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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 5th Janaury 2021**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Carnell (Chairman) Coun.Farrow

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

Coun.Palethorpe Coun.Rattlidge

## Coun.Ranjit Coun.Smith

## Coun.Armitage

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## eMiss.C.Freston Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst District/County Councillor

No Members of the public

104) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Mrs.Hutchings

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

106) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

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

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

108) **CORRESPONDENCE** – Parish Clerk

a) The parishioner that enquired for permission to metal detect at the Recreation Ground and overflow car park was discussed again as the Clerk has been in contact with the Council’s insurance company. **Action –** Clerk to collate a terms of use and circulate to all Councillors.

b) Information has been received from the Ipplepen Parish Wildlife Warden regarding Action on Climate in Teignbridge. ACT’s mission is to encourage and support Teignbridge District Council, town and Parish Council’s community groups, organisations and residents in the district to act together to achieve carbon neutrality in Teignbridge by 2025. Ensure Climate and Ecological Emergency declarations are reflected in all national and local government policies, decisions and activities. Reduce and reverse the speed and effects of climate change and pollution to develop more sustainable lifestyles to regenerate and maintain biodiversity and ecosystems. To find out more, you can visit their website at [Vision, Mission and Practice - Action on Climate in Teignbridge (ACT) (actionclimateteignbridge.org)](https://actionclimateteignbridge.org/index.php/vision-mission-and-practice/)

c) An email has been received from residents regarding the potential development in the fields between Blackstone Road and Totnes Road. **Action –** Coun.Rattlidge to collate a response and circulate to all Councillors.

**REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Coun.Smith attended a Connecting to Nature Workshop via Zoom. The workshop discussed new developments around Kingskerswell, Kingsteignton and Newton Abbot.

Coun.Ranjit, Coun.Palthorpe and Coun.Carnell attended a site meeting in December at the Scout hut to discuss the location of the gas bottle storage cage. The Chairman has been asked to provide a drawing which the Council should receive in due course.

Coun.Rattlidge attended the South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership forum via Zoom on 9th December 2020. It covered five subjects: Domestic abuse in later life, preventing radicalisation, South Devon Exploitation prevention network and responses to changing youth culture including new funding they will be receiving.

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

**County Matters**

I am writing this before the PM’s announcement about higher Tiers or national lockdown but it’s vital to continue:

↔️ Making space

😷 Covering your face

👏 Washing your hands

More than 15,000 children across Devon received food vouchers this Christmas as the county council combats holiday hunger. The children were receiving free school meals and their families were able to buy food with the vouchers over the festive holiday.

The vouchers can be redeemed in major supermarkets across Devon. After I raised the issue privately and at the County Council last week arrangements were put in place for families who cannot get to a supermarket.

Eligible children in pre-school and young people in sixth form colleges also received the vouchers. It’s part of a £1 million grant programme organised by Devon County Council to alleviate holiday hunger over Christmas. Another £1 million will be spent in the New Year to cover half-term and the Easter holidays.

The Council enlisted the help of schools in publicising this to families and alerted us to anyone they feel might miss out. In addition to issuing the vouchers to families directly, we also provided them to Early Help teams, children’s centres, food networks and district councils who were able to help vulnerable families who may not be eligible for free school meals.

The county council is continuing to work with local council partners in Team Devon to ensure vulnerable families do not slip through the net. In addition, the council is also working with the Devon Community Foundation to set up food networks across the county with at least one in every district – we are so lucky to have HITS.

Many families in Devon have seen their financial circumstances change due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. If families didn’t previously qualify for free school meals but their income has recently reduced or stopped, please apply online through the Devon County Council website

Finally, some good news! Three companies have been selected to roll-out full fibre broadband networks on behalf of the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) programme, backed by Government funding.

Airband, Truespeed and Wessex Internet will be installing full fibre broadband across Devon and Somerset to more than 56,000 rural homes and businesses over the next four years. The combined public and private sector investment of around £80million will be in the vanguard of the Government’s ambitions to build a Gigabit capable network across the UK.

The three companies all have experience of working in the region and, between them, have already delivered connections to nearly 41,000 premises in the CDS region.

In the new roll-out, Airband will be expanding its full fibre coverage into rural areas of Somerset, East Devon, as well as areas of Mid Devon, South Hams and Teignbridge (Dainton). Truespeed and Wessex Internet will deliver in rural communities in other parts of the South West.

Work is due to start this year for completion in 2024. As mentioned before Teignbridge Council is the only District Council who are involved in financing this roll out. It is third time lucky so lets hope it happens this time.

Alistair Dewhirst

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**District Matters**

Whether you keep just a few birds as pets or thousands, from 14th December onwards you are legally required to keep your birds indoors or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds.

Poultry and captive bird keepers are advised to be vigilant for any signs of disease in their birds and any wild birds, and seek prompt advice from their vet if they have any concerns. They can help prevent bird flu (avian flu) by maintaining good biosecurity on their premises. Keepers are encouraged to register their birds with DEFRA so they can be contacted quickly if there is an outbreak in their area and action required. Owners of more than 50 birds are legally required to register their flock but those with fewer than this number are still encouraged to do so.

Poultry and captive bird keepers and members of the public should report dead wild birds to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77 (option 7), and keepers should report suspicion of disease to APHA on 03000 200 301. Keepers should familiarise themselves with DEFRA's avian flu advice. Public Health England advise the risk to public health is very low and that properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.

