##

## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.15pm**

## **In attendance**:

## Councillor.Carnell (Chairman) Councillor Armitage

Councillor.Mrs.Calland Councillor.Smith

Councillor.Rattlidge

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Councillor.Dewhirst - District/County Councillor

Rachel Avery (Locum Clerk)

3 members of the public

## **71)** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Ranjit, Olding (Vice Chairman), Farrow and Palethorpe.

**72)** **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd August 2021, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**73)** **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**74)** **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**75)** **CORRESPONDENCE AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

Emails were read out by the Locum Clerk regarding:

* Information requests from the SLCC
* Request for builder recommendations
* Confirmation of address at Moor Lane Recreation Ground to Sport England Active Places
* Attendance of TDC Emergency Services Day
* Invitation to comment of Newton Abbot Town Council’s Strategic Plan
* Invitation to nominate individuals or groups for the Teignbridge Awards
* Details of an accident at the Village Hall
* Request for feedback on the next DCC Highways Event
* Villages in Action update from August
* Invitation to the 40th anniversary of Ipplepen Bowls Club – Cllrs Carnell and Smith agreed to attend
* An update from the Community Environment Warden which included no dog control issues and a seven-day notice on an abandoned vehicle in Clarendon Road
* A TTRO for Moor Road on 8th November
* A copy of the insurance renewal had been circulated. It was **resolved** to accept the insurance renewal for 2021/22 (Proposed by Cllr Carnell, all in favour).

**Outside Bodies**

Cllr Calland had attended the Village Hall Committee. The building is beginning to reopen for events, with additional guidance and precautions for hirers having been agreed.

Cllr Carnell reported that a representative from Air Band had planned to attend this meeting to provide information, but it is hoped that she will attend in November to provide further information.

A request had been made for wardens at the Candlelit Procession on Saturday 27th November. Cllrs Smith and Armitage agreed to help, and Cllr Carnell would email councillors not in attendance to ask if they would be willing to volunteer.

**76)** **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** (Cllr Dewhirst)

District and County Cllr Dewhirt’s reports are attached as appendix one to the minutes.

**77)** **PLANNING**

**To consider the following planning applications:**

**21/01799/FUL –** Land at NGR 284800 65685 Removal of tool shed and replacement with larger timber store at Wrigwell Lane, Ipplepen
It was **resolved** to recommend no objection (Proposed by Cllr Calland, all in favour).

**21/01916/CAN –** Fell one conifer and a group of Leylandii at Rosemount, East Street

It was **resolved** to recommend no objection, subject to the recommendations of the TDC Tree Officer (Proposed by Cllr Calland, all in favour).

**21/01833/HOU –** Single storey flat roofed extensions at ground and first floor levels and replacement of the existing timber terrace with a composite deck at Old Orchard House, Dornafield Lane

It was **resolved** to recommend no objection, subject to any additions being sympathetic to the existing building. (Proposed by Cllr Calland, all in favour).

**Granted/Refusal of Applications:**

**Granted -** Fell one pussy willow at 3 Wesley Terrace

**Granted -** Entrance to front and alterations to approved extension windows/doors at 37 Mayfair Road

**Refused -** Proposed front porch extension and rear two storey extension at 19 Barn Park Close

**Refused -** Retention of residential mobile home at Battleford, Red Post.

The decisions were **noted**.

**78)** **AMENITIES**

The Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 10th August 2021, were approved and taken as read.

**79)** **FINANCE & PERSONNEL**

**Balance No. £ 43,588.36**

Millennium Centre – Rent £ 110.00

**Balance £ 43,698.63**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 4,555.69**

**Balance £ 39,146.94**

**Reserve Account Balance £134,027.77**

**Overall Total £173,174.71**

**80)** **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY**

a)**Totnes Road Project** – It was noted that one quote had been received. Additional quotes and further information would be requested by Cllr Smith for the next Highways meeting.

