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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 7.15pm**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Carnell (Chairman) Coun.Farrow

Coun.Mrs.Olding (Vice Chair) Coun.Armitage

## Coun.Palethorpe Coun.Rattlidge

## Coun.Burnham Coun.Smith

## Miss Cat Freston – Parish Clerk

## eCoun.Dewhirst - District/County Councillor

No Members of the public present

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

## 138) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Ranjit, Coun.Mrs.Calland

139) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - No declaration of interest

140) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 2021, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

141) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – No members of the public present

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

a)**Items from TDC: Tidy Teignbridge Local Area Clean Up Funding** –The Clerk submitted an application and Teignbridge have emailed to say that a Rural Skip does not meet the aims of the fund. **Action –** The Clerk to obtain quotes for litter picking equipment and resubmit the application by Monday 31st January 2022.

b) An email from the project lead for LVA dealing with the Blackstone Cross development proposals requesting a visit have given a date of when they would like to meet with Councillors. It was agreed for a meeting to take place on Thursday 13th January 2022. **Action –** The Clerk to book the Village Hall side room for 13th January at 2pm.

c) An email has been received from the Airband Community Liaison Executive for our area. They are liaising with Parish Council’s and parishioners alike, to ensure they provide a continual communication flow from start to finish of the fibre broadband project with our area. If anyone has not done so already, they recommend that you register your interest in fibre broadband on their website at [www.airband.co.uk](http://www.airband.co.uk). **Action –** Coun.Mrs.Olding to put advert in the Parish Magazine.

d) An email has been received from the Secretary of Ipplepen W.I, who would like to contribute to next year’s Festival of Remembrance by knitting poppies and attaching them to the fence around the memorial. It would be initiated by the W.I but would be open to anyone in the community. The pattern and choice of wool would be agreed.

**RESOLUTION :** Coun.Smith proposed that it was a nice idea as long as the poppies were removed by the end of November 2022 before the Lantern Parade. This proposal was seconded and agreed unanimously. **ACTION -** The Clerk to reply to the W.I.

**Outside Bodies:**

**MCMC** – The Committee are due to meet on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

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

**County Report**

The County Council’s target budget for 2022/23 was approved by the Cabinet last week but will not be finalised until February. The target budget calls for an extra £18.2 million to be spent on adult care and health in the new financial year, as well as an increase of £11.6 million for children’s services if the budget is ratified - rises of 10%.

The budget for highways will go up by £200,000 or 0.4% but with inflation taken into account this will be a £3.15million cut; communities and public health will also rise by 2.4%, again meaning a £2.85 million cut after inflation under this proposed budget. Overall, the county’s spending is planned to increase from £580 million to over £629 million – a rise of 8%.

Devon’s new director of finance, Angie Sinclair, warned that the pressures on services were continuing to mount – clearly this budget will have a massive impact on our roads and on services offered to residents. I spoke at Cabinet and pointed out the risks, particularly with our Highways service which I believe is virtually at breaking point.

**District Report**

Today at the Teignbridge Executive the outline of the 2022/23 Budget was revealed. The Teignbridge element is set to rise by £5 or 2.78% - this accounts for less than 9% of the total Council Tax Bill. Of the current proposal for £2,100 council tax collected for a Band D property TDC will receive £180.17 per household or £3.46 per week – the rest goes to County, the Police, the Fire Service and Parish/Town Councils in that order.

The overarching issue that will affect how the Budget will be made up will be the reductions in central government funding and the need to make efficiencies to enable the Budget to be balanced.

The Council has reacted to the climate change emergency by allocating extra funds to additional staffing resources to enable the decarbonisation work to Forde House as well as the Leisure Centres and the Teignmouth Lido to take place. Other projects being undertaken by this team include targeting emissions from the vehicle fleet and a further 15 buildings.

There will be increased support of £8.5 million for housing including the Teignbridge 100 social housing project – schemes range from 2 to 30 homes and encompass apartments, houses and bungalows as well as rough sleeping accommodation.

I am sure that additional resources being allocated to Planning Enforcement will be popular as well as the reintroduction of Rural Aid. The Tidy Teignbridge scheme, already launched, had a wide interest from Parish and Town Councils at the Budget Consultation just before Christmas. Additionally, there will be a small grant scheme.

As I am sure you will expect there are increases to the car parks, but these are being kept to inflation only levels. The Green Garden waste service will be increasing its charge to £50. Both of these remain very competitive against other Districts.

As a spend to save measure we will be paying £1 million towards the pension deficit to reduce on-going contributions.

Significant costs are expected in the coming year. A pay rise of 1.75% (or 2.75% for the lowest paid) was negotiated this year and so a 2% increase is expected to be agreed for next year. It is worth noting that reductions in funding have amounted to 37% (£7.5 to £4.6 million) in the last four years!

