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## **IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **On Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7.15pm**

## **In attendance**:

## Coun.Carnell (Chairman) Coun.Rattlidge

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

## Coun.Palethorpe Coun.Mrs.Calland

Coun.Farrow Coun.Ranjit

## Miss Cat Freston – Parish Clerk

## eCoun.Dewhirst - District/County Councillor

One Member 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**.

## 188) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Burnham (apologies approved all unanimous)

189) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Coun.Palethorpe declared an interest on planning application 22/00273/HOU 2 Dornafield Road and Coun.Smith declared an interest on planning application 22/00542/CAN Paternoster House, Paternoster Lane.

190) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022, and the Extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

192) **CORRESPONDENCE AND OUTSIDE BODIES** – Parish Clerk

a) An email has been received from Saplings Pre-School asking if the Parish Council would give approval for an artistic mum to do some art work on the walls in the story room. It was agreed unanimously **Action –** Clerk to inform Pre-School.

It was also reported that often big children are climbing on top of the pirate ship. Coun.Palethorpe has installed signage making it clear that the equipment in the small play area is for Under 8 year old children only.

b) Coun.Dewhirst has asked if the Parish Council could put a Queen Jubilee bench in the Playing field. The cost of the bench is £1,250+VAT, £400.00 delivery. Coun.Dewhirst has kindly offered £700.00 grant towards the bench. **Action –** Clerk to query the delivery charge.

**Outside Bodies:** -

a) Coun.Rattlidge will be attending the Councillor Advocate seminar on 7th July 2022.

b)Coun.Smith attended the Stoneycombe Quarry Liaison Group meeting on 16th March 2022.

c) Coun.Carnell attended a memorial tree planting event at Teignbridge District Council on 23rd March 2022.

d) Coun.Mrs.Calland attended the Village Hall Committee AGM.

e) The annual litter pick took place on Saturday 2nd April 2022.

f) There was an MCMC meeting on 21st March which was attended by Coun.Mrs.Olding and Coun.Farrow.

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

**County Report**

The community testing team, which was delivering a mobile lateral flow testing service, as well as COVID-19 vaccinations, to communities across Devon since January 2021, changed its operations from 1st April. The government’s plan will see the end to universal access to free LFT and PCR tests at the end of March.

The outreach vans will continue to support the vaccinations programme, alongside NHS Devon colleagues. PCR testing sites in Devon, run by the Department for Health, closed on 30th March.

Public Health experts say that testing is still an important tool for tracking coronavirus. National studies such as the Office for National Statistics Coronavirus Infection Survey, and PCR testing in clinical settings to support treatments, will continue, and these will help to identify new variants and track background community rates.

While there will no longer be access to free lateral flow tests from 1st April, Public Health Devon hopes that people will continue to use up the tests they currently have.

Local authority leaders across Devon have spoken out in concern for the people of Ukraine and their families, following the Russian invasion and have each condemned Russia’s actions.

Individually, councils have also taken steps to cut Russian links, such as through contracts for energy provision. And any few remaining investments within the Devon Pension Fund, linked to Russian assets, are being sold off quickly.

Climate Change affects every one of us and from Thursday 17 March until 14th April Devon residents have one final chance to give their views on the Devon Carbon Plan before it gets published this summer. It focuses on three vital areas: buildings and transport, which account for 70 per cent of Devon’s carbon emissions, and onshore wind.

The carbon plan has been created by Devon Climate Emergency, a partnership of businesses, public bodies, and voluntary groups, and is the county’s road map to net-zero. The plan consolidates the latest scientific evidence and, through previous consultations and last summer’s climate assembly, contributions from the public.

This consultation is your chance to help ensure that the final Devon Carbon Plan is democratic, and fairly represents the wishes of Devon’s residents. <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/5-please-tell-us-what-you-think/>

Devon residents and community groups are being called on by #Cleandevon to help clean up the county, as Keep Britain Tidy’s nationwide annual Great British Spring Clean returns.

This year the message is simple. Join the #BigBagChallenge and pledge to pick up as much litter as you can. Pledging to take part in the Great British Spring Clean couldn’t be easier, simply go to <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/> .

Ipplepen residents did their bit by joining us at the Village Hall last Saturday afternoon and the village looks much better for it.

**District Report**

Twenty-seven local businesses have benefitted from funding allocated under two Covid grant schemes – the SFEF (Small Firms Employment Fund) and GAP grants – which ran for two months earlier this year.

The SFEF supported businesses of ten employees or less with the purchase of products or services that consequently created another job while GAP grants were designed to assist business facing severe financial difficulty due to cash flow issues caused by Covid.

The team dealt with 94 enquiries which resulted in 34 applications, of which 27 met the national criteria and were approved with £516,000 being awarded. Of the grants awarded, 21 were from the SFEF, creating additional employment opportunities in the district.

