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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 3rd November 2020**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Carnell (Chairman) Coun.Farrow

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

Coun.Palethorpe Coun.Mrs.Hutchings

## Coun.Ranjit

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## eMiss.C.Freston Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District/County Councillor

 No Members of the public

## 72) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Rattlidge, Coun.Smith

73) **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR** – There was one applicant that applied who was Mr Jon Ranjit. Coun.Carnell proposed and Coun.Mrs.Olding Seconded and the vote was unanimous. Coun.Ranjit was welcomed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and will complete the Register of Interest Form.

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

75) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th October 2020, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

77) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Parish Clerk

a) A resident has emailed informing that part of the ash tree behind the telephone exchange that has ash dieback, has been taken down. They wanted to say ‘thank you’ to the Parish Council

b) An email has been received about a mobile reusable refill company, where customers would be able to come and visit the mobile vehicle to restock on everyday home essentials such as toiletries, dry food goods and cleaning supplies. They are looking to visit a designated location within the local area once a week for a few hours. They have asked the Parish Council to assist them with some information i.e. what streets would we recommend trading from, are there any fees and are they any restrictions on what can be sold? Coun.Dewhirst asked for his contact details to be passed on to the company.

c) Coun.Dewhirst has emailed informing the Parish Council that Devon’s street lighting contractor will soon be commencing converting our streetlights to LED’s. It is expected tht the LED conversion work will be completed by early December 2020.

d) DCC have emailed about recycling centres that are participating in a trial to boost the reuse of electrical items. Residents are now able to buy safety tested reused TV’s, vacuum cleaners and lams from the resale shop. The Participating trial sites are: Pinbrook Recycling Centre, Exeter, Ivybridge Recycling Centre, Brunel Road Recycling Centre, Knowle Hill Recycling Cnetre, Exmouth and Bideford Recycling Centre.

e) Anne Marie Morris has sent a letter inviting all Parish Councillors to attend a virtual meeting to discuss any issues and would like to hear our experiences throughout the pandemic **Action –** Clerk to reply to thank Anne Marie Morris that the Parish Council won’t be attending on this occasion.

f) An email has been received about a Mobile Library campaign in Ipplepen. Libraries unlimited have recently purchased, with the help of Devon County Council, a second-hand van to replace their current Mobile Library serving communities in the South Hams and West Devon and are seeking to raise funds to refurbish the van. You can support them by sharing the word through social media, website and email using the link <https://justgiving.com/campaign/get-mobile-library-on-road>

g) A letter has been received from HM Land Registry notifying that the Access Road off Silver Street boundary has been amended accordingly, to show that the layby on the access road belongs to the residents of Silver Street and not the Parish Council as previously stated on their title plan.

h) A resident has emailed regarding flooding along Biltor Road. The residents feel a possible solution would be to create a better run off into the adjoining field with regular maintenance of the watercourse and drains. Coun.Dewhirst attended the site within the hour and responded to the residents email. **Action -** Coun.Carnell to contact the farmer to see if a gully could be dug in the field opposite to allow the water to drain.

**REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Teignbridge District Council have sent a letter regarding the Executive’s decision to terminate the Rural Skip service. Should the Parish Council wish to explore running their own skip service they sent included the current contract costs and disposal costs for last year which were £2,588.11.

It was agreed to review this at the December Parish Council meeting, so we can see how many parishioners respond to the advert in November’s Parish magazine.

DALC have emailed asking Councillors for their views on whether to leave TALC in abeyance (perhaps mid 2021?) or hold an online meeting on 26th November as scheduled? The Parish Council felt that it was best to leave the online meeting until mid 2021.

The Emergency Group held a virtual on Thursday 22nd October 2020. Coun.Carnell is remaining at the Snow Warden and there is plenty of grit for the girt bins, however if anyone notices a grit bin that is low or empty to let Coun.Carnell know. The Grit bin list was distributed to the Emergency Group. An Emergency snow advert will be put into next month’s Parish magazine **Action –** Coun.Mrs.Calland

Coun.Dewhirst has been contacted by a parent asking if their child can carry out a litter pick around the Village. A Risk Assessment will need carried out and sent to the Clerk. (All unanimous).

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

**County Matters**

Yesterday the leader of Devon County Council, John Hart, said: “None of us wanted another lockdown but I fear it had become inevitable. The support of the vast majority of people in our county and the wider South West has meant that we have seen some of the lowest incidence of cases throughout this crisis, even with millions of visitors in the summer. But we have seen spikes here – at Exeter University for example – and our numbers have begun to rise generally as well, in keeping with the rest of the country.

“We have obviously not been reaching the numbers that would have seen our area go into a local lockdown. But the figures that the Government produced show that our NHS services could have become overwhelmed. So I believe that this temporary measure was necessary even here. And I urge people to continue to follow the guidance and wear a face mask indoors, keep your distance and wash your hands.

“I very much welcome the extension of the furlough scheme but our economy relies massively on small and medium companies and the tourism and hospitality industries and it is vital that the Government also provides support for these sectors.

“It is also vital that the Government provides financial support for local government so we can continue the vital work we did during the first lockdown.”

From Thursday 5 November, everyone must stay at home, and may leave only for a limited set of reasons.

These include:

For education

For work, if you cannot work from home

For exercise and recreation outdoors, with your household, support bubble or on your own with one person from another household

For all medical reasons, appointments and to escape injury or harm

To shop for food and essentials

And to provide care for vulnerable people, or as a volunteer

Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues will be closed.

Click and collect services can continue and essential shops, including supermarkets, will remain open.

Pubs, bars, restaurants must close, except for takeaway and delivery services.

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, known as the furlough scheme, will remain open until December, with employees receiving 80% of their current salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2,500.

