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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 3rd August 2021 at 7.15pm**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Carnell (Chairman) Coun.Farrow

Coun.Mrs.Calland Coun.Smith

Coun.Palethorpe Coun.Rattlidge

Coun.Mrs.Olding (Vice Chair and acting Clerk)

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Coun.Dewhirst - District/County Councillor

Four Members of the public

**The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next Parish Council Meeting and may be subject to change until that time**.

## 55) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Armitage, Coun.Ranjit & Miss Cat Freston – Parish Clerk

56) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2021, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

57) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declaration of interest

58) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public expressed their concern at the speeding along Clampitt Road and the cars parked close to Beech Drive, which made it difficult for anyone coming out of Beech Drive on to Clampitt Road. The Chairman advised that as long as parked cars, vans etc. are taxed and insured they have every right to park and therefore the Parish Council have no powers to intervene, however if they are causing an obstruction then parishioners may wish to report this to the police. With regard to the speeding along Clampitt Road, the Parish Council are aware of this problem and are looking into having flashing 20mph signs installed at various points throughout the village, Clampitt Road being one of them.

A group of families who home educate their children would like to provide a trained football instructor from Saints Southwest for an hour lesson weekly during term time at the Recreation Ground, possibly on a Wednesday 10-11am has been suggested. There would be about 10-12 children taking part with mixed abilities and ages over a small section of the field. The PC felt this was a great initiative and provided they had their own insurance and the Instructor had the necessary CRB checks etc. they had no objection.

59) **CORRESPONDENCE AND OUTSIDE BODIES** – Coun.Mrs.Olding

a)**Items from TDC:**

Email received concerning Marking the Passing of a Member of the Royal Family eg Book of Condolence and designated areas for the laying of flowers. **ACTION:** It was thought that the Clerk already had information on this subject and would request her to reply to this email on her return.

**Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation –** TDC are reviewing their power under the **PSPO** that will allow them to continue to enforce dog fouling and control other issues across the district. This helps the council deal with the few irresponsible dog owners who don’t clear up after their dog or control it. Before they review the current **PSPO** they wish to hear people’s views by taking part in a survey at Dog PSPO – [www.teignbridge.gov.uk](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk)

An email had been received from Gary Powell at TDC regarding the recently held briefings for Town & Parish Council meetings. To gauge appetite for these regular briefings they would like us to complete a brief survey [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/townandparish2021](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/townandparish2021) **ACTION:** Chairman

b) **Caunters Close Bus Shelter** – Coun.Dewhirst had established that the Parish Council were responsible for the upkeep of this bus shelter and not DCC. Amenities confirmed that the repairs had been carried out.

c) **Defibrillators -** It had been brought to the attention of the PC that the Cabinet Numbers and Post Codes have worn away. This is being attended to.

d) **DCC Covid Lateral Flow Testing** – This is still taking place every Friday morning at the Village Hall until further notice. **Action:** A letter of thanks to be sent to the Village Hall for use of their car park and the hall when wet.

e) **First Aid Courses** – These are available once again as the Government prepares to lift all lockdown restrictions and Mental Health courses are still available on line. Masks still to be worn during close contact sessions and will be maintaining social distancing wherever appropriate. If anyone is interested please visit <https://thefirstaidteam.co.uk/courses/menhtal-health-first-aid/>

f) **Air Band Fibre Connections –** A representative would like to come along to the Parish Council October meeting for 15 minutes to explain about connecting direct to people’s houses. This was agreed. **ACTION:** Chairman

**Outside Bodies**

No meetings held during the month of July

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

**District Report**

With consultation closing at noon on Monday week (9 August) we encourage people to participate in the Local Plan Part 2 consultation. Already we have had some 1700 responses but the more feedback we receive the more our Local Plan will be able to reflect the views of our communities while meeting our statutory responsibilities. We’re especially keen to increase responses from the 18 - 25 age group given the impact on them of the Local Plan over the next 20 years. Throughout the consultation we have focused on different aspects of the Local Plan site options with the latest being the need to find a site for a new secondary school in Newton Abbot. All the feature articles looking at the different elements are on our website, including the latest secondary school site options.

**County Report**

Steve Brown, Director of Public Health Devon is urging residents to keep doing their bit to reduce the spread of coronavirus in Devon and to continue looking out for each other, particularly the most vulnerable, as we have done throughout the pandemic. He has said:-

“With most legal COVID-19 restrictions lifting this week, I want to say a huge heartfelt thank you to everyone in Devon for all they have done to so far to keep each other safe. I want us to continue to be careful because positive cases in Devon are still rising, in fact at the moment we’ve got the highest rate of COVID-19 we’ve seen during the whole pandemic. While most people who catch COVID aren’t becoming seriously ill, due to the vaccination programme, there are some who do need medical care and unfortunately we are seeing hospital admission rise. Over 38,000 people in Devon were identified as being Clinically Extremely Vulnerable and asked to shield from coronavirus. I strongly feel that it is up to all of us to carry on doing everything we can to continue keeping each other safe. **Although the legal restrictions have lifted, our responsibility to members of our family, friends and society has not changed. I urge everyone in Devon to choose to do the right thing and keep doing your bit to reduce the spread of coronavirus by respecting the personal space of those around you, wearing a face covering in crowded areas, getting tested regularly, having both doses of the vaccine and washing your hands properly**.”

