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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Meeting held virtually by Webex Meetings**

## **On Tuesday 4th August 2020**

## **In attendance**:

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

Coun.Mrs.Calland Coun.Smith

## Coun.Palethorpe Coun.Rattlidge

Coun.Mrs.Hutchings Coun.Farrow

Coun.Mrs.Olding(Vice Chairman)

## eMiss.C.Freston Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District/County Councillor

No Members of the public

30) **APOLOGIES** – No apologies

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

32) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2020, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

33) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – No comments

34) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Parish Clerk

a) A complaint has been received by email regarding the Grass Cutting Contractor, not wearing appropriate PPE whilst cutting the Highway Verges. The Chairman has been in contact with the contractor and this is in hand and will be discussed further at the Amenities meeting on Tuesday 11th August 2020.

b) An email has been received by a resident regarding the responsibilities over the roundabout in Bowden Road. The residents do not wish to take over the responsibility of this piece of land which belongs to DCC but is maintained by the Parish Council. This will be discussed in more detail at the Amenities meeting on Tuesday 11th August 2020.

c) A letter has been received from the Chairman of Ipplepen Bowling Club, asking if the Parish Council could ensure that the Ipplepen Bowling Club sign could remain in position, which is on the entrance of the Access Road off Silver Street. **Action –** Clerk to reply to inform the Chairman of Ipplepen Bowling Club that the land where the sign is currently positioned is owned by the Village Hall.

MCMC - Coun.Mrs.Olding notified the Parish Council that Ipplepen Primary School have requested that the Mill Centre is cleaned more regularly from September 2020, from three evenings to 5 evenings per week. This may incur a rent increase to cover the cost of the extra cleaning.

Village Hall Committee – Coun.Mrs.Calland attended the Village Hall meeting and reported that the Village Hall will be opening very gradually for the various organisations.

Coun.Mrs.Northwood asked if the car park at the Village Hall could be open as park users are having to park around Court Gate Close and Luscombe Close. Coun.Mrs.Calland said she would pass it onto the Village Hall Committee.

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

**County Matters**

As more and more town centre shops start to re-open, Devon County Council is making pay-by-phone on-street parking as convenient as possible to help shoppers and commuters stay safe. Cashless parking is already offered at Devon’s on-street parking meters, but the pay-by-phone service will switch to RingGo from next month (August). The new service will mean that users no longer need to pay a convenience charge and it is hoped that more will opt to use this easy way of paying.

Paying by phone can help support measures to limit the spread of COVID-19, and to encourage cashless payment, Devon County Council is covering the service charge, so customers will pay the same parking fee as if they were using change to pay at the machine. Customers will only pay additional costs if they choose optional paid-for services such as text reminders.

It will also mean that all of the parking meters operated by Devon County Council, all of Devon’s district councils and Torbay Council will all be using the RingGo system from next month.

To register to use RingGo, either call the standard rate number displayed on the parking meters or visit www.myringgo.co.uk. Vehicle and payment details are required for initial registration.

From last Monday, 27th July, users of the Brunel Road Recycling Centre in Newton Abbot (The Tip) will be asked to show that they live in the Devon County Council area to help reduce queues. Users of the site will be asked to show proof of address, like a driving licence, council tax bill or utility bill, to a member of the gate staff before entry. This is to ensure that residents who live outside the Devon County Council area do not use the site and contribute to capacity and queuing problems.

Devon’s Public Health team has issued a warning to residents and visitors to be ‘tick aware’ as the first UK-acquired case babesiosis is identified in Devon. Babesiosis is a rare infection caused by a tiny parasite which infects red blood cells and is spread by the bite of an infected tick. It is diagnosed by examining blood samples under a microscope. Most people will have either no or mild symptoms of infection, but people with weakened immune systems can become very poorly and present with flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, muscle ache, fatigue, and jaundice. Fewer than 10 cases of babesiosis have been diagnosed in the UK to date. Lyme disease remains the most common tick-borne infection in England. Ticks are most active between spring and autumn, so it is sensible to take some precautions to avoid being bitten when enjoying the outdoors. Seek medical advice if you start to feel unwell after a tick bite. Ticks are small, spider like creatures that feed on the blood of animals, including people. They can vary in size, from as small as a tiny freckle to a similar size to a baked bean.

