

IPPLEPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at Ipplepen Millennium Centre

On Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.15pm

In attendance:

Coun.Palethorpe (Chairman)	Coun.Rattlidge
Coun.Mrs.Olding (Vice Chair)	Coun.Smith
Coun.Carnell	Coun.Jerwood
Coun.Mrs.Calland	Coun.Farrow
Coun.Ranjit	Coun.Burnham

Miss Cat Freston – Parish Clerk

Coun.Dewhirst - District/County Councillor

Three members of the public present

A minutes silence was held for Queen Elizabeth II and to note the proclamation of the accession of King Charles III.

69) **APOLOGIES** – (Apologies approved unanimously).

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

71) **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

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

- a) A member of the public who was present at the last Parish Council meeting has contacted Anne Marie Morris's office regarding the closure threat to the 177 bus service in Ipplepen. They have replied to report that Anne Marie is aware of the situation and has been in touch with Country Bus to seek updates on the service and to offer any needed support in ensuring the parking issues are resolved and that the route can continue as it has done in the past.
The Bus Service seems to be running well and the Parish Council hope that it continues and there is no more anti-social parking within the Village.
- b) An email has been received by a resident regarding their concerns for the parking along Foredown Road. Parked cars are blocking the access ramps and parking along the wall, forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. **Action** - Coun.Smith will look into this and liaise with Coun.Dewhirst.

OUTSIDE BODIES

Coun.Rattlidge attended the Police Advocate Seminar on Tuesday 27th August 2002 in Plymouth, which spoke about antisocial behaviour, HM Prison and Probation Service for Devon and Torbay on community payback.

Raising awareness on the new CCTV mechanism and training on use of GoodSAM (retrieving of CCTV and digital evidence) and the community trigger scheme and how it works.

The MCMC met on Tuesday 20th August 2022. South West Water are increasing the direct debit from £70.00 per month to £145 per month, this is due to the amount of water used by the taps being left on all night at the toilet block at the Recreation Ground last Winter. Coun.Smith proposed the parish council pay the outstanding balance of £186.28 to SWW to clear the balance and they will review the monthly direct debit. Also to pay MCMC £73.00 to cover the increase. Seconded by Coun.Farrow (all unanimous). The maintenance check needs carrying out on the Mill Centre – which will be carried out before Christmas.

74) **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Coun.Dewhurst

County Report

Crowds, including scores of invited dignitaries, gathered in the grounds of Devon County Council's County Hall in Exeter to hear the High Sheriff of Devon officially read the Proclamation confirming King Charles III as monarch.

It followed the principal Proclamation made at St James's Place, Westminster, where the Clerk to the Privy Council, Richard Tilbrook proclaimed Charles "King, head of the Commonwealth, defender of the faith", before declaring "God Save the King".

With full ceremony, heralded by a bugler's fanfare and welcome from the King's representative, Lord-Lieutenant of Devon, the High Sheriff read the Privy Council proclamation, as hundreds present looked on. Many more observed the ceremony via a live-stream.

Bishop Robert, the Rt Rev The Lord Bishop of Exeter, led the Prayer of Accession followed by the Lord's prayer.

And the choir and onlookers sang together the new national anthem – 'God save our gracious King, long live our noble King, God save the King.'

The flag flying over County Hall, which was lowered to half-mast at the announcement of the death of Her late Majesty, had been raised fully for the proclamation. Later, the flag was lowered back to half-mast for the remainder of the period of mourning.

Sadly, due to being in Germany to witness my grandson start school, I was not able to attend the proclamation but managed to pay my respects and sign the Book of Condolence at the Residenz in Munich.

On more mundane but important matters urgent work to head off the Council's cost of living overspend has identified nearly £19 million of extra income and savings.

Senior officials from every council department have been working over the summer to identify savings following a warning from the Director of Finance that the authority was facing an unprecedented black hole in its finances caused by the cost-of-living crisis and spiralling demand for help for vulnerable children and adults.

It is predicted that the council could overspend by more than £40 million in the current financial year, which included £10 million of extra costs from soaring inflation.

In a new report the Director says that £18.6 million in savings and extra income has been identified by the financial sustainability task force. Her report says: "The formation of the Financial Sustainability Programme is having a positive, immediate and significant impact on the projected overspend. However, the underlying position has worsened since month two and this must be addressed as a matter of urgency".

