

IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at Ipplepen Millennium Centre

On Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.15pm

In attendance:

Coun.Palethorpe (Chairman)	Coun.Rattlidge
Coun.Carnell	Coun.Jerwood

Miss Cat Freston – Parish Clerk

Eight 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.

56) **APOLOGIES** – Coun.Mrs.Calland, Coun.Farrow, Coun.Mrs.Olding (Vice Chair), Coun.Smith, Coun.Ranjit, Coun.Burnham, Coun.Dewhirst - District/County Councillor. (Apologies approved unanimously).

57) **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

There was one applicant that applied who was Mr Bill Jerwood. Coun.Carnell proposed and Coun.Rattlidge Seconded and the vote was unanimous. Coun.Jerwood was welcomed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and will complete the Register of Interest Form and return to the Parish Clerk.

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

59) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

60) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Lots of concerns were raised about the Country Bus 177 service and if it will continue and what can be done to stop cars being parked in an anti social way.

Coun.Palethorpe asked for item 11 – The Country Bus 177 to be brought forward due to a lot of members of the public present to discuss this item. (Agreed unanimously)

60) **COUNTRY BUS 177**

Background.

Country Bus Devon is the Local Bus Operator who currently provide a service to Ipplepen with six stops (Clampitt Road x 2, Wellington Inn, Caunters Close, The Hub and Foredown Road) in the village.

Country Bus Devon are the largest independent bus operator in Devon who run 31 local bus services along with many school buses.

There has for some considerable time been issues of the bus service either being unable to consistently and easily access the part of the route from the Wellington Inn to the Co-op due to inconsiderate parking creation a bottleneck on the route.

This has been an ongoing issue in which an application for a Traffic Order requesting an extension of Yellow No Parking lines was turned down because it lacked the support from residents.

The issue around parking cannot be resolved by Yellow No Parking lines due to the legislation that allows vehicle owners to park for 10 minutes without penalty whilst loading/unloading and the lack of traffic enforcement officers available to monitor parking patterns.

Following yet another collision with a parked vehicle Country Bus Devon posted a notice on the bus stops in Clampitt Road (opposite Crokers Way), Wellington Inn and Caunters Close that,

Due to ongoing issues with parked vehicles, between The Wellington & The Co-op, the 177 will until further notice go via Croft Road between Clampitt Road and East Street.

The Parish Council contacted Country Bus Devon and expressed serious reservations about the Route Diversion which briefly are,

1. Croft Road is not a viable Route Diversion due to the nature of the road itself and the very tight right turn into East Street at The Hub.
2. Ipplepen has a higher than average number of elderly residents who use the Bus Service and who will now be unable to access the service having to walk down to The Hub
3. The bus stop at The Hub is sited at a very narrow part of East Street with very little space for people to wait.
4. Young people who catch the bus at the Wellington PH or Caunters close will now have to either go to the Hub bus stop or the Clampitt Road bus stop opposite Croft Road.
5. We requested clarification of what the company meant by "Until further notice".

Country Bus Devon were very clear in their response which was that "until further notice" is exactly what it says, there is no time frame and they are going to review the new route, however it would seem going down Croft Road isn't making it any better. Country Bus did say that if it doesn't improve they will be looking at stopping the bus service to Ipplepen altogether.

Country Bus said that there is a large vehicle (Range Rover type) that is parking outside the Wellington Inn which is making the turn out of Clampitt Road into Fore Street difficult which is a recent issue but the main issue is cars being parked on both sides down towards the Co-op from the Wellington Inn. They don't think yellow lines would help but suggested that putting some barriers down the road to stop cars parking either side. The bus needs a minimum of 2.5m to get through safely.

Country Bus Devon have been informed that this will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 6th September 2022.

DCC were informed of the Route Change decision taken by Country Bus and informed Alistair Dewhirst the Ipplepen County Councillor that they had informed the bus company that they must give 70 days notice of the change.

Subsequently Country Bus sent the Parish Council, Cllr Dewhirst and DCC the following message.

Subject: 177 Ipplepen

Message Body:

We have been forced to stop coming into Ipplepen as residents of Croft Road have now started parking to obstruct the bus, and we cannot safely use the section route between The Wellington and the Co-op. I hope some resolution is possible whereby the bus can be assured of getting through the village and we can resume normal service.

