specific repairs to the Play Park equipment.

b) The tree planting is on-going.

c) Coun.Palethorpe is dealing with getting planings for the road down to the allotment and a possible turning area.

d) Quotes are being obtained for re-decorating the toilet block at the Recreation Ground before VE Day.

e) Quotes are being obtained for repairs to the footpath leading into the Recreation Ground.

f) The spare grit bin outside the Mill Centre is going to be placed on the verge along Clampitt Road just down from the bus shelter.

g) The Amenities Committee are looking at a Village Clean up. Possibly a class in the Village Show? Or tie in with the Annual litter pick - Coun.Palethorpe will look into it further.

h) All the hedges have been cut except the hedge around the Recreation Ground. Coun.Palethorpe (all unanimous) is happy for this to be left and cut next year.

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

**Balance No. £ 53,351.36**

**Received:**

Tennis Club– Rent £ 150.00

Bowling Club – Rent £ 250.00

Mill Centre – Rent £ 50.00

Allotment Rent £ 120.00

**Balance: £ 53,921.36**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 4,263.04**

**Balance £ 49,658.32**

**Reserve Account Balance £ 55,950.01**

**Overall Total £ 105,608.33**

**Items discussed:** No items this month

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

a) Coun.Smith is working on the sign post in the Village.

b) The drainage outside Dainton Golf Club will be discussed at the next Highways meeting.

c) Coun.Smith met with Ros Davies from DCC on 6th February to look at the Footpaths.

d)Coun.Smith has reported two blocked gullies, one on Church Path and the other on Edgelands Lane to DCC Highways. The flooding on Biltor Road has been also been reported.

e) The next Highways meeting is due on Thursday 26th March 2020.

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

a) The Neighbourhood Planning Group met on 5th February and the 26th February 2020. There were around half a dozen new parishioners that attended.

b) A recent parking survey has taken place of all the streets for potential hotspots.

c) The draft Neighbourhood Plan should be available by the end of March 2020.

d) The leaflets from Teignbridge District Council regarding Custom and Self Build have been distributed with March’s Parish Magazine. Coun.Rattlidge proposed, (all Unanimous) that a donation of £100.00 be given to the Parish Magazine for allowing us to do this.

e) The Teignbridge Neighbourhood Planning Officer will be leaving TDC on 26th April 2020, which will be a big loss to the Parish Council.

f) The next meeting to be held on Thursday 2nd April 2020 at the Millennium Centre, 7pm.

178) **COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE SCHEME**

a) The monthly report from the Crime and Commissioners office has been circulated to all Councillors.

b) The next Councillor Advocate scheme meeting is on Wednesday 19th March 2020, Coun.Rattlidge will be attending.

c) The Neighbourhood Watch meeting is on Wednesday 19th March 2020, at the Millennium Centre at 7pm. Posters have been displayed in various locations around the Village to encourage as many Parishioners to attend.

179) **VE DAY – FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020**

The plans for VE Day are coming together. Lots of the Village Organisations are working with the Parish Council to make it a day of celebrations for the whole Community. We are planning a picnic in the park, there will be a BBQ and licensed bar and entertainment for the children and adults. St Andrews Church will be holding a Service of Celebration. The WI will be serving teas in the Village Hall and there will be an archive display of photos from the War. Please keep a look out for the posters which will be placed around the Village in due course.

180) **APPROVAL OF ASSET REGISTER**

Coun.Farrow noted that there was an amendment. All Councillors approved the Asset Register once the amendment has been made.

181) **APPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Councillors (All unanimous) approved the Environmental Policy.

182) **RURAL AID**

The Rural Aid is now only available for Parishes with a Precept below £9,000.

183) **DATE OF ANNUAL LITTER PICK**

Due to the weather the Litter Pick will take place sometime in April. The date will be confirmed by Coun.Dewhirst.

184) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

a) A parishioner asked if there were any plans to put double yellow lines along Meadow Park (on the right hand side as you come out of Dornafield Drive East), as it is becoming very dangerous trying to turn right out of Dornafield Drive East. **Please could people be more considerate in your parking and refrain from parking so close to the junction.**

185) To note the date of the next meeting: **Tuesday 7th April 2020**

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm