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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 6th October 2020**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Carnell (Chairman) Coun.Farrow

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

Coun.Rattlidge Coun.Palethorpe

## Coun.Mrs.Hutchings Coun.Smith

Coun.Mrs.Northwood

## eMiss.C.Freston Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District/County Councillor

Two Members of the public

58) **APOLOGIES** – No apologies

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

60) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2020, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

62) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Parish Clerk

a) An email has been received from Coun.Dewhirst, who has been contacted by a parent whose daughter and three friends would like to do a litter pick for their Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. Coun.Dewhirst will give the Parish Council a grant to cover the cost of the equipment. The Clerk has check with the Parish Council’s Insurance company, who have said that anyone under 16 years old would be covered but they would need the Parish Council to accept responsibility and also a Risk Assessment would need to be done. Coun.Smith proposed that the Parish Council accept responsibility (all unanimous). Coun.Dewhirst will carry out a Risk Assessment for each litter pick, and if a large amount of litter is collected, it can be dropped to Coun.Dewhirst’s house where he will arrange for its disposal.

b) The Pre-school have emailed to ask for permission to construct a two three sided wooden children’s shed in the playground area of the Mill Centre to represent a garage workshop for children’s play. As the weather deteriorates they can use it under the canopy to extend imaginary play. (Unanimous) **Action –** Clerk to reply with permission to go ahead.

c) An email has been received from DCC informing of road works planned from Bilver Cross to Newhouse, Ipplepen during week commencing 19th October 2020. DCC will be notifying the locals by letter.

d) The Allotment Association has sent an email updating the Parish Council on their Committee meeting which was held on Tuesday 29th September 2020. They have asked if new allotment owners could take over their plots from January 1st of each year instead April 1st. This would then give the tenants a couple of months to clear and plan before needing to start planting. The Parish Council agreed (all unanimous) that the allotment year to change from Janaury 1st 2021. **Action –** Clerk to reply to the Allotment Association.

e) Coun.Dewhirst has emailed asking if the Parish Council could provide some guidance for families over Halloween. Coun.Dewhirst has asked Public Health if they can provide some official signage and will inform Coun.Carnell and the clerk know when he receives a reply.

f) A parishioner has emailed about their concerns of an Ash tree which appears to have Ash dieback. The tree is located on BT’s land. Coun.Dewhirst will ask the Tree Officer at TDC to write to BT.

g) Two letters have been received from Bulleigh Barton Court Management Company regarding the Parish Council’s comments not being consistent for the Planning Application at Bulleigh Barton 20/00901/FUL. A reply has been sent to the first letter by Coun.Olding due to Coun.Carnell declaring an interest in the Planning Application. Coun.Mrs.Olding and Coun.Farrow have drafted a reply to the second letter and it has been circulated to all Councillors, except Coun.Carnell for approval.

Coun.Mrs.Calland proposed to send the letter, seconded by Coun.Smith (8 voted for,1 abstention).

**REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Devon and Cornwall Police Alert - The Police are investigating a burglary at the offices of Teignbridge District Council, between 6pm Wednesday 16th September and 7.30am on Thursday 17th September 2020. The stolen items are a Mayoral Chain and pendant and jewellery worth several thousand pounds. Police are urging anyone who knows of the whereabouts of the items, or has been offered them, to call 101 or email 101@dc.police.uk quoting crime reference CR/078140/20.

Teignbridge District Council have emailed their Town and Parish Council newsletter. It reports that they are proposing to end the rural skip service which was being considered at The Executive meeting on Tuesday 6th October 2020. The Parish Council sent a letter of objection to the Committee which was received and mentioned during the meeting. TDC voted to discontinue this non-statutory service due to being faced with the need to save £2million to offset losses in income and increased costs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ipplepen Parish Council had no knowledge that this was being planned and that Teignbridge had already made the decision. The rural skip has been discontinued permanently so there will be no rural skip service in February 2021. **Action –** Coun.Mrs.Olding to put an article in the Parish magazine asking parishioners to contact the Clerk if they would like to see this service to take place earlier next year.

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

**County Matters**

Words from Devon’s Chief Executive: “While the Prime Minister Boris Johnson launched a back-to-work drive, I wanted to make it very clear that Leadership Group and I are urging you all to continue to work from home wherever possible.

“Coronavirus is still a very real threat to us all. You may have heard England’s Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Professor Jonathan Van Tam, describing the latest “big change” in coronavirus infections across the UK as a “great concern” and that he believes we are in for a “bumpy ride over the next few months” if people did not adhere more stringently to the social distancing rules.

