

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 1 October 2014

Present:	Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Anthony French Cllr Tom Hill Cllr Julian Hull Cllr Dominic Morby Cllr Barry Smith Cllr Derrick White	Chairman Vice Chairman (Arrived at 1850)
In Attendance	Cllr Tony Dempster Cllr Beryl Austen Cllr Mike Walters PCSO Colin Rider 4 Members of the Public	County Councillor District Councillor District Councillor Police Community Support Officer

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
112/14	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1830 and apologies for absence were received from the Clerk, Ashley Lamb.</p>
113/14	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the 3 Sep 14 meeting and the 24 Sep 14 Planning Meeting be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
114/14	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
115/14	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillor – Tony Dempster</p> <p>Residents wishing to form a community group to initiate a generating or energy saving community may be able to get funding from the South West Region, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation or Devon County Council. Totnes and Plymouth have already started such projects.</p> <p>The facility for Bus Pass holders to travel on School Buses has now been withdrawn as has the Digby Park Park and Ride to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. The RD&E Service will now allow Pass Holders a concessionary £1.20 return fare.</p> <p>The contract for the Bovey Tracey to Newton Abbot Cycle Way that will run parallel to the Stover Canal is scheduled to start in November.</p> <p>The Kingsteignton Library will be discussed in Cabinet on 8 Oct 14. Extending the Wi-Fi provision will form part of this discussion.</p> <p>On Friday, 26 Sep 14 I visited the site of the new 5 Ways Roundabout at Kingsteignton with the Highways Planning and Technical Engineer. Accompanied by Cllr Joan Lambert, District Councillor for Kingsteignton West Ward and Cllr David Rollaston, Kingsteignton Town Council we meet with 25 local residents at the site to listen to their concerns about the new development and all it involves. It was reiterated that the new road and roundabout are the responsibility of Sibelco and not DCC. DCC are only responsible for conducting the audit to say that it is safe.</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen</p> <p>As you may be aware Teignbridge is a politically controlled Council with Conservative control over the last recent term. In recent weeks there have been three Lib Dem moves to the independent group and three Conservative moves, one to UKIP and two to Independent. This now means that there is no overall control by the present Conservative group. This will make a difference to the voting position of the Council with no overall control by the present governing group. On an opposition motion to object to the closing of the facility for the public to visit the reception desk at Newton Abbot Police Station this was already evident both during the debate and upon the successful result. There is no doubt that some of the moves are in anticipation of public opinion at the coming election.</p> <p>Since we are so close to the next election it is likely only minor changes will be made to procedures and</p>

office holders. However voting majorities will count on all matters.

Abbotskerswell are challenging Teignbridge's Development Plan, particularly housing, at a hearing in November. If they succeed this could cause further delays in the overall plan for future developments in Teignbridge.

Kingsteignton Youth Centre Trust are actively involved in working to re-establish youth services to the town as DCC have now closed the Centre. Legal advice is being taken as they had an Agreement with the Trust to run the facility for ten years up to 2017. The Trust will be happy to regain control of the Youth services to the town which have effectively been run down over the past seven years, but seek financial recompense for non-compliance with the Agreement.

Thank you for keeping us informed of your planning interests. It is helpful and essential that we know your views.

District Councillor – Cllr Mike Walters

STRATA

Great News! Department of Communities Local Government (DCLG) announced that Strata, the shared ICT service between Teignbridge, East Devon and Exeter, has received a £970,000 boost from the Transformation Challenge fund. Local Government Minister Kris Hopkin announced that the shared service has secured the funding to support its commitment to re-engineering business practices so all councils can further improve services and reduce costs.

As we are all aware, public services are still facing challenges and many are looking at new and different ways of working to help ensure residents get the best deal.

The Transformation Challenge Award will help councils successfully develop and implement their shared service or efficiency arrangements and the set-up costs associated with them. This can involve councils moving to a single operation across front line services and back offices, while maintaining their separate council identity and elected members, but also includes more limited shared arrangements such as linked IT systems – like Strata - joint procurement and contracting arrangement.