For further items on Coun.Dewhirst’s report which includes details on an Energy Report commissioned by DCC and the South West Energy Partnership, and also the latest progress report on Devon County Council’s (DCC) Devon Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2021-2022 which has been published, please refer to his report attached to these minutes and on our website [wwwipplepenparishcouncil@gov.uk](mailto:wwwipplepenparishcouncil@gov.uk)

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61) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The Plans Committee meeting scheduled for July was not required.

**To consider the following planning applications:**

**21/01288/LBC –** Change surface material in yard from bedrock to natural granite slabs at Woods Barn, Road past Ambrook Farm Cottages

**Comment:** IPC had No Objection to this application (Unanimous)

**21/01566/FUL –** Retention of residential mobile home at Battleford, Redpost, Littlehempston.

**Comment:** IPC had No Objection to this application in principle subject to it being retained as an affordable dwelling in perpetuity and occupied by tenants with a housing need and strong connections to the local area. Also no additional lighting without agreement from the Local Authority as it is in a Rural Area. (6 for 1 against)

**21/01579/HOU –** Entrance to front and alterations to approved extension windows/doors at 37 Mayfair Road, Ipplepen

**Comment:** IPC had No Objection to this application (Unanimous)

**21/01506/HOU –** Two storey rear extension including raised deck to rear at 25 Luscombe Close, Ipplepen.

**Comment:** IPC had No Objection to this application (Unanimous)

**Granted/Refusal of Applications**

**20/00719/FUL – Approval** of Non-Material Amendment at Ipplepen Football Club

**20/01498/FUL – Refusal** of erection of shed for agricultural use and workshop serving the Carnival Club at Land Ngr 282872 66597

**Teignbridge Local Plan Consultation** – The Parish Council had publicised the closing date of this consultation during the month of July, as being on the 9th August 2021 via the various noticeboards around the village and on Spotted Ipplepen etc. and had urged the public to read the Local Plan site options currently available and to respond to the consultation before this closing date. The Local Plan will set where development takes place over the next 20 years and local people can provide their site for preferences by completing the feedback survey at [www.Teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.Teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview)

62) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Palethorpe

The Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 20th July 2021, were approved and taken as read.

**Skate park**

The section of the skate park that was assessed as High Risk in the Playpark Inspection has now been removed and the site cleared.

The first meeting of the Skate park Advisory Group is planned to take place on Thursday 5 August at the Millennium Centre.

**Benches**

It was agreed to investigate the sourcing of two pairs of galvanised bench supports which will be stored for use as and when benches of a similar construction around the Parish become unfit for purpose.

**Bus Shelters**

Caunters Close Bus shelter has now been repaired

Clampitt Road - The bus shelter has slight damage to the roof and is showing marked signs of wear and tear. A contract has been placed to have the bus shelter cleaned and repainted.

**Play Areas**

Quotes for Recreation Ground fencing and gates, stock fence along the top of the allotment bank have been sourced. However, it was agreed unanimously to re-visit this project at a later date.

Quotes had also been received for the replacement swing in Tremlett Grove it was agreed that it might be better to have a different piece of equipment as there is still a swing in this particular park.

**Toilets**

Quotes for external decoration of Clampitt Road toilets are being sought.

**Ipplepen Carnival Festival Requests**

The Carnival Committeehas asked if any Councillors were willing to act as Marshalls for the Carnival procession around the village at 5pm on Sunday 8th August. This was agreed.

A request to make the Recreation Ground toilets available for the Carnival Week has been agreed. The Carnival Committee will also be providing additional toilets on site.

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

**Balance No. £ 46,440.73**

ICC – Rent £ 112.50

Allotment Tenant – Rent £ 10.00

**Balance £ 46,563.23**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 2,974.60**

**Balance £ 43,588.63**

**Reserve Account Balance £134,027.77**

**Overall Total £177,616.40**

64) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY** – Coun.Mrs.Calland

The Minutes from the Meeting held on 22nd July 2020 were taken as read.

a)**Totnes Road Project** – Coun.Smith and Coun.Carnell met Tarmacadam on the 26th July and a quote will be received in due course.

b) **Urban Speed Limiters –** Permission needs to be sought from DCC for the following Flashing 20mph signs:

Biltor Road at junction of Edgelands Lane

Clampitt Road nr. Blackstone Lane junction

Orley Road on the left coming from Broadhempston on the verge owned by the PC outside the Glebe

Foredown Road on the right on entering the village

Corner of Tremlett Grove

**ACTION:** Coun Dewhirst on behalf of the Parish Council

65) **TO CONSIDER THE IDEA OF PURCHASING THE POST OFFICE** – Coun.Palethorpe

The Post Office Advisory Group met on the 12th July 2021 and before proceeding any further the following **RESOLUTION** needed to be approved:

Ipplepen Parish Council resolves to seek approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £200,000 over the borrowing term of 20 years for the purpose of purchasing the Ipplepen Post Office and retaining it as a Community Asset.