“Your health, safety and wellbeing, and that of your family and friends, remains our first priority and, with this rise in the incidents of COVID-19 across the country, it is absolutely vital that we do all we can to protect ourselves and our loved ones. We are also very alert to the fact that we have an ageing demographic in Devon and that older people can be particularly susceptible to the virus.”

The new, free to download, NHS COVID-19 app is available to us all from last Thursday (24th September).

It’s to support the NHS Test and Trace service, so its major benefit to the public is in helping to trace people quicker when they’ve been in proximity with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus. That way, they can be advised even sooner to self-isolate and take any other appropriate steps.

If you’ve downloaded the free NHS COVID-19 app to your phone, you can show your phone to the venue’s QR code poster, and it makes a record of your visit on your phone. The record is kept on your phone for a few weeks.

Your phone will alert you if you’ve recently been to a venue where there’s been a person who has tested positive, and the message will give you advice on what steps you need to take next, based on the level of risk.

If you do not have a smartphone to download the app to, or you choose not to download the app, those venues will also be using their own manual system to collate contact details.

Devon residents are being urged to breathe new life into their old clothes and ‘Wear what you have’ to help reduce their carbon footprint and to pass on clothes they no longer want to keep them out of the bin. Last year £2.7billion was spent on clothes that were worn just once. Each household is estimated to have a wardrobe value of £4,000, almost a third of which has not been worn for at least a year.

WRAP, the waste charity, says that extending a garment’s lifespan by just by nine months could reduce its carbon footprint by as much as 30 per cent. With the average lifespan of clothing being just over three years, wearing something for an extra nine months can significantly reduce its carbon footprint. Devon’s householders had the chance to help the county become net-zero by joining Devon Climate Emergency’s solar panel group-buying scheme - Solar Together. Group buying experts offered homeowners the chance to buy high quality solar PV more cheaply than if they were buying alone. Led by the County Council, the scheme is partnered by Teignbridge and Dartmoor and Exmoor National Park Authorities.

Research by the University of Exeter shows that 19 per cent of all Devon’s carbon emissions are created by our homes, with more than half of those by grid-supplied electricity. Installing solar panels reduces the amount of grid-supplied electricity needed for things like hot water, with a transfer to more eco-friendly solar energy.

Emergency services, local authorities, NHS trusts and charities are among the 19 members of the South West Peninsula Road Safety Partnership (SWPRSP) who have agreed to the bold ‘Vision Zero’ ambition to achieve a highway system free of fatalities and serious injuries by 2040.

An interim target to reduce the numbers of people killed and seriously injured on the roads in Devon and Cornwall by 50% in the next decade has been set. Between 2009 and 2018, 534 people died and 6,272 were seriously injured on the roads in Devon and Cornwall.

The trauma, loss and devastation that these numbers illustrate cannot be overstated. We believe no one should be killed or seriously injured as a consequence of using our roads and we have a moral duty to work together to preserve life, prevent harm and make our communities safer.

The way to progress is to renew efforts which encourage better driving practices, educate specific road user groups about the potential dangers, develop better responses to road traffic collisions and, critically, engage the public in being part of the solution.

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**District Matters**

The Leader of Teignbridge Council last Wednesday set out our three priorities for the coming years – Climate Change, Jobs and Homes. This is a quick canter through his speech.

Climate Change – we have robust policies within the developing Local Plan. We have developed a Carbon Calculator - to require all planning applicants to demonstrate significantly higher carbon reduction than current building regulations. We have installed Electric Car Charging points in Chudleigh & Buckfastleigh with more to come in the four Air Quality Management Areas. We have entered a Power Purchase Agreement with the Devon Energy Collective - an opportunity to support local jobs in local renewable energy production. We are a Partner in Devon Solar Together Project. We are in working with Action on Climate in Teignbridge and have appointed a Climate Change Officer. Finally, we are leading by example – introducing carbon reducing initiatives and encouraging greener travel within Teignbridge Council to reduce our own impact.

Jobs and economy - an announcement is expected this autumn and we are very confident in our Future High Streets Fund bid – this will enable us to develop our town centres – new hotels in Newton and Teignmouth. The development of Sherbourne House, supporting TAAG and the Teignmouth cultural quarter. We are accelerating the Bradley Lane project to develop low carbon housing. We have an on-going commitment to improved broadband in rural areas to support businesses.

