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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.15pm**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Carnell (Chairman) Coun.Farrow

Coun.Mrs.Calland Coun.Armitage

Coun.Palethorpe

Coun.Mrs.Olding (Vice Chair)

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Coun.Dewhirst - District/County Councillor

Six Members of the public present

## 104) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Ranjit, Coun,Smith, Coun.Rattlidge & Miss Cat Freston – Parish Clerk

105) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th October 2021, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

106) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declaration of interest

107) **PRESENTATION By Paul Nethercott from Airband**

Airband are the registered Contractor for Devon County Council and Somerset Council to provide and bring fibre broadband to out of reach Rural areas. The presentation was excellent and a copy of the full presentation can be seen on the Parish Council’s website [www.ipplepenparishcouncil@gov.uk](http://www.ipplepenparishcouncil@gov.uk) Interested parishioners can also learn more by registering their interest at [www.airband.co.uk](http://www.airband.co.uk) or calling 01905 676 121 to speak a helpful salesperson.

108) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - In relation to the above presentation several members of the public had come along to listen and to ask relevant questions.

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

a)**Items from TDC: Teignbridge District Council Civic** Service on Sunday 28th November 2021 at 3pm St.Lukes Church, Laburnum Rd, Milber, Newton Abbot TQ12 4LQW

**Parkhill Caravan Park**: A letter had been received regarding the Parish Council’s objection to the application for Certificate of Lawfulness, advising that it will be determined under officer delegated powers if they recommend the application for approval or refusal. Coun.Farrow confirmed that a decision is due to be made on the 1st November, 2021. In the meantime, Coun.Farrow also read out a copy of a parishioner’s objection to TDC concerning the same application.

b) **Items from DCC:**

**Lane Closure** along A38l between entrance to Abbotskerswell and Ogwell Roundabout for tree works Mon. 29th November – Fri.3rd December.

**Road Closure from outside Manor Cottage to Castle Barton, Compton Pool Cross to Compton** for South West Water utility works between 14th February and 18th February 2022

**Outside Bodies:** - No meetings had been held during the month of October, 2021

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

**District Report**

At the recent Teignbridge Executive meeting we agreed to open consultation on what may well be the most important part of our new Local Plan – a consultation on sites for renewable energy generation. The draft Plan proposes 27 sites for wind generation and a number of sites for Solar generation in the District (these were identified by Exeter University). As a yardstick, the electricity demand of 10,000 new homes and 10,000 electric vehicles, is estimated at 66 GWh. This is equivalent to 14% of Teignbridge’s current electricity consumption. Resourcing this level of power would need 337 ha of land to be identified for wind turbines or 30% of the overall wind resource to be utilised. In terms of solar generation certain parts of the plan area, such as the Bovey Basin, offer considerable potential for Solar PV development. A detailed resource assessment identifies up to 57 sites with potential output of up to 353 GWh. In terms of grid proximity, the

entire area is within 2km of an 11KV grid connection.

The Consultation will probably start the week after next and finish near the end of January. It forms the third part of our Plan and compliments the first part with its strong policies on carbon reduction in our District. Our last two consultations have garnered over 5,000 comments and more than 50,000 on-line views.

Major efforts to reduce the number of unoccupied unfurnished homes in Teignbridge are paying dividends with the district bucking the national upward trend by reporting its lowest ever total of 305.

National figures show the number of empty homes – unfurnished properties unoccupied for six months or longer – have been steadily increasing over recent years.

But since appointing a dedicated empty homes officer in 2009, unoccupied properties in Teignbridge have fallen year on year – with the exception of 2020 - from 735 to this year’s record low of 305.

The council has streamlined processes and through working collaboratively across council departments has helped to bring largely privately owned homes back into use.

**County Report**

Covid19 case rates having reduced are now back up in Devon

Our Director of Public Health’s advice is:

* Let fresh air in if you need to meet indoors. Meeting up outside is the safest way to protect your loved ones.
* Continuing to wear face coverings in crowded and enclosed settings is a small action you can take to protect yourself and others
* Get tested and self-isolate if required
* If you haven’t already, get vaccinated

Devon Public Health are still advising residents who show no symptoms of having coronavirus to continue taking free, rapid, lateral flow device tests twice a week.

The most popular way is to collect a box of seven tests from your local pharmacy. But from this week, how you do that has changed. Before you call in to your nearest pharmacy to collect tests you now need a ‘collect code’. This is a code that you need to show when you collect your test packs from your pharmacy and are only available to people aged 16 and over.

You can get your collect code by registering online at gov.uk/get-collect-code or if you’re not online, you can call 119 (free from landlines and mobiles), to request a collect code. Lines are open from 7am to 11pm. At the pharmacy, someone will record your code, and give you the tests which you do and record in the normal way.

An innovative scheme which has allowed Devon’s district councils to improve their waste collection and recycling rates has won a national award. The Devon Authorities Shared Saving Scheme was recognised as the ‘Best New Idea’ at the Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee Awards 2021.

The award was accepted by the County Council working with five of Devon’s waste collection authorities, East Devon, Mid Devon, North Devon, Teignbridge and Torridge District Councils. It has increased recycling rates and improved recycling collection for over 250,000 Devon households.

For further details of Alistair’s report please refer to his full report on our website. wwwipplepenparishcouncil@gov.uk

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111) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The October meeting of the Plans Committee meeting was not held as there were no applications brought forward.