Some members of the public had enquired about the possibility of lighting of the footpath. It was suggested that TDC should be contacted regarding this but may not be looked upon favourably.

b) **Urban Speed Limiters –** Cllr Dewhirst reported that he has taken this forward. A decision could take 4-5 months.

c) **Clampitt Road bus shelter –** It was noted that the bus shelter had been cleared.

**81)** **IPPLEPEN POST OFFICE**

Cllr Armitage reported that two applications were submitted to the National Association of Local Councils and the Public Works Loan Board on 24 August. The application determination timescale prior to Covid was six weeks, but at the peak of pandemic it was four months.

Additional information has been requested, including an amended summary budget and a repayment schedule to demonstrate affordability.

It was **agreed** that a date for sale would be included within the application of 8 weeks (Proposed by Cllr Armitage, all in favour).

There was a brief discussion regarding the parish council’s future plans for the building, including lease arrangements.

**82)** **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Rattlidge reported that quotes for printing had been obtained, but it has been confirmed that there is no need to print them as that is the responsibility of TDC.
A robust set of references and the plan should now be submitted to TDC and it was **agreed** that Cllr Rattlidge would submit this to TDC. (Proposed by Cllr Rattlidge, all in favour).

Cllr Rattlidge reported that he would be attending a webinar, run by Locality, regarding affordable housing and the Neighbourhood Plan.

A letter had been received from a member of public regarding a formal complaint. The contents of the email were **noted.** Cllrs Rattlidge and Carnell had liaised with TDC regarding this, and a draft response was circulated and read out. It was **resolved** that the response would be sent to the individual, sent from the Parish Clerk on her return (Proposed by Cllr Smith, all in favour).

**83)** **COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE SCHEME**

Cllr Rattlidge reported that the scheme would resume on Monday 13th September, and he would attend.

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

It was **noted** that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 9th September, with plans for events progressing well.

**85)** **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public enquired about the seat at the top of Beech Trees Lane. It was noted that the seat belongs to the landowner and the parish council has never owned a seat there, but is within the parish of Denbury.

Cllr Dewhirst reported on the recent incident regarding the horse and car on Denbury Road. Publicity relating to car speeds around horses would be created, but he recommended reporting numbers plates to the British Horse Society where incidences of poor driving around horses is witnessed.

**86) To note the date of the next PC meeting: Tuesday 5th October, 2021.**

**The date of the next meeting was noted.**

Meeting Closed at 9.06pm.

**APPENDIX I**

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

Teignbridge District Council

Jointly with Action on Climate in Teignbridge, Teignbridge are running a Zoom ecology workshop for town and parish councils focusing on safeguarding wildlife throughout the district.

It will be held on 14 October, running from 10.30am to 1.00pm. Capacity is limited so Members who wish to attend should email by 20 September 2021.

Sharing the latest information at the workshop on a number of wildlife projects will be specialist ecology and green infrastructure speakers from Devon Wildlife Consultants, Devon Local Nature Partnership and Action on Climate Teignbridge and the full programme can be downloaded here **(**[**https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKTDC/2021/09/01/file\_attachments/1922015/Wild%20about%20Teignbridge%20Workshop%20Programme.pdf**](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKTDC/2021/09/01/file_attachments/1922015/Wild%20about%20Teignbridge%20Workshop%20Programme.pdf)**)**

Difficulties in obtaining grid connection consents has resulted in the leisure centre and Lido decarbonisation project falling behind schedule meaning that work will not be completed as planned by the end of the month.

The Teignmouth Lido remained closed this summer to enable greener technology to be installed. Low carbon source heat pumps are being installed to improve its efficiency, extend its life and reduce heating costs. Work will be carried out over the autumn and winter with completion now scheduled in March 2022.

At Forde House to facilitate a continuous programme of decarbonisation work and minimise interruptions to council meetings, from 13 December we will be moving the start time of committee meetings to later in the afternoon. This change of starting time will apply until 31 March 2022.

Devon County Council

The government designated Devon an ‘enhanced response area’, in response to high case rates of coronavirus. It means additional support will be available from the government.