I am keeping Devon County Council informed of the situation and I hope we can resume service in the near future

The Parish Council and Cllr Dewhirst contacted Country Bus making it clear that this was unacceptable and sought to find a solution that would allow the service to be reinstated.

It was agreed that provided the Parish Council leaflet those parking between the Wellington Inn and Co-op informing them that they should leave a minimum of 2.5m access space for the bus and also monitor the route to ensure that the route is accessible they would re-instate the service as of 30th August.

The following leaflets were delivered,

Parish Council - Polite Request -

177 Bus Route

Good morning

As you may be aware Country Bus Devon has withdrawn the 177 Bus Service from Ipplepen because of the lack of a safe 2.5m wide passage along the route between the Wellington Inn and the Co-op.

Having discussed the issue with Country Bus Devon they have agreed that providing a 2.5m wide passage is available they will re-instate the 177 Bus Service as of Tuesday 30th August.

It is therefore requested that when parking along this part of the route you give due consideration to ensuring that the access route is permanently available.

Regards

David Palethorpe
Chair - Ipplepen Parish Council

In addition on the 30th August Parish Councillors, Rattlidge, Smith along with Cllr Dewhirst monitored the route and confirmed that the access along the route in Fore Street was a minimum of 3.3m.

The bus service has now been reinstated, however it must be stressed that in the event of people parking in an inconsiderate manner that would prevent the bus service safely accessing the route the service would once again be discontinued.

A number of long term solution options to the problem caused by inconsiderate parking will now be considered by the Highways and Traffic Order Committee, however it should also be stressed that any solution may take up to 24 months to implement.

61) CORRESPONDENCE AND OUTSIDE BODIES – Parish Clerk

a) An email has been received from Bruce Hooker who kindly looks after the Defibrillators in the Village. The AEDS have been recalled and temporary replacements will be provided whilst the current ones are having a software upgrade. As part of the recall the batteries will be checked and we will be advised if replacements are needed.

b) An email has been received asking if it would be possible to have sole use of parking at the front of the pre school for their wedding on 10th September 2022, from 10.30am – 2pm. The area would be for the bridal party and the photographer. **Action** – Clerk to reply that Coun.Carnell will cordon off the car park on the evening before.

c) An email has been received from the Candlelit Procession Organisers to say that it is with much sadness that unfortunately the St Andrews Medieval Candlelit Procession will not be able to take place this year.

d) An invitation has been from Dawlish Town Council for their Annual Civic Service on Sunday 25th September 2022 at 3pm. **Action** – Clerk to reply that Coun.Palethorpe would like to attend.

e) PKF Littlejohn who are the external auditors have sent a letter to say they have completed their review of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for year ended 31 March 2022.

Coun.Palethorpe, Coun.Rattlidge and Coun.Mrs.Olding attended the re-opening of the new Hub on Saturday 3rd September 2022.

62) **PLANNING** – Coun.Palethorpe The Minutes of the Plans Meeting held on 17th August 2022 were approved and taken as read

To consider the following planning applications:

63) **AMENITIES**

The Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 9th August 2022, were approved and taken as read.

Recreation Ground Issues

Following the August Parish Council meeting the issues arising were followed up and the waste bins from the Annual Garden Show and IppeTipple have now been removed from the Recreation Ground and the hole for the May Pole has been backfilled.

There have been incidents of broken glass being left in the Toddler Play Area and Recreation Ground. Whilst every attempt has been made to collect all of the glass users of the Play Areas should be conscious that shards of glass may remain and should wear shoes whilst at the Recreation Ground.

Recreation Ground Plant Room/Millennium Centre

The plant room has now been cleared of all rubbish and the rubbish behind the Parish Council shed at the Millennium Centre has been removed.

Recreation Ground Adventure Trail

The adventure trail has a number of rotten posts and other damage that requires action. Quotes are being sourced to carry out the repairs/upgrade for consideration by the Council.

Millennium Centre

The staff toilet and the door have now been repaired. The cherry tree has been crown lifted. The issue of an overflowing sewage drain at the rear of the Millennium Centre has been resolved our thanks to Lee at XJet Services for their prompt action.