Finally, I want to say thank you again to all the amazing NHS workers, the Social Care staff, the Council bin men & sweepers, those behind the scenes keeping everything going, the teachers, the shop workers, the delivery drivers and those providing vital services - thank for all you have done!

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**District Matters**

Over recent weeks Teignbridge, East Devon, Exeter and Mid Devon Councils have been considering whether to begin the next round of consultation on the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan. The plan, known as the GESP, includes development options and draft planning policies designed to tackle major planning issues such as climate change, meeting the need for new homes, jobs and infrastructure, transport and wildlife protection.

Although Teignbridge’s Executive decided on 7th July to support consultation on the plan, a subsequent decision by East Devon to recommend withdrawing from GESP has led it to being put on hold. We need to take stock of the current situation and pause to consider the implications of East Devon’s full council decision when it is made.

Depending on this outcome, Members will consider what options are available to them, that best meet the needs of all our residents and meet our statutory obligations. We will review all the options available to understand the benefits and drawbacks so that we can make a sensible, informed, and pragmatic decision. In the meantime, we will continue to work with our neighbouring district council partners to plan and deliver societal and economic benefits for all our residents, such as affordable housing and infrastructure.

**Irrespective of the decision on the best way of planning the future, Teignbridge will still need to meet the government’s assessment for the district which currently requires it to build 760 homes per year.**

Following the Executive decision in Autumn 2019 to revise Policy S7 to reflect the UK’s 2050 net-zero emissions target, TDC took the opportunity to collaborate with the Centre for Energy and Environment at the University of Exeter to refresh the Carbon Calculator used to demonstrate compliance with Policy S7 from the Council’s adopted local plan. It was recognised that the previous carbon calculator had limited ability to deliver on the heightened ambition to decarbonise the district. Accordingly, the new carbon calculator has been redesigned to require a step-change reduction in emissions from proposed developments.

The new carbon calculator requires all developments, including both commercial and residential developments, to achieve a 48% reduction in emissions relative to the 2006 building regulations, in alignment with Policy S7. When compared with current building regulations, this represents a 26% reduction in emissions for dwellings and a 24% reduction in emissions for commercial buildings.

The new Carbon Calculator will apply to all major planning applications submitted on or after 8th October 2019. The council will work with developers to promote a fabric first approach to deliver embedded and long-term reductions in carbon emissions. The council will also work to promote the use of renewable energy to prevent or offset consumption from fossil fuel sources. For more information, visit the Guidance section on the Council website.

36) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 2020, were approved and taken as read.

**There were no Planning Applications to discuss.**

Notification of an appeal has been received for 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.

Coun.Mrs.Calland asked if more Councillors could attend the Planning Committee meetings if there are Planning Applications on the agenda that are of major significance. Coun.Farrow will circulate the Planning Committee meeting agenda to all Councillors inviting them to attend in the future.

37) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Palethorpe

a) The Play park repairs are almost complete. The new zip wire has been installed and the contactors are awaiting for the new seat and also the new strops for the tornado.

b) Allotment Inspection – The Clerk and Coun.Palethorpe will be inspecting the Allotments on Monday 10th August at 12.30pm. They will also look at potential new plots as there has been a very high interest.