**To consider the following planning applications:**

**21/02359/FUL –** Proposed stable building at Great Ambrook The Italian Garden Rd, Heading West from Ambrook Lodge.

**Comment:** Arrangements to be made for a site visit on the 13th November 10am **ACTION:** The Clerk to contact the land owners to arrange for this site meeting, all Councillors to be invited and to also inform TDC of our action and therefore request an extension of time for our comment.

**Granted/Refusal of Applications**

Granted: **21/00643/MAJ** - **I**PPLEPEN - Bulleigh Barton FarmConstruction Of An Agricultural Barn For Cattle Rearing, Straw Storage And Lambing.

112)) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Palethorpe

The Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 12th October 2021, were approved and taken as read.

Quotations to replace the fencing and gates around the toddler play area had been sought. Unfortunately only one company had replied.

**RESOLUTION:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously to accept Tender ‘A’ at £3,255 plus VAT.

The Contractor will be Outdoor Play Devon Ltd.

The installation of a tap at the Millennium Centre to clean out the gritting equipment as now been installed.

A Christmas Tree has been ordered and will be delivered and installed in time for the Lantern Festival on the 27 November.

There has been a number of issues around both toilet blocks the Clampitt Road toilets are now locked between the hours of 5pm and 7am each day to prevent the anti-social behaviour that has been happening overnight. The replacement toilet seat in the Gents toilet is a replacement for another which was fitted less than a month ago, making three in total.

The annual safety inspection of the play areas and equipment is due to take place this month.

The dog warden has been made aware of the issue around people taking their dogs into the play areas.

An inspection of the allotments has taken place and any issues found have been raised with the individual tenants.

It appears that one of the toddler’s picnic benches has been removed without permission from the Recreation Ground play area, a search around the area has been carried out. If anyone knows of its whereabouts please contact the Parish Council.

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

**Balance No. £ 68,498.64**

Bank transfer from Reserve Account for Platinum Jubilee £ 8,000.00

Football Club – Rent £ 150.00

Mill Centre – Rent £ 55.00

Ipplepen Community Fund – Donation for Memorial bench £ 850.00

At Recreation Ground

TDC – CIL Payment £ 1,327.65

ICC – Rent £ 112.50

**Balance £ 78,993.79**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 6,893.94**

**Balance £ 72,099.85**

**Reserve Account Balance £126,027.77**

**Overall Total £198,127.62**

**Items discussed:**

A date was arranged to hold a precept budget & Clerk’s Appraisal meeting on 24th November at 7pm. If legally permitted, this will be a virtual meeting to enable the Clerk to attend. **ACTION: The Clerk to contact Coun.Farrow to arrange. Also to inform Coun.Smith who was absent from the meeting of the date.**

114) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY** – Coun.Olding in the absence of Coun.Smith

The Highways Committee met on 19th October and the Minutes were taken as read.

The Totnes Road Footpath Project is on-going and our Solicitor is now looking into the legal registered ownership of the land along the route. Therefore once this information is established the quotes received can be discussed.

It was agreed to add the following paragraph into the November PC magazine report:

If you discover a right of way problem  that you don’t feel you can deal with and wish to report the matter, please click on the following link: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> scroll down the page to gain access to the map where your particular right of way may be found and information added.  A reference number will be generated and you will be contacted with an update regarding the problem.  The same site can be used for reporting potholes, signs and problems with street lighting amongst other DCC responsibilities.

115) **TO CONSIDER THE IDEA OF PURCHASING THE POST OFFICE** – Coun.Armitage

On-Going

115) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Coun.Rattlidge report sent and read in his absence

The Draft report is currently with TDC for final comments before submission. These will be with us shortly and we should then be in a position to review at next meeting. A local land owner had received a call from TDC regarding Policy 8 in our draft Neighbourhood Plan and its potential restrictive nature on custom/self-build site at Blackberry Hill. Coun.Rattlidge has had a meeting with him and the comments noted and feel sure that this will be included in the overall review from them.

116) **COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE SCHEME** – Coun.Rattlidge report read in his absence

Unfortunately, Coun.Rattlidge was unable to attend the presentation in Cornwall on the 8th November.

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

**Beating of the Bounds Thursday 2nd June 2022** – Our next meeting will be held on the 11th November, 2021

**Platinum Picnic in the Park - 4th June 2022** – Our next meeting will be held on the 25th November 2021

118) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A Parishioner mentioned her concern that because there were no signs advising people of the various areas of double lines in the village that they were not legal. Coun.Dewhirst has looked into this on our behalf with DCC who have advised: that double yellow lines / “no waiting at any time” do not require a sign. They used to be accompanied by a sign (up to 2002 I think) but this sign is no longer required unless the lines apply seasonally, in which case the dates when active would be displayed. <https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/road-markings.html> There was no requirement for Highway Authorities to remove the old style signs so undoubtedly some will remain.

119) To note the date of the next PC meeting: **Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.15pm**

**Other meetings due:**

**Amenities: 09th November 2021 at 7pm**

**Plans: 17th November 2021 at 7.15pm**

**Emergency Plan Review**

 **09th November 2021 at 7pm prior to Amenities meeting.**

**B.Bounds 11th November 2021 at 7pm**

**MCMC 23rd November 2021 at 6.30pm**

**Precept 24th November 2021 at 7pm (virtual)**

**Platinum 25th November 2021 at 7pm**

**Highways 22nd December 2021 at 6.45pm prior to Plans meeting.**

**Post Office tba**

**Skate Park tba**

Meeting Closed at 09.21pm