

IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at Ipplepen Millennium Centre

On Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7.15pm

In attendance:

Coun.Mrs.Olding (Chairman)	Coun.Mrs.Calland
Coun.Burnham	Coun.Smith
Coun.Carnell	Coun.Farrow
Coun.Rattlidge	

Miss Cat Freston – Parish Clerk

Coun.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.

29) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Palethorpe, Coun.Ranjit (apologies approved unanimously).

30) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – No declaration of interest.

31) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2022 and Extraordinary meeting on 20th June 2022, were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

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

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

a) An email has been received from DCC regarding the Parish Paths Partnership, free strimmer/brushcutter courses for July 2022. The course is for P3 volunteers only and the dates are Thursday 7th July and Thursday 21st July 2022.

b) Ipplepen Bowling Club have sent a letter to the Parish Council, thanking them for the two rolls of fencing which were delivered to the club, to enable them to erect the fence along the back of the clubhouse.

c) Ipplepen Carnival Club have emailed regarding a change in times for the use of the recreation ground on 8th July 2022, they would like to access from 2.00pm instead of 4.00pm to 9.00pm to host the Common Players – Approved by all Councillors (unanimously).

d) Ipplepen Carnival Club have emailed to ask for permission to use the Recreation Ground on Friday 12th August and Saturday 13th August 2022 for the Carnival event - All Councillors approved (unanimously).

e) An email has been received from a resident asking if the pedestrian barrier could be replaced between Dornafeld Drive East and West, due to bikes, horse riders and motorbikes riding through. **Action** – Clerk to pass email to Coun.Dewhirst as Devon County Highways removed the barrier.

Coun.Mrs.Olding and Coun.Farrow attended the Community Fund AGM.

Coun.Rattlidge will be attending the Councillor Advocate scheme on Thursday 7th July 2022 and will report back at the next Parish Council meeting in August.

34) **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Coun.Dewhirst

County Report

Devon County Council's long-serving chief executive, Phil Norrey, has announced his retirement. Dr Norrey has held the post since 2006 and is the longest-serving chief executive in the council's history.

He joined the authority in 1998 as deputy director of education before being promoted to director of education.

Dr Norrey, who will be 60 next year, said it was the right time for him to leave and hand over to his successor as a new senior management team takes shape at County Hall.

Dr Norrey said among the highlights of his career in Devon were the major reorganisation of education in Exeter, leading the council through a period of austerity, Devon's response to the pandemic when the county council was the regional lead authority and its current leadership of the Green agenda with his chairmanship of the Devon Climate Change Emergency Response Group and the production of the Carbon Plan to cut emissions.

A significant milestone has been reached for the Plymouth and South Devon Freeport which has now received approval from the Government for its Outline Business Case, along with two of its proposed tax sites.

The freeport in will create a zone designated by the Government with certain allowances to boost the economy. These allowances will include lower taxes and customs, such as favourable tariffs, VAT or duties.

This news will result in the unlocking of millions of pounds worth of funding for the region. It will encourage a resurgence of economic activity with businesses more inclined to open in the area, creating thousands more jobs and bringing vast investment into the local community. This is a huge boost for the whole South West region.

Government approval of the Outline Business Case means that two of the three Freeport tax sites, South Yard and Sherford, are now designated and the Freeport will be officially active from 4 July. The third site, Langage, will likely follow with designation in the autumn.

The Full Business Case sign off for the Freeport is expected in August along with custom site and operator authorisation, enabling qualifying businesses to access the wide variety of benefits that come with being part of the Freeport.

District Report

Covid-19 cases are rising nationally and in Devon with the latest figures showing an increase in the number of people in hospital with coronavirus and a rise in positive cases overall. As numbers increase, it is important that we minimise the risk of transmission of respiratory diseases, including Covid.

Director of Public Health Devon Steve Brown is reminding everyone that Covid has not gone away. "The national advice has not changed. If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well, try to stay at home and avoid contact with others".

"Testing is no longer expected for most people. However, if people still have any tests, I would suggest that they could use them ahead of situations where they know they'll be in close contact with vulnerable people.

"And simple hand hygiene is also still important, not just to protect from coronavirus, but also for fighting other infectious illnesses. It's a simple precaution, but still effective."

Letters have gone out to all the residents who were eligible to apply for the latest allocation of the Household Support Fund, providing them with vouchers to redeem for cash at their post office.

The next phase of the allocation is currently being tested and will enable any resident to apply online for funds, and this application form is due to open in early July. We anticipate huge demand for these funds and will be applying the criteria published by Devon County Council on Household Support Fund payments.