Homes – we are about to start the first ‘Teignbridge’ houses in 30 years – two houses at Drake Road, five flats at East Street. We are working with communities such as Chudleigh identifying a scheme of investment for 13 first time buyers helping them pay their deposit with a repayment when they sell to reinvest. The Warm Home fund - we successfully bid for £855,000 funding to support improving heating measures to 300 households that are living in fuel poverty In Teignbridge. This will include delivering air source heat pumps as well as first time gas central heating and will include measures for 100 residents living in park homes. Work is to start soon on Sherbourne House – 10 flats at 60% market rent.

Cllr Connett asked our planners to reinvent the concept of ‘modern council bungalows’ that will help us make even better use of existing homes while offering a great alternative for downsizers.

In terms of housing the Government dictates how many houses must be built in Teignbridge and failure is punished. Currently, the Government demand is that Teignbridge builds 760 houses a year - that’s 140 more than the 2013 Local Plan they approved, and less than half the astonishing 1,532 Downing Street now demands in its consultation plans. To be clear, we oppose the Government’s latest edict. We do not believe the latest housing figure from a computer algorithm is right for Teignbridge or the communities within it.

We do need housing – there are 1,000 desperate families on our housing waiting list - housing that meets need, that is genuinely affordable to buy, to rent, to run and protects the environment and our bio diversity ambitions.

Now in its 17th year, Recycle Week, which ran from 21st September, was a thank you to everyone who has continued doing the right thing and recycling throughout the pandemic.

In the first quarter of this financial year in Teignbridge we recycled almost 8,000 tonnes of waste – an increase of some 800 tonnes on the same period last year, mainly due to an increase in kerbside recycling and garden waste.

But with just under 6,000 tonnes of general waste collected in Teignbridge in the same period, there is probably more we can all do to recycle more and to reduce this to a minimum.

64) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans meeting held on Wednesday 16th September 2020, were approved and taken as read.

**To consider the following planning applications:**

**E2/15/23 –** Tree Preservation order at Land adjacent to Touchwood, Red Post, Littlehempston

The above is already in force.

**20/01335/HOU** – Proposed stone and timber glazed entrance porch and replacement windows at 23, North Street.

Coun.Farrow proposed no objection, Coun.Smith seconded (all unanimous)

**20/01336/LBC –** Proposed stone and timber glazed entrance porch, replacement windows and remedial interior works at 23, North Street

Coun.Farrow proposed no objection, Coun.Smith seconded (all unanimous)

**20/01549/HOU –** Raising of roof to form an additional storey living accommodation and remodelling of existing property at Three Farthings, Silver Street

Coun.Farrow proposed that Ipplepen Parish Council acknowledge the above application, Coun.Rattlidge seconded (all unanimous)

**20/01678/AGR -** Agricultural building at Battleford Farm Littlehempston

Coun.Farrow proposed no objection in principle, but have concerns over the exit onto the A381 and the effect the development will have on the traffic, Coun.Carnell seconded (all unanimous)

**Appeal 20/00038/REF –** 20/00664/FUL Relocation/rebuilding of boundary walls to form off-street parking area at Little Grange, Croft Road

Coun.Smith proposed that Ipplepen Parish Council support the appeal, Coun.Mrs.Olding seconded (four in support, two against, three abstentions) Coun.Farrow will collate a response.

**Appeal 20/00039/REF –** 20/00663/LBC Relocation/rebuilding of existing front boundary wall.

A member of the public spoke and asked the Parish Council to take into account what they had to say before they reconsidered their comments.

Coun.Smith proposed that Ipplepen Parish Council support the appeal, Coun.Mrs.Olding seconded (four in support, two against, three abstentions) Coun.Farrow will collate a response.

65) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Palethorpe

a) Locking/unlocking of Clampitt Road toilets – Coun.Palethorpe asked for permission to obtain quotes for electronic door locking system and getting the lights on a timer.

b) Christmas Tree preparations – Coun.Palethorpe will arrange for the Christmas tree to be in place and lit by Saturday 28th November 2020, which is when the virtual lantern procession is due to take place.

c) New piece of Play equipment for under 8’s play area – Coun.Palethrope obtained four quotes for a new imaginary play boat.