[Further guidance on the new measures are available online.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#south)

[Details of the extended furlough scheme and other economic support, can be found online.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/furlough-scheme-extended-and-further-economic-support-announced#south)

Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick confirmed that moving house will still be allowed during the restrictions, adding that removal firms, estate agents and tradespeople can continue to work but must follow Covid safety guidelines.

It’s vital to continue:

↔️ Making space

😷 Covering your face

👏 Washing your hands

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**District Matters**

The Government announced last week a new tranche of funding to help local authorities (tranche 4) and TDC benefit to the tune of £264,280. This funding will be taken into account as we assess the likely position for the second half of the financial year. The Executive report today highlights the deficit for the current year and how this may be supported by the income compensation scheme.

We still have to assess whether we may be forced into further restrictions over the winter and any impact that may have on our operations. Any deficit on council tax and business rates is to be financed over the next three years so the receipt is a welcome boost to fixing our revenue gap and medium term financial plan as we work on budget proposals leading up to Christmas.

Against the background of the Marcus Rashford campaign to ensure children do not go hungry in school holidays, parishioners are reminded that the Covid Hardship Fund, set up in the early stages of the pandemic, aims to help people facing hardship to pay for basic necessities.

So far people’s needs have been individually assessed and the Fund has helped to cover transport costs of children to get to school, paid gas, electric and water bills and provided groceries. More than 25 households have had discussions with the Fund to prevent them becoming homeless.

The Fund can help people whose income has been reduced by the impact of Covid to levels which do not cover their basic costs such as being made recently unemployed or furloughed, whose business can’t trade or who are self-employed and not covered by government support schemes and can demonstrate they have less than £500.

Executive member for climate change Cllr Jackie Hook has written to our MPs urging them to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

This follows the Full Council’s September meeting where councillors voted unanimously to declare an Ecological Emergency alongside its Climate Emergency Declaration and committed to accelerate the pace of work we are doing to address biodiversity and habitat loss.

In her letter, Cllr Hook emphasises that the council cannot do this alone and without the Government’s commitment to pass legislation necessary to achieve change across our landscape in particular our agricultural landscape.

“At Teignbridge District Council we have demonstrated our commitment to address the Climate and Ecological emergencies and we would ask you to show your commitment also, alongside registering your support for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill” she concludes.

“Coronavirus doesn’t take a break – please respect and protect local communities.”

79) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans meeting held on Wednesday 21st October 2020, were approved and taken as read.

**To consider the following planning applications:**

**20/01816/FUL** – Change of use of land to domestic curtilage at Ware Orchard, Park Hill

Coun.Farrow proposed that Ipplepen Parish Council object to this application as they are of the opinion that the applicant has not supplied ‘sufficient proof of the need’ for the change of use, Coun.Mrs.Olding seconded (All unanimous).

Teignbridge District Council have approved three TPO’s. They are at Land To The South East Of Stallage, Dornafield Lane, Altoona, Totnes Road and Land Adjacent To Touchwood, Red Post Littlehempston.

80) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Palethorpe

The Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2020, were approved and taken as read

a) Approval of Grass Cutting Contract – Coun.Palethorpe proposed that we approve the contract with the amendments of removing the DCC verges which come under the DCC contract. Coun.Ms Calland seconded (All unanimous).

b) Football Club Inspection – Coun.Palethorpe proposed that the inspection take place on Saturday 12th December 2020 **Action –** Clerk to contact the Football Club.

c) Locking/unlocking of Clampitt Road toilets – Coun.Palethorpe sough three quotes and obtained two for the electronic door locking system and lighting on a timer. Coun.palethorpe is going to go back to Tender A and ask them to specify and itemise in line with Tender B.

d) COVID -19 - The Play Parks and toilets will remain open under the current Government Guidelines, but this will be under constant review. The Emergency Group may be needed with the next lockdown if Ipplepen Share and Care need assistance.

e) The metal shed at the Mill Centre is ready to be removed. The Clerk has contacted the highest bidder to see if they still want it, as another expression of interest has come forward and has offered £75.00 to dismantle and remove.

f) Coun.Palethorpe is going to seek quotes for Solar panels for the Mill Centre and toilet block.

81) **FINANCE & PERSONNEL** – Clerk on behalf of Coun.Mrs.Olding

**Balance No. £ 96,679.26**

**Received:**

ICC – Rent £ 112.50

**Balance: £ 96,791.76**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 4,412.14**

**Balance £ 92,379.62**

**Reserve Account Balance £ 52,014.47**

**Overall Total £ 144,394.09**

**Items discussed:**

a) The Precept Budget Meeting has been arranged for Monday 30th November 2020 to be held via Webex meetings at 6.30pm **Action –** Clerk to email Finance and Personnel group

b) Coun.Carnell proposed that £116.00 be transferred from the Reserve Account into the Working Account to cover the deficit in the COVID-19 expenditure.

82) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY** – Nothing to report.

83) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Nothing to report

84) **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER**

The road closure notices and parking signs have been put up and the road will be closed to all traffic and parking will be suspended from 10:15 to 11:15 am. Please note – there will be a Civil Enforcement Officer on duty.

The wreath laying will start at 10:45am, the Vicar will say prayers and the Last Post will be played by the bugler at 11:00 am.

Villagers who wish to pay their respects will need to wear a mask (unless they have a valid authority not to do so) and will need to give their name and contact details to the Marshals at the entrance to the Square. All family groups or “Bubbles” will need to maintain safe spacing of at least 2 meters and quickly disperse after the event.

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

86) To note the date of the next meeting: **Tuesday 1st December 2020**

Meeting Closed at 20.36pm