Finally, the Capital budget includes a further £2.6 million for the improvements to the A382, £0.6 million to the Jetty Marsh Link Road, £2 million towards South West Exeter roads, £4.8 million to the Dawlish link road and £1.5 million towards public transport. £5.8 million over the next three years will go towards habitat mitigation and green spaces and £3.7 million towards Leisure Centre improvements and children’s play areas.

All of the above will come from the £180.17 element of the £2,099.47 total Council tax proposed for next financial year.

Alistair Dewhirst - alistair.dewhirst@devon.gov.uk / Tel 07836 704127

144) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans Meeting held on 22nd December 2021 were approved and taken as read.

**To consider the following planning applications:**

**APPEAL 21/00074/CERT –** Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for the siting of caravans, without compliance with conditions 2 of planning permission 93/2752/15/3 and condition 3 of planning permission 96/2562/15/4 at Park Hill Caravan Park, Moor Road.

**Comment:** Coun.Farrow proposed that we have no additional comments. Seconded by Coun.Rattlidge (All unanimous).

Coun.Farrow proposed that the Parish Council purchase a new laptop for £329.00 to be used by Councillors at meetings to present Planning applications and documentation as the current laptop needs replacing. Coun.Mrs.Olding seconded (All unanimous) **Action –** Clerk to purchase new laptop.

145) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Palethorpe

No meeting was held on 14th December 2021.

a) Play Area Inspection Report

The annual inspection report was received on the 21st December.

In general this is a very positive report with fewer areas considered to be either Moderate or High Risk than in previous years.

In summary.

Recreation Ground Toddler Play Area.

All areas consider to be Low or Very Low risk

Recreation Ground Senior Play Area.

Four areas have been assessed as Moderate Risk however this is normal for equipment whose structure is designed around a single post mounting.

Tremlett Grove Play Area.

One area (the 2m swing set) has been assessed at the lower end on the High Risk spectrum. The Parish Council are already investigating replacing this item.

SkatePark

The skatepark has been assessed at the lower end on the High Risk spectrum due mainly to the corrosion around the sides of the structures. However these areas do not affect the structural integrity of the skatepark.

b) Trees

The Parish Council has applied to the Devon Wildlife trust to be included in this year’s programme which will include us receiving up to 200 trees. The intention is to plant trees around suitable areas of the village and also to hold an event in which residents may receive a tree to plant. The Parish Council has also expressed an interest in establishing a ‘tree nursery’ to grow trees for future planting. More information on this initiative will be promulgated in due course.

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

**Balance No. £ 65,954.49**

DCC Urban Grass Cutting 21/22 £ 1,360.00

**Balance £ 67,314.49**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 4,766.49**

**Balance £ 62,548.00**

**Reserve Account Balance £126,027.77**

**Overall Total £188,575.77**

147) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY**

The Highways Committee met on 22nd December 2021 and the Minutes were taken as read.

A verbal complaint about the condition of the War memorial was made to Coun.Smith following Remembrance Sunday. Those present at the Highways meeting agreed that pressure washing could do harm to the structure and that we should consider other options if the Parish Council agreed. Coun.Palethorpe will discuss other options with the Amenities Committee on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at the Amenities meeting.

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

Coun.Armitage is dealing with a query on the loan application and will be contacting the Parish Council’s accountant in due course.

149) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Coun.Rattlidge advised that TDC had responded with suggested alterations to draft plan submitted in November.  In the main these were relatively minor changes relating to tech references made in the plan and alterations since.

Making some documents accessible were referred to and this will need to be looked into as unsure of this process.

The most major suggested change was to IPP policy 9 relating to Blackberry Hill proposed potential site for a 12/14 self/custom build development. It was advised that whilst the policy was designed around and for local usage / purchase that it would affect viability if the market was not widened after initial market opportunity.

This was agreed and coun.Rattlidge will proceed in updating the draft along TDC suggested

lines and report progress next month, as it will take some while to amend the full document.

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150) **COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE SCHEME**

Nothing further to report

151) **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 13th January, 2022.

**Platinum Picnic in the Park - 4th June 2022 -** Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th January, 2022.

152) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – No members of the public present

153) To note the date of the next PC meeting: **Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.15pm**

**Other meetings due:**

**Amenities: 11th January 2022 at 7pm**

**Plans/Highways: 19th January 2022 at 7pm**

**Post Office Group date to be arranged**

**MCMC 11th January 2022 at 5.30pm**

**B.Bounds 13th January 2022 at 7pm**

**Platinum 13th January 2022 at 7pm**

Meeting Closed at 9.12pm