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

**Balance No. £ 63,095.90**

**Received:**

Transfer from Amenities Reserve Account to cover cost of resurfacing

Footpath at Recreation Ground £ 4,127.00

EDF Energy – Refund for Electricity bill at the Mill Centre £ 620.49

**Balance: £ 67,843.39**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 4,534.33**

**Balance £ 63,309.06**

**Reserve Account Balance £ 52,014.47**

**Overall Total £ 115,323.53**

**Items discussed:**

a) MCMC Repayments for electricity at the Mill Centre – The Parish Council took over the contract with electricity supplier in August 2019. The MCMC pay £55.00 to the Parish Council each month to cover the cost of the usage by the Mill Centre. Unfortunately the Parish Council’s direct debit of £75.00 was not cancelled at the time. Coun.Mrs.Calland proposed that this be reviewed on whether the MCMC pay back the over payment until the MCMC have discussed at their meeting in November 2020. (8 Councillors for, 1 abstained)

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

a) Courtlands Cross footpath has growth coming out of the pavement. Coun.Smith will report to DCC.

b) Coun.Smith has been replacing the Highway footpath stickers.

c) The May cuts have been carried out on the footpaths and bridleways and the latch has been repaired on Bridleway 11.

d) One diseased Ash tree has been removed along the Main Totnes Road.

e) It was reported that the hedge is overgrown on the footpath at the top of Foredown Road.

f) Coun.Farrow reported that there is a lot of disused PPE being discarded around the Village. Please can you dispose of any waste appropriately or take it home and dispose of it in your own bins **Action –** Coun.Mrs.Olding to put a notice in September’s Parish Magazine.

g) It has been noted that a property in Croft Road and Wesley View have erected a fence on top of their walls. **Action –** Coun.Dewhirst will look into these.

h) The triangle grass area at the rear of the Primary School needs cutting. Coun.Smith will contact DCC to arrange for this to be carried out.

i) The car that was parked on the footpath in Blackstone Road has now been moved.

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

The Neighbourhood Plan survey is in the centre of August’s Parish magazine. We are encouraging everyone to fill in the survey and return to Coun.Rattlidge.

## One of the preferred sites at Blackstone cross is comprised of 3 parcels of land with separate owners. Policy 7 in our draft neighbourhood plan proposes that no development on this site can commence without necessary junction improvements between Clampitt road and A381.

## In order for this to be viable the sites will need to be developed together. Councillor Rattlidge has drawn this to attention of landowners involved .

Two quotes have been obtained for an Ecology survey to be carried. Quote one by Teignbridge District Council costing £887 and the quote two by Devon Wildlife consultants who have quoted £750.00 for a preliminary Ecology Survey. Coun.Smith proposed to go with the £750.00 quote, seconded by Coun.Mrs.Olding (all unanimous). A horseshoe Bat survey almost certainly will also be needed , but intend to wait for confirmation from preliminary Ecological Survey.

41) **SIGN FOR ACCESS ROAD OFF SILVER STREET**

The proposals formulated from the various replies from our letter to the Silver Street residents concerning new signs for the access road were discussed and agreed as follows:

1. **To add the wording “RESIDENTS PARKING ONLY” to the original proposed wording “PRIVATE ACCESS ROAD TO BE KEPT CLEAR AT ALL TIMES”**

It was agreed for the sign to read “Private Access Road to be kept clear at all times” and would include the Parish Logo. (8 for, 1 abstention)

1. **To add a single white or double yellow line the entire length of the access road.**

The Councillors agreed that adding white or yellow lines along the access road would not be viable as it is not enforceable (8 against the proposal with 1 abstention)

1. **Residents to place a white line on the outside boundary of their parking area and to place within the wording “RESIDENTS PARKING ONLY”**

The residents can proceed with placing a white line on their boundary across the layby and the wording “residents parking only”. This will be resident’s responsibility to carry this out and cover the costs. (All unanimous)

1. **Parish Council to place yellow hatching on the visibility splay at the entrance to the access road to improve visibility and pedestrian safety.**

Teignbridge District Council own the splay and the legal status of the land. The Councillors felt that it is not enforceable. (8 against the proposal and 1 for).

1. **Parish Council to re-register the agreed new boundary to the lay-by.**

The Parish Council will write to HM Land Registry with a revised plan.

As a representative of the residents was not present at the meeting a further letter will be sent in due course advising them of the decisions made.

42) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – No comments.

43) To note the date of the next meeting: **Tuesday 1st September 2020**

Meeting Closed at 20.52pm