Team Devon has launched a new website as part of efforts by all Devon’s local authorities to support residents who want to provide sanctuary to Ukrainian refugees.

The website will be regularly updated with the latest guidance and information and is aimed at supporting families in Devon whose relatives in Ukraine are fleeing the conflict, as well as households who volunteer to accommodate refugees.

The county council is receiving the latest information from the Government on the sponsors who have registered, and DBS checks on the sponsor families are being carried out.

And Teignbridge along with all Devon’s district authorities are using a common approach to assess each sponsor’s accommodation. As of 31st March, 34 households in Teignbridge had registered their interest in providing accommodation for Ukrainian Refugees under the scheme and accommodation checks started last Friday.

Work is underway with the community and voluntary sector in Teignbridge to develop a local network of agencies which can provide refugees and their sponsors with support tailored to their individual needs and local location. Teignbridge CVS will organise this support and has set up a telephone line (07918 205 356) and email address to answer any queries from sponsors or refugees who need advice or support.

The Government has published a welcome guide for Ukrainians, guidance on what they need to do before they travel to the UK and what to do after they arrive. A factsheet has also been published that explains how Ukrainians can apply to the Homes for Ukraine sponsorship scheme.

People can still register an interest in providing accommodation via the Homes for Ukraine campaign website and the Government is regularly updating its FAQs on the Homes for Ukraine scheme

A Covid Memorial tree was planted in the grounds of Old Forde House. The tree will symbolise the Teignbridge residents who have died from Covid and will provide a lasting testament to the outstanding efforts from individuals and groups across the district, who have helped people affected by the pandemic.

The tree planting took place on the Marie Curie-run National Day of Reflection, which marks the second anniversary of the first lockdown in May 2020. Members and special guests including our PC Chair were welcomed by Council Chair Colin Parker, and a short ceremony took place to pay tribute to loved ones who had lost their lives, and to show compassion and love to people who are grieving.

Alistair Dewhirst - alistair.dewhirst@devon.gov.uk

**Members agreed to move agenda item 12 before agenda item 7 as Coun.Rattlidge needed to leave the meeting earlier.**

194) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Following on from last month’s meeting, Coun.Rattlidge has arranged for an outside planning consultancy to carry out the basic condition report. The cost is £1,000 and the work should be carried out this week. The Appendices are now all accessible.

195) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans Meeting held on 16th March 2022 were approved and taken as read.

**Granted/Refusal of Applications**

**APP/P1133/X/21/3288187 –** Appeal for refusal of a certificate of lawful use or development for the existing use of the land for the siting of caravans, without complying with condition 2 of planning permission 93/2752/15/3 and condition 3 of planning permission 96/2562/15/4 at Ross Park Homes Ltd Park Hill Farm Moor Road, Ipplepen. **Appeal allowed**

**To consider the following planning applications:**

**22/00273/HOU –** Front and rear dormer windows at 2, Dornafield Close.

**Comment:** Coun.Farrow proposed that there were reservations concerning this application, and should Teignbridge District Council be of a mind to approve this application, that any windows overlooking the rear of the property be of obscured glass. Seconded by Coun.Smith (All unanimous).

**22/00451/CLDE -** Certificate of lawfulness for existing use as general industry (Use Class B2 & B8) in non compliance with condition 3 on planning permission 94/02713/FUL (Building for timber storage and arboricultural and forestry use) at Wrigwell Estate Ipplepen.

**Comment:** Coun.Farrow was unable to view the above application as there were no results shown on the Teignbridge District Council Planning Portal.

**22/00506/HOU –** Retrospective application for garden room at Sunningdale, Totnes Road.

**Comment:** Coun.Farrow proposed that Ipplepen Parish Council object to this application as it interferes with the amenity of the adjacent property, and in breach of condition no 3 of approved application 18/02493/FUL. Should the Planning Officer be mindful to approve this application, the Parish Council request that it is determined by Committee. Seconded by Coun.Mrs.Calland. (All unanimous).

**22/00527/HOU –** Rear extension at Stoneleigh, Blackstone Road.

**Comment:** Coun.Farrow proposed no objection to this application. Seconded by Coun.Mrs.Calland (All unanimous).

**22/00542/CAN–** Prune seven poplars and fell one poplar at Paternoster House, Paternoster Lane.

**Comment:** Coun.Farrow proposed no objection to this application. Seconded by Coun.Mrs.Calland (All unanimous).

**22/00552/LBC -** Installation of internal walls at ground floor, first floor and within roof space at Hay Cottage, Dainton.

**Comment:** Coun.Farrow proposed no objection to this application. Seconded by Coun.Smith (All unanimous).

**22/00557/CLDE** **-** Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of Dane Cottage and Hay Cottage as separate dwellings at Dane Cottage, Dainton.