A ground-breaking camera system which uses AI to catch drivers using mobile phones behind the wheel is being trialled in Devon and Cornwall. The technology, which can also detect whether drivers are wearing a seatbelt and the car's speed, is being rolled out on select routes over the next two months.

The trial is being funded by the Vision Zero South West road safety partnership and overseen by Devon and Cornwall Police to deter drivers from distractions which can result in serious and fatal collisions.

Any images in which a potential offence is detected are then reviewed by a human. If an offence has been correctly identified, the driver will either be sent a warning letter or a notice of intended prosecution, depending on the severity.

Community Catalysts have been commissioned by the County Council to assist people to become self-employed or form community ventures which offer care and support to older and disabled people. The people who offer this support are Community Micro Enterprises. The goal is to make sure that people who need care and support to live their lives can get help in ways, times and places that suit them, with real choice of attractive local options. They offer a development programme to help people turn their ideas and skills into their own small care enterprise. Coaching, mentoring, support and signposting is offered to ensure their enterprise is safe, legal, sustainable and able to provide high quality care and support. All of the support which is offered is free of charge and is funded by the County Council. The development programme gives a friendly and supportive point of contact to explore people's ideas and provides practical information on developing an enterprise, accessing training, regulation, getting policies and procedures in place, and the opportunities available within health and social care. People do not necessarily need a background in care but must be passionate about making a difference to people's lives.

Enterprises might offer support with things like: cooking and cleaning, sitting and chatting, washing and dressing or have other creative ideas like offering activities or social opportunities in the community. For the people who need support, micro-enterprises which are rooted in their local community can be appealing as they are able to provide a consistent, responsive and bespoke approach.

If you are interested in offering care and support, please get in touch – ☎ Call or text: 07741 260 674 ✉ Email: alex.woolaway@communitycatalysts.co.uk 🌐 Visit: <https://www.communitycatalysts.co.uk/project/work-for-yourself-care-help-at-home>

District Report

It is going to be a tough winter and a difficult year - District council leaders have warned that essential services are threatened by inflationary pressures.

Research by the District Councils' Network suggests that rising costs mean district councils face a total budget shortfall of over £900m across 2022-23 and 2023-24, due to rising inflation and pay pressures. As I have mentioned here before Teignbridge are looking at a £2 million black hole over the next two years – we are planning hard to ensure that there will be a continuation of service to our Council Tax payers.

Teignbridge are updating on the Avian Flu outbreak. There are a number of avian flu outbreaks in flocks and wild birds across the district and alongside this, authorities are hearing of instances of the (well meaning) general public picking up sick or dead birds and taking them to vets/animal hospitals etc. We need your help to discourage this action as they could be putting themselves at risk, and instead we want to direct people to contact DEFRA's helpline 03459 335577 if they see unwell/dead birds that meet the threshold just published.

- one or more dead bird of prey or owl
- 3 or more dead gulls or wild waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks)
- 5 or more dead birds of any species

For anything that falls outside this threshold, our waste crews have been tasked with collecting dead birds only, on public land and our customer support teams have been advised on the protocols, should we be contacted. Decisions will be made based on the location and the priority given to its removal, as well as any risk to staff.

The launch of the Teignbridge Lottery has generated an enthusiastic response. Almost 100 organisations from across the district registered to join the Zoom launch of The Teignbridge Lottery for Communities which has already generated 15 applications to be part of this new exciting fundraising initiative for good causes.

Participants joined from all parts of the district and there was a good representation of groups covering a wide range of interests including arts, health and wellbeing, food and nutrition, libraries, young people, children and older people.

The launch event explained how organisations could get involved, help promote the lottery and benefit from the funding raised which will see 50% of the ticket sales go direct to the good causes and 10% going into a small grants fund that the Council will distribute to local projects.

The event also marked the launch of our dedicated lottery website which enables charities and good causes to get involved with the lottery, the first tickets for which will go on sale at the beginning of November.

A highlight of the launch was a poem 'A difference in Teignbridge', written and read for the occasion by Matt Harvey. In it, Matt describes the impact of Covid on the voluntary and community sector, and name checks many of the organisations attending the launch, and the difference they make to society.