Work continues apace with laying the foundations for the Strata ICT Partnership with East Devon and Exeter. Planning for the implementation of the various work streams, involving officers at all levels, is progressing well, with assistance from Financial Services, Personnel, Legal and Procurement. The go live date for the new service is due for 1 Nov 14, although there is still a huge amount of work to be undertaken in a relatively short time frame, whilst keeping the existing service running smoothly.

TDC Executive yesterday, approved the establishment of the Joint Executive Committee for Strata and now it remains for Full Council to approve the appointment of a Joint Scrutiny Committee.

A lengthy discussion took place at Full Council over the impending closure of the front desk in Newton Abbot police station. It was resolved that O&S be given the opportunity to question the Police Commissioner on the subject and he will be invited to come to the next meeting in TDC.

Library

The latest news in the saga of the future of the library in Kingsteignton is that DCC is to discuss in Cabinet the potential to invite ten communities to come forward to pioneer new partnerships to support their local libraries and to expand the services they provide. This is linked with the request by the communities in the consultations with the retention of professional expertise and support in their libraries in return.

The Cabinet will consider plans for a new operating model for the entire library service. I have expressed an interest in the pilot scheme on behalf of the Friends of the Library. It is also my intention to attend the Cabinet meeting to hear the argument put forward to develop the scheme.

Junior School development

The Templar Academy held a consultation session the week before last outside the Tesco main store with a view to see how much support there would be for the development. DCC has expressed that the school could be a free school with academy status. No decision has been taken as the scheme is very much in its infancy and also the fact that building would not take place until the housing development is well under way.

Government announces 11 'Right to Build' areas

Eleven authorities will share £550,000 of government funding to invest in 'Right to Build' projects that include creating 1,000 self-build plots and 2,000 custom-build homes. Among the projects are the creation of 800 self-build sites in Sheffield, which will receive £100,000. The other local authorities are: Cherwell, South Cambridgeshire, Teignbridge, Shropshire, Oldham, West Lindsey, Pendle, South Norfolk, Stoke-on-Trent and the Exmoor and Dartmoor National Park Authorities.

Standing Orders were suspended to give members of the public an opportunity to ask the County and District Councillors' any questions

	<p>Cllr Hill commented on the Teignbridge Local Plan and the disconnect with the Planning Approval process. A recent example was the granting of an application to build 230 new homes in Chudleigh that was contrary to the 175 stated in the Local Plan. Cllr Austen responded that there had been much debate about the application before the decision had been taken.</p> <p>A member of the public commented on their own personal experience in submitting a planning application to TDC. Financial payments for mitigation, costs or fees are often requested for things that are not mentioned in the TDC Fees and Charging Schedule.</p> <p>If an employee has not dealt with an individual correctly or in a competent manner or if previous letters to the Head of the Planning Department have not been responded to in a satisfactory manner, Cllr Austen suggested that a letter should be directed to Nicola Bulbeck the Chief Executive of Teignbridge District Council.</p> <p><i>Cllr Tony Dempster, Cllr Beryl Austen and Cllr Mike Walters left the meeting at 1852</i></p> <p>Police Community Support Officer – PCSO Colin Rider</p> <p>IDEFORD POLICE LOGS for the PERIOD 03/09/14 to 30/09/14</p> <p>A380 incidents.</p> <p>Report of dangerous driving.</p> <p>4 different broken vehicle logs requiring attention.</p> <p>Report of a German Shepherd dog on the side of the road.</p> <p>Report of van having shed its load.</p> <p>Report of a male walking the carriageway. Found to be intoxicated when approached so he was taken home.</p> <p>Report of swans on the road.</p> <p>IDEFORD CRIMES for the PERIOD 03/09/14 to 30/09/14</p> <p>Male charged with being drunk in charge of a vehicle.</p> <p>Communications offence under the 2003 Communications Act.</p> <p>3 concerns for welfare reports requiring police attention.</p> <p>Last month it was reported that a Bicycle was stolen from outside the Royal Oak Pub. This is incorrect as it was stolen from outside of Royal George Cottage. The Royal Oak Publicans would like his correction noted in the minutes as they have a large number of cyclists that use the pub and would not want to put them off leaving their bicycles safely and securely in the pub car park.</p> <p>Cllr Hull commented that youths had been seen going into the woodland adjacent to the B3195 at Ideford Combe on a regular basis. He had taken a look at the area but could see nothing untoward.</p> <p>Cllr Carter-Woodwark commented that evidence of camp fires being lit could be seen in the Ideford Common Car Park area. PCSO Rider will keep an eye on both of these areas.</p> <p><i>PCSO Colin Rider left the meeting at 1857</i></p>
116/14	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Update following Parish Council Meeting with Anne Marie Morris MP on 25 Sep 14</p> <p>Cllr Hull had been unable to attend the meeting as he had been delayed in Exeter.</p> <p>Update on Vodaphone Rural Open Sure Signal Application</p> <p>The majority of the form had now been completed. Cllr Smith will double check the data and add any additional comments as appropriate. Form to be returned to the Clerk for submission.</p>
117/14	<p>MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN</p> <p>Request for Financial Assistance</p> <p>A request for assistance has been received from the Parochial Church Council for a financial contribution to help secure a much larger grant from Ugbrooke Environmental Limited. Regrettably the request had not been received in time to add it to the agenda for this meeting however, it would be discussed at the meeting on 5 Nov 14 if required. Due to application deadlines, Cllr French commented that the Millennium Green Committee may be able to assist with this request prior to the next Council Meeting.</p>