**Comment:** Coun.Farrow proposed no objection to this application. Seconded by Coun.Smith. (All unanimous).

**APPEAL - 21/00077/REF -**Appeal against refusal of planning permission for 21/00831/FUL - New dwelling at Grove House, Totnes Road.

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

**To Note - E2/15/28 -** Tree Preservation Order 2022 at Blackstone Road, Ipplepen.

Coun.Farrow has had problems accessing the Planning Portal on Teignbridge District Council’s website. Ipplepen Parish Council look forward to TDC sorting this issue out.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Coun.Rattlidge left the meeting at 8.32pm\*\*\*\*\*

196) **AMENITIES** - Coun.Palethorpe

The Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 8th March 2022, were approved and taken as read.

a) **CCTV Recreation Ground**

The enhanced CCTV has been installed at the Recreation Ground. The system consists of four cameras which provide full coverage of the Recreation Ground and the entrances to the Recreation Ground Toilet Block. The system allows a facility to access it as a live feed online and also to be able to capture very clear images if and when required.

Notices informing users that CCTV is in operation have been fitted.

The CCTV system will be registered under the Data Protection Act Regulations with HM Government.

b) **Recreation Ground Toilets - Maintenance.**

The specification for the refurbishment of the toilet block has been put on the Parish Council website and advertised on Spotted Ipplepen informing potential contractors of how to quote for the work.

A number of residents have requested that the Recreation Ground Toilets remain open until 6pm during the summer months. The current closing time is 5pm. (The signage actually states 10pm). It was agreed unanimously to close the toilets at the Recreation Ground at 8pm.

The Clampitt Road toilets are now open 24hrs during the summer months.

c) **Recreation Ground Tornado**

The Tornado has been put Out of Action due to damage to one of the upper strops. Investigation into repairs are in hand.

d) **Grounds Maintenance**

The Parish Council grounds maintenance contractor has continued to provide an excellent service across the Parish. Repairs to the Allotment Lane Fence and Kissing Gate are in hand.

e) **Tree Nursery**

The tree nursery is now in place. We have managed to source a bundle of 50 assorted tree ‘whips’ to start the nursery. We will identify the individual type of tree during the summer.

f) **Recreation Ground Toddler Play Area**

Signage making it clear that the equipment is for Under 8 year old children has been installed.

g) **Recreation Ground - Dog**

There is clear signage that dogs (with the exception of assistance dogs) are not permitted however there have been a number of reports of dogs being walked/run on the Recreation Ground. The Warden has been informed. The enhanced CCTV will help in identifying those responsible people and the information passed on to the Warden for action to be taken in accordance with the ByLaws.

h) **Allotments**

An allotment inspection will take place in April.

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

**Balance No. £ 65,228.67**

Mill Centre – Rent £ 55.00

Ipplepen Community Fund – Grant for Platinum Jubilee fireworks £ 1,000.00

Donation - Collection for Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal £ 440.35

MCMC – Reimbursement for Electricity £ 11.00

**Balance £ 66,735.02**

**Invoices Received and Approved: £ 35,935.16**

**Balance £ 30,799.86**

**Outstanding VAT Refund £ 1,823.41**

**Year End Balance incl. o.s.VAT for 2021/2022 £ 32,623.27**

**Reserve Account Balance at 31.03.2022 £ 146,027.77**

**Interest £ 12.77**

 **£ 146,040.54**

**Overall Year End Balance incl. o.s. VAT £ 178,663.81**

198) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY**

a) To consider and approve the tenders received for the footpath East of A381, Totnes Road.

Two quotations were received for the resurfacing of the A381 Footpath.

**RESOLUTION:** Coun.Smith proposed to accept Tender ‘B’, seconded by Coun.Farrow and agreed unanimously at £19,798.80 including VAT.

The Contractor will be White Rose Tarmacadam Ltd.

b) The footpath has been resurfaced along Newhayes and Biltor Road.

The next Highways meeting in on Wednesday 16th March 2022.

199) **IPPLEPEN POST OFFICE** – Coun.Palethorpe

The Parish Council has received an offer from the Public Works Loan Board.

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

**Beating of the Bounds Thursday 2nd June 2022** **–** The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th April 2022.

**Platinum Picnic in the Park - 4th June 2022 -**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th April 2022.

201) **APPROVE AGENDA FOR PARISH ASSEMBLY**

The Agenda for the Parish Assembly was approved.

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

203) To note the date of the next PC meeting: **Tuesday 3rd May at 7.15pm**

**Other meetings due:**

**Platinum 6th April 2022 at 7pm**

**Amenities: 12th April 2022 at 7pm**

**B.Bounds 14th April 2022 at 7pm**

**Plans/Highways: 20th April 2022 at 7pm**

**Parish Assy 21st April 2022 at 7.15pm**

Meeting Closed at 21.16pm