The annual loan repayments will come to around £13320.

It is not intended to increase the Parish Council Tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments.

This Resolution was proposed by Coun.Smith and seconded by the Chairman, Coun.Carnell. All Councillors present agreed unanimously.

The Parish Council all agreed that this will be an enormous commitment and hope that it comes to fruition, but there is still a long way to go before the commitment is finalised. The above Resolution will be put on our Website.

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

Quotes are being sought for the printing of the plan. Coun.Dewhirst to speak to Teignbridge regarding the number of copies they feel we should need.

An email had been received from a local landowner and after discussion it was agreed that Coun.Rattlidge would prepare a draft reply to the email.

67) **COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE SCHEME** – Coun.Rattlidge

No further comments this month.

68) **PLATINUM JUBILEE 2nd – 5th June 2022 – Coun.Mrs.Olding**

**Beating of the Bounds Thursday 2nd June 2022** – The Group met again on 22nd July 2021. Many landowners have now been approached verbally and official letters requesting their permission will be sent out in due course once the whole of the route has been finalised. Our next meeting will be held on the 2nd September.

**Platinum Picnic in the Park - 4th June 2022** – The next meeting will be on the 9th September 2021

69) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** –

A member of the public expressed her thanks and delight at the new benches around the village.

70) To note the date of the next PC meeting: **Tuesday 7th September, 2021**

**Other meetings due:**

**Amenities: 10th August 2021**

**Plans: 18th August 2021**

**Highways: 16th September 2021**

**Skate Park 05th August 2021**

**Post Office tba**

**B.Bounds 02nd September**

**Platinum 09th September, 2021**

**MCMC 01st September 2021**

Meeting Closed at 9.41pm

**DISTRICT &COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S AUGUST REPORT FOR IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Our review of our dog control Public Spaces Protection Order is underway with hundreds of responses already. Residents are being encouraged to complete a feedback survey giving their views on the PSPO and whether they want to see it retained and what changes should be made to it.

All the information from the six week survey will be available when renewal of the PSPO is considered by members later in the year.

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Finally, the keys to the first council houses to be built by Teignbridge in 25 years were handed over to their new tenants last week.

The two houses in Drake Road have been built on the land that was formerly derelict garages on the Buckland Estate. Billed as ‘wheelchair adaptable’, the houses come with wider doors, large hallway and staircase and wheelchair ramps. They include high quality fittings and extras such as garden sheds, outdoor lighting and fully fitted kitchens and bathrooms. With superb energy efficiency, the homes also boast electric car charging points, PV solar panels and a heat source pump which provides low-cost heating.

Outside there are secure gardens and parking spaces for two cars. The road adjacent to the new homes also offers a number of car spaces which will be allocated to residents, to offset the loss of the garages.

The homes were built in partnership with Prime Construction, Teign Housing, Grange Architects, Randall Simmonds LLP and Homes England.

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A new study has concluded that community-owned energy schemes have significant environmental benefits and can save local communities money. The Report was commissioned by Devon County Council (DCC) and the South West Energy Partnership, part of the European Local Energy Assistance programme.

The report concluded that for a 30MWp solar farm the additional benefits would generate an additional £15.9m in economic value to the Devon economy. The initial fund created by the group is then able access further funding to invest in community projects, generating additional value. Evidence shows that investing in these community projects generates more in benefits than the cost of the investment.

From solar PV to hydro projects, Devon has approximately 25 community energy schemes, more than any other county in England – and the majority of these got off the ground following support by Devon County Council. The report was completed by CAG Consultants and is based on Treasury Green Book compliant methodology to determine the socio-economic benefits.

The latest progress report on Devon County Council’s (DCC) Devon Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2021-2022 has been published. The plan has been drawn up in partnership with the police, health and mental health providers, the voluntary and community sectors, Network Rail, Highways England, The Samaritans, the Devon Prisons Service and Exeter University.

Suicide Is a rare event, but when is does occur it can have a devastating impact upon families, friends, neighbours, colleagues, and, therefore, suicide prevention and support for those bereaved by suicide is a priority for Public Health.

While the latest data for 2020 does not show any significant rise in suicides in Devon, the rate has been rising since 2018, in line with the national trend. And, as a result of the pandemic, there has also been an increase in common mental health problems in the county, often triggered by the loss of a loved one, lockdowns, losing a job or money worries.

In response to this in 2020/2021, 400 people from 60 agencies across Devon have received training in ‘Understanding Grief’, ‘Suicide awareness’ and ‘Suicide Bereavement’.

The Suicide Bereavement Service has been commissioned, which will include the Devon STP area of Devon, Plymouth, and Torbay, a further £705,000 (over three years) has also been awarded by NHS England to develop a suicide prevention programme across the area.

Other projects include the production of an interactive map to help identify high frequency locations, and an online hub is being developed which will provide information, resources, and information for bereaved families on where to get support. This is because being bereaved by suicide can increase the risk of a person ending their own life.