This means that the government has prioritised the ‘far’ South West for additional support to reduce case rates. It doesn’t mean another local lockdown, but it does mean that we have more flexibility to introduce additional public health measures if considered necessary.

Case rates here in Devon are very high which is to be expected since the removal of restrictions and the opening up of opportunities to socialise. The availability of testing in the county is good, and the vaccination take up across all of the priority groups has been very high. All Devon residents and visitors to the county are asked to take extra caution.

Public Health Devon is urging people to:

• Limit your social contacts to stop the virus spreading

• meet others outside, because that’s safer than meeting inside

• continue to wear face coverings when indoors in public places

• wash your hands properly and regularly

• have the jab if you are an adult and haven’t yet had it. Please have both doses as soon as you can. If you’re aged 16 to 18, please take up the vaccination when offered to you

• self-isolate if told to do so by NHS Test and Trace

• self-isolate and arranging a PCR test if you show any symptoms of having the virus – the high temperature, new and continuous cough, or change of your usual sense of taste or smell

Devon could become the heart of a ‘Southwest Powerhouse’ with communities creating their own power, selling what they don’t need and then reinvesting proceeds into local projects such as giving local homes a net-zero retrofit. This would create thousands of jobs and help ensure that the county achieves the goal enshrined in its Carbon Plan, to become Net-Zero by 2050 at the latest. The key could well be onshore wind.

Because the sun doesn’t shine as much as the wind blows, a single three-megawatt wind turbine will produce 2.5 times more electricity in a year than a solar farm. And it’s not just the cost of producing the energy where onshore wind turbines come out on top; wind has the lowest ‘embodied energy’ – the energy required during manufacture– of any form of energy production.

The National Planning Policy Framework maintains that all new windfarms must be part of an area allocated for wind development in a local or neighbourhood plan and that the planning impacts have been fully addressed and the proposal has local backing.

Professor Patrick Devine-Wright, Chairman of the Net-Zero Task Force said: “We’ve set limits where onshore wind can go and most of those constraints were made before a Climate Emergency was declared. So, you might want to rethink some of those constraints – do they still apply? Are they still relevant or important enough to stop wind turbines in certain places?”

Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) has announced that its Mobile Boost Programme, which aims to upgrade indoor 4G coverage in “not-spot” areas, now includes a greater choice of equipment.

The initiative, which is being funded through the LEP’s Growth Deal, aims to improve the quality of mobile phone calls and connectivity. It’s targeting small businesses and households in rural communities who currently have inadequate coverage or have access to only one provider and are currently struggling with connectivity.

Businesses and households can apply for a voucher of up to £1,200 towards the cost of a mobile signal booster from a registered supplier. The value of the voucher will be dependent on the type of technology most suitable for the premises. There are now three options of equipment available – these are a 4G booster and two models of “signal repeaters” which repeat the outdoor signal indoors. Suppliers will be able to advise on the most appropriate option.

Businesses and residents applying through the scheme will be required to make a contribution to cover the cost of installation. Depending on the option chosen, this will range from a one-off fee from around £200 to a monthly fee for a SIM card.

Devon County Council is working in partnership with District Councils in response to the situation in Afghanistan.

Devon’s councils support the UK government’s moves to relocate Afghan citizens who worked with and for UK forces and organisations, and are working actively to find long-term accommodation for these friends of the UK.

So far, four Devon District councils have offered to find accommodation, but it is too early to say how many people can be housed overall. Councils are very keen to hear from local landlords who would be willing to rent flats or houses to these Afghan citizens, particularly in Devon’s towns where it will be easier to help families settle in.

The county is well placed to welcome Afghan families, building on our experience of housing nearly 50 refugee families in the last five years under the government’s Syrian resettlement scheme. We hope that this experience will also help us to respond to the new Afghan refugee resettlement scheme just announced by the government.

Landlords who are interested should get in touch by email at **refugeeresettlement@devon.gov.uk**

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