The final letters for the £150 council tax rebate will have gone out to remaining residents by this time, so our Customer Support team will be able to support the online application process for any residents who need it.

Devon has produced a Connectme special edition on the cost of living which sets out a range of financial support available.

The Council were contacted by the MDA to say that with immediate effect they will no longer be publishing the list of applications in the paper unless we pay for it.

The list of applications is something that they historically have always chosen to publish for their readers and is not part of the publicity that we are required to carry out under legislation. Statutory notices (paid for) will continue to be published in the paper. All applications are available to view online and site notices/neighbour letters are produced in line with legislation and therefore we do not consider that it would be reasonable to pay for this service.

Out of interest they made the same request for payment several years ago and the Council gave the same response but in the end they decided to carry on publishing it as their readers complained to them when the weekly list did not appear.

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

35) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

To consider the following planning applications:

22/00857/FUL – Proposed new dwelling at 33, Tremlett Grove.

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

22/01008/FUL – Improve existing access, level existing yard area and proposed agricultural storage building at Dainton Cross, Marldon Road.

Comment: Coun.Farrow proposed no objection in principle, providing that the landscaping shown is adhered to. Seconded by Coun.Burnham (All unanimous).

22/01156/AGR – Agricultural building for storage of farm machinery fertiliser and seeds at Bulleigh Barton Farm, Ipplepen.

Comment: Coun.Farrow proposed no objection, Seconded by Coun.Smith. (All unanimous).

36) **AMENITIES** - Parish Clerk

- There was no amenities report.
- Chapter 8 – Renewal – The Clerk has contacted a company in Saltash about Chapter 8 training, they are holding a course on Thursday 7th July 2022 but no one is able to attend. Coun.Burnham is going to enquire with a local company to see if they carry out the training and will report at the Amenities meeting on Tuesday 12th July 2022.

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

Balance No.	£ 64,403.86
MCMC - Reimbursement for electricity	£ 29.00
ICC – Rent	£ 112.50
Allotment Tenants – Rent	£ 105.00
Football Club – Rent	£ 150.00

Bookers - Refund for Beating of Bounds drink stop provisions (sundries)	£	257.54
Sum Up - Receipt of payment for Jack wood (in correct log in on machine)	£	33.43
Balance	£	65,091.33
<u>Invoices Received and Approved:</u>	£	7,828.14
Balance	£	57,263.19
<u>Reserve Account Balance</u>	£	138,540.54
		£ 195,803.73

Items to discuss: Nothing to discuss

38) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY**

Coun.Smith reported that the footpaths and hedges have been cut by DCC Highways.

The order has been placed with the contractors for the A381 footpath. Coun.Smith has replied to DCC Highways queries and is still awaiting a reply. Coun.Smith is meeting with one of the landowners later this week.

39) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Consultation finished on 5th June 2022.

Coun.rattlidge will liaise with Rob Kelly from TDC once he returns to the office and hoping to get the minor alterations and will report back at the August Parish Council meeting.

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

Coun.Mrs.Olding circulated an income and expenditure report as below.

Coun.Rattlidge thanked Coun.Mrs.Olding again for all her hard work with the Beating of the Bounds and the Platinum Jubilee.

Income/Expenditure for Platinum Jubilee as at 5th July, 2022

INCOME

Parish Council	8,000.00	
Community Fund Grant	1,000.00	
Donations	560.00	
Gate	2,366.00	
Total Income		11,926.00

EXPENDITURE

Picnic in the Park

Bins	300.00
Security/Medical	1,582.20
Barriers	312.00
Wrist Bands	118.80
Stage/Lighting	1,000.00
Sign Printing	25.00

Event License	56.00	
Village Hall (Electricity only hall free)	20.00	
Toilets	1,246.50	
Fireworks	2,000.00	
Bands	1,080.00	
Jester	220.00	
Sundries (prizes etc.)	149.58	
Souvenir Pin Badges for Primary School Children	175.00	
Sub Total		8,285.08
<u>Beating the Bounds</u>		
Drink Stops £374.82 less Refund £257.54	117.28	
Souvenir Scrolls	153.60	
Medical provided by 1 st Ambulance	493.00	
Sub Total	763.88	
Overall Total		9,048.96
Balance in Hand		£2,877.04

The above expenditure is VAT included on certain items, which will be refunded in due course.

41) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – No Members of the public present.

42) To note the date of the next PC meeting: **Tuesday 2nd August at 7.15pm**

Meeting Closed at 20.39pm