The Government has announced that book clubs, walking groups and other community projects will be able to apply for a £4 million fund designed to help reduce loneliness in the coming months. The Local Connections Fund is designed to help local organisations bring people and communities together as the country recovers from the coronavirus outbreak.

Today at Executive was the first sight of our Budget for 2021/22 and is accompanied by publication of the annual public budget survey. The public budget survey was published at the same time and will run until 2nd February.

While the festive period is not the best time to conduct a survey, the timing of the Government’s announcement leaves us with no alternative if we are to maintain the budget timetable. Availability of the survey will be promoted on social media and it can be found under live consultations on our website. More on the Budget next month after is has been to Scrutiny.

\*\*Coun.Dewhirst was placed into the waiting room whilst the below Planning Application was discussed and re-joined the meeting after.

110) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

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

**To consider the following planning applications:**

**20/02194/FUL** – Construction of courtyard development of 9 holiday cottages together with access and parking at Dornafield Caravan and Camping Site, Dornafield Farm

Coun.Farrow proposed Ipplepen Parish Council have no objection to the application; if approval is granted the properties are to remain as holiday cottages in perpetuity and the conditions as outlined in the Planning Inspector’s decision apply. Coun.Smith seconded (All unanimous).

111) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Palethorpe

The Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on Tuesday 08th December 2020, were approved and taken as read.

a) The metal shed behind the Mill Centre has almost been removed.

b) Smart meters have been fitted to the toilets at Clampitt Road and also at the Recreation Ground.

c) The two damaged benches at the Recreation Ground will be removed this week.

d) Coun.Carnell and the Clerk have contacted the Allotment Associations secretary about them growing plants and saplings to use for the Village. They will discuss this at their next meeting.

e) The Christmas tree is being removed on Wednesday 6th January 2020.

f) The play parks and public toilets will remain open during the lockdown, however the gym equipment will be taped off due to the recent Government Guidance. **Please note that the play equipment will not be sanitised and you use at your own risk.** Notices will be placed around the park notifying the public of this.

g) Coun.Palethorpe had arranged to meet a company about Solar panels for the Mill Centre roof, this has been postponed until February 2021 due to the current lockdown. Coun.Farrow has provided Coun.Palethorpe with a National Grant Scheme which will be followed up.

h) Coun.Palethorpe provided a list of equipment that needs repairing. Coun.Palethorpe will obtain three quotes for repairs to the adventure trail. The skate park ramps will be taped off immediately. The Council agreed that the skate park be demolished and removed in preparation for future replacement. (all unanimous).

i) It was resolved to approve the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2021-2024 once an amendment has been made under item 9 to include ‘Need to provide Risk Assessments for each activity. Coun.Palethorpe proposed for it to be advertised, Coun.Farrow seconded (all unanimous). **If anyone is interested in applying for the Grounds Maintenance Contract for Ipplepen, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01803 813250 or email** **ipplepencouncil@btopenworld.com**

j) Coun.Palethorpe proposed that the Council purchase two picnic benches at £250 each. Coun.Mrs.Olding seconded (all unanimous).

k) The new piece of play equipment (HMS Ipplepen) in the under 8’s play area at the Recreation Ground is due to be installed shortly.

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

**Balance No. £ 87,606.80**

**Received:**

Mill Centre – Rent £ 55.00

Wollen Mitchelmore Solicitor – Footpath at Clampitt Road £ 145.00

Donation – Donation for Ipplepen Emergency Group £ 50.00

Football Club – Rent £ 150.00

**Balance: £ 88,006.80**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 3,216.09**

**Balance £ 84,790.71**

**Reserve Account Balance £51,898.47**

**Overall Total £ 136,689.18**

**Items discussed:** Nothing to discuss

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

a) Coun.Smith has started carrying out the footpath inspections. The steps have washed away on the footpath at the rear of Fermoys and waste is being left by the shed. The Wrigwell bridleway’s materials have washed away and both will be inspected by the DCC Highways Officer in due course.

b) The cuts to the footpaths have been carried out by the Council’s contractor.

c) The Biltor Road sign has been reported to DCC by Coun.Carnell.

d) The next Highways meeting is due on Thursday 14th January 2021 via Webex meetings.

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

Coun.Rattlidge has received an email from TDC and reported that they have outsourced the Habitats Regulations Assessment to Devon County Council. TDC will be doing the SEA screening. They hope to have the assessments with Coun.Rattlidge by the end of January, and will hopefully plan to consult late February once he has incorporated any changes necessary.

115) **WAR MEMORIAL**

Coun.Rattlidge has suggested that a small ‘working party’ could look into the enhancement of the War Memorial. Would it be amenable to Ipplepen Parish Council to bring forward a project for discussion to Devon county Council own the land. Coun.Rattlidge asked for all Councillors to email him with their thoughts.

116) **APPROVE PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2021/2022**

Coun.Mrs.Olding proposed, seconded by Coun.Rattlidge and agreed unanimously to request **£71,831.00** from Teignbridge District Council for the 2021/2022 Precept.

117) **PLATINUM JUBILEE – 2nd – 5th June 2022**

Coun.Smith proposed we look at the last Jubilee budget and put a % on and bring it back to the Parish Council meeting on 2ND February 2021. The Beating of the Bounds will hopefully happen at the same time.

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

119) To note the date of the next meeting: **Tuesday 2nd February 2021**

Meeting Closed at 21.20pm