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

75) **PLANNING** – Coun.Farrow

The Minutes of the Plans Meeting held on 27th September 2022 were approved and taken as read

To consider the following planning applications:

22/01601/FUL - Change of use to two dwellings at Ipplepen Post Office, Fore Street.

Comment: Coun.Farrow proposed no objection providing that there are conditions on the affordability. Seconded by Coun.Rattlidge. (nine for, 1 abstention). Coun.Farrow will send the conditions through to all Councillors before the comments are submitted to TDC.

22/01691/CAN - T1, Sycamore (adjacent to BT pole): Crown reduction (Reducing height by 2m and crown radial spread by 1m).

T2, Sycamore: Crown reduction (Reducing height by 2m and crown radial spread by 1m).

T3, Monterey Cypress: Remove deadwood greater than 10mm in diameter.

H1, Laurel hedge: Reduce in height by up to 1m (to achieve level top).

T4, T5 T6, Sweet Chestnuts: Fell at Windmill Brake, Beech Trees Lane.

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

22/01788/CAN - T1, Willow: Re-pollard at approx. 4m (as indicated in the annotated image) at 23, North Street.

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

22/01803/HOU - Single storey rear extension and alterations at 8, Cooke Drive.

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

76) **AMENITIES**

The Minutes of the Amenities meeting held on 26th September 2022, were approved and taken as read.

Recreation Ground Issues

A contract for repairs and upgrading the Adventure Trail has been awarded and the work will start towards the end of October.

A contract for the internal and external redecoration of the toilet block has been awarded and the work will be carried out in October.

In line with previous years winter arrangements the Recreation block will now be locked between 1700 hrs and 0800 hrs. Repairs to the electrical locking system fitted to the doors has been carried out.

New waste bins have been ordered to replace those that have been vandalised, the junior picnic table is to be repaired.

Repairs to the skatepark have been carried out to repair the damage to the quarter pipe surface.

The goal posts have now been repaired.

Millennium Centre

The external lights have now been repaired and two LED strip lights have been installed to replace fluorescent tube fittings in the kitchen and children's toilets

Christmas Tree

The village Christmas Tree has been ordered and will be installed towards the end of November.

Allotments - Additional Water Supply

The amenity committee has agreed to a request for an additional water supply to be installed on the lower allotments.

Environment

The committee met with representatives of IpplePlanet to discuss having a combined working group to investigate how improvements can be carried out in the village as part of the Parish Council commitment to the environment. It was approved (unanimously) to combine a working group with the Amenities group and IpplePlanet. However IpplePlant will not be covered under the Parish Council insurance.

77) FINANCE & PERSONNEL – Coun.Mrs.Olding

Balance No.	£ 50,732.24
MCMC - Reimbursement for electricity	£ 23.20
Mill Centre – Rent	£ 55.00
TDC - Precept payment for second half 2022/2023	£ 32,291.50
BANK – transfer from Reserve Account to Neighbourhood Plan	£ 1,000.00
BANK – transfer from Reserve Account to Mill Centre	£ 300.00
Balance	£ 84,401.94
<u>Invoices Received and Approved:</u>	£ 5,900.07
Balance	£ 78,501.87
<u>Reserve Account Balance</u>	£ 137,240.54
	£ 215,742.41

Items to discuss:

- a) **RESOLUTION:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously to approve the Insurance Renewal at a premium of £3,251.70 as quoted by Hiscox Insurance Company Limited.
- b) It was proposed, seconded and agreed to purchase a memorial bench for Queen Elizabeth II. Coun.Dewhirst has offered to grant some money towards the new bench.

78) **HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY** – Coun.Rattlidge

- a) Road maintenance has been carried out in various locations around the village i.e.Grange Close, Clampitt Road. The potholes down Edgelands Lane have not been carried out as yet.
- b) Work is due to start on 7th November 2022 for the A381 footpath.

79) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

There are a few minor alterations to make to the Neighbourhood Plan which was submitted to Teignbridge on 31st August 2022, Coun.Rattlidge is hoping to hear back by the end of October, early November and will report back to the Parish Council.

80) **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – A member of the public asked if there was any progress on the yellow lines along Fore Street. Coun.Dewhirst has submitted the plans for yellow lines to DCC which will be going to HATOC on 4th November 2022.

81) To note the date of the next PC meeting: **Tuesday 1st November at 7.15pm**

Meeting Closed at 21.07