Tender A – £ 3,450.00 without a shelter on the back

Tender B - £ 3,450.00 with a shelter on the back

Tender C - £ 3,202.80 without a shelter on the back

Tender D - £ 3,595.20 with a shelter on the back

**RESOLUTION:** Coun.Palethorpe proposed that we accept Tender B, seconded by Coun.Farrow (all unanimous). The clerk advised that the successful tender was Outdoor Play Devon Ltd. **Action –** The clerk to contact Outdoor Play to let them know they were successful**.**

Coun.Palethorpe thanked Coun.Dewhirst for his contribution of £1,000 towards the new piece of equipment.

d) Play Park update – Coun.Palethorpe advised that most of the works have now been carried out, and that we are waiting for one piece of timber to be replaced. The adventure play ropes need repairing which Coun.Palethrope will obtain quotes for.

e) The play inspection will be carried out in due course.

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

**Balance No. £ 63,309.06**

**Received:**

Mill Centre – Rent £ 110.00

TDC - Reimbursement for COVID-19 leaflets £ 138.00

Donation - For Ipplepen Emergency Group £ 20.00

TDC - Precept payment for second half 2020/2021 £ 34,181.00

Football Club – Rent £ 150.00

DCC – Grant for new piece of play equipment for £ 1,000.00

Under 8's play area

**Balance: £ 104,457.67**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 7,778.41**

**Balance £ 96,679.26**

**Reserve Account Balance £ 52,014.47**

**Overall Total £ 148,698.73**

**Items discussed:**

Nothing to discuss

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

a) Coun.Smith reported that the following footpaths need cutting before the end of October 2020.

* Footpath 2 from Dornafield Lane to Moor Road and from Moor Road to the Main Road (A381) at Fermoys.
* Footpath 6 accesses only.
* Footpath 8 from rear of school through to the seat at Biltor Cross including exposing the sign.
* Footpath 12 from main road (A381) through to Barn Park.
* Footpath 14 from Wicket gate in Orley Road to Orley House.

Coun.Palethorpe will instruct the contractor to carry out the works.

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

Devon wildlife have completed ecological surveys last month on land south of Blackstone road and adjacent to Buttlands ind est.

Invoice for £900 plus VAT has been received and passed to clerk ( previous grant to cover this )

BLACKSTONE Road

Bats..Emergence and general activity surveys will be required

Cirl bunting ..survey may be necessary dependant on hedge removal

Dormouse...installation of nesting tubes followed by monthly checks

Additional quotes have been obtained for these surveys from Devon Wildlife.

BUTTLANDS

Mitigation measures suggested here due to relatively small site eg lighting to be minimised and any hedgerow removal under direction of ecologist.

Good news in that we have been advised by TDC that geo physical and archaeological surveys will not be required to be undertaken by ourselves. They have recommended wording to go into our NDP to allow for contingencies going forward for potential developers to follow on both these matters.

Plan to add to draft plan therefore.

1) clauses advised by Devon chief archaeologist

2) recent survey questionnaire analysis ( advised at last PC meeting )

3) recommended wording from TDC regarding supporting text for our allocation policy in relation to ecological survey.

4) policies map

5) design of front cover

6) photos from Blackstone road site ( W. towards Haytor)

Once these have been added then “final proof “ will be circulated for Parish Council comments.

It is anticipated that this should hopefully be completed around Mid Nov and so available for Dec Parish Council meeting.

If agreed then we can submit our Draft Neighbourhood Plan for final consultation. This will need to be well advertised as it needs to be available for all stakeholders to view on web site, and must be for a minimum of 6 weeks.

TDC will then be assessing for final adoption.

All unanimous for Coun.Rattlidge to go ahead with the above.

69) **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER – POPPY WREATH**

The clerk was asked to order a Poppy wreath. A local resident has been contacted to ask if they could play the bugle at 11am at the War Memorial. We are waiting to hear from Reverend Down to see what is being planned.

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

Coun.Mrs.Northwood who has served on the Parish Council for 14 years and having held the position of Chairman twice in that time announced her resignation with immediate effect.

The Chairman Coun.Carnell ‘thanked’ Coun.Mrs.Northwood on behalf of the Parish Council for all she has done during her fourteen years as a Parish Councillor and explained how she would be missed by all.

Coun.Mrs.Northwood has been instrumently or a part of so many things that the Parish Council has achieved during this time. Her dedication and fund-raising skills on behalf of many Parish Council projects should also not be underestimated as they have often played the pivotal role in bringing about benefits to the community.

Make no mistake, Coun.Mrs.Northwood will be missed by everyone at the Parish Council and we wish her all the best.

71) To note the date of the next meeting: **Tuesday 3rd November 2020**

Meeting Closed at 21.59pm