Chapter 8 Training

Five Parish Councillors (Burnham, Carnell, Farrow, Palethorpe, Rattlidge,) along with two members of the Ippepen Carnival Committee completed Chapter 8 trading on Saturday 6 August.

Clampitt Road Toilets

The ladies toilet seats have once again had to be repaired and reinstalled

Recreation Ground Toilet Refurbishment

The sourcing of contractors to carry out the redecoration of the Toilet Block has been progressed and tenders will be for the consideration of the Council

Allotments - Additional Water Supply

The amenity committee consented to request for an additional water supply to be installed on the lower allotments. The feasibility of installing an additional water supply is being investigated.

Vandalism - Picnic Benches

Sadly one of the small picnic benches had been removed from the toddler play area and damaged.

The Goal Post at the Recreation Ground has been damaged.

Two waste bins at the Skatepark have regrettably had to be removed due to the metal inner bins being vandalised. Repairs/replacements will be sourced.

a) To consider and approve the tenders received for the redecorating of the toilet block at the Recreation Ground.

One quotation has been received for the redecorating of the toilet block at the Recreation Ground..

RESOLUTION: Coun.Carnell proposed to accept Tender 'A', seconded by Coun.Jerwood and agreed unanimously at £3,460.00.

The Contractor will be Lee Fewings Painting and Decorating.

b) To consider and approve the tenders received for repairs to the adventure trail play equipment.

One quotation has been received for repairs to the adventure trail play equipment.

RESOLUTION: Coun.Carnell proposed to accept Tender 'A', seconded by Coun.Rattlidge and agreed unanimously at £4,150.00 + VAT.

The Contractor will Outdoor Play Devon Ltd.

64) **FINANCE & PERSONNEL** – Parish Clerk

Balance No.	£ 54,618.60
MCMC - Reimbursement for electricity	£ 25.80
Mill Centre – Rent	£ 55.00
Allotment Tenant – Rent	£ 30.00
ICC – Rent	£ 112.50
Balance	£ 63,340.31
<u>Invoices Received and Approved:</u>	£ 8,721.71
Balance	£ 54,618.60
<u>Reserve Account Balance</u>	£ 138,540.54
	£ 193,159.14

Items to discuss:

a) To discuss and approve the transfer of £1,000 from Neighbourhood Plan Reserve Account.

It was duly approved (All unanimous) **Action** – Clerk to transfer

b) To discuss and approve the transfer of £300.00 from the Mill Centre Reserve Account

It was duly approved (All unanimous) **Action** – Clerk to transfer

65) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY** – Coun.Ratlidge

- a) Coun.Ratlidge and Coun.Smith have met with Andy at Prosigns and we are awaiting prices.
- b) Coun.Smith has sent all the information relating to the A381 footpath to White Rose Tarmacadam and they are able to commence work on 7th November. Coun.Smith will confirm that date if everyone is happy. (Agreed unanimously).
- c) Coun.Smith still has to put together a maintenance agreement and has also advised Simon Pearson at DCC of our wish to place urban speed limit notification devices in hot spots around the village and is awaiting his response.
- d) Since the last meeting Coun.Smith has had a very irate resident from Bilver Cross on the telephone complaining about farm vehicles causing damage to her property. They were under the impression that Coun.Smith worked for DCC Highways. He corrected her and then contacted a local farmer who allowed him to listen in on his face to face conversation with them. The farmer managed to placate her and Coun.Smith hasn't heard anymore.
- e) Within the last two weeks the strips of damaged running coarse in Clampitt Road have been repaired and filled.

66) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Following the Parish Council meeting in August, various amendments were made following comments from statutory consultees after reg14 consultation in June.

The draft basic conditions statement was received from LB planning and forwarded to councillors on 17th August 2022. As there were no additional comments, the statement was confirmed on 24th August 2022.

With further additions Ipplepen Neighbourhood Plan consultation document to include reg 14 details, the Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Teignbridge District Council on 31st August 2022.

We await details of next steps from them.

Coun.Palethorpe thanked Coun.Ratlidge on behalf of the Parish Council for all his hard work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

67) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – A parishioner thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work.

68) To note the date of the next PC meeting: **Tuesday 4th October at 7.15pm**

Meeting Closed at 20.24pm.