<p>118/14</p>	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>Feedback from 25 Sep 14 Teignbridge Association of Local Councils Meeting</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr French the TALC was attended by the Parish Clerk. The meeting hand outs regarding Affordable Housing was distributed to all Councillors.</p> <p>Key speakers were Graham Davey – TDC Affordable Housing Services and Sue Southwell, Rural Housing Enabler from the Community Council of Devon. Most of the discussion is covered in the hand out and other key points are:</p> <p>Rural is defined as communities with less than 3000 residents</p> <p>In Teignbridge 20% of any new development has to be affordable housing (50% for Dartmoor National Park)</p> <p>Devon Home Choice holds the register of people in need and there are 9 separate housing associations (Teign Housing is the largest with circa 3000 properties out of 4200 in the district)</p> <p>Housing Needs Surveys are valid for 5 years (Ideford had one in 2012) and typically 25 – 40% of questionnaires are returned for analysis.</p> <p>Committed to providing a total of 70 new Gypsy / Traveller pitches over the 20 years of the TDC Plan.</p> <p>People in Affordable Housing are permitted after 12mths to “mutually exchange” properties (for example home in Newton Abbot with home in Manchester). However, a well worded S106 can have a local connection clause or criteria for applicants, this way people in the Parish have priority. If not all houses are allocated that extends to neighbouring parishes and then to applicants in the District.</p> <p>Next speakers will be Lesley Tucker, CFO for TDC and John Hart the Leader of DCC.</p> <p>Elector Fund Grant Applications</p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider potential ideas for applications for an Electors Fund Grant. Applications may be submitted at any time and the amount available is £1.84 per elector x 334 = £614.56. The Parish Clerk will circulate the current guidance notes for applications.</p> <p>Colleybrook</p> <p>Councillors have previously asked the Clerk about the Colleybrook and following update is provided:</p> <p>Works were undertaken to this bridge in May of this year to repair a section of the concrete apron immediately downstream of the boards; this had been washed out as a result of the floods and had undermined the foundations of the bridge. These floods had also damaged one of the boards. Prior to works commencing there were 5 boards and 2 of these have been removed (a further 2 have also disappeared). These boards were removed for two reasons, firstly to aid the flow of water through the bridge and secondly to prevent such a large drop in level and thus prevent any future scour from occurring to the bridge foundations. The DCC Bridge Inspector (Stuart Hunt) has consulted the DCC flood risk department regarding these works and they intend to return in the next couple of weeks to remove additional river bed material from immediately upstream of the boards.</p> <p>Simon Pearson at DCC Highways visited the bridge on 26 Sep 14 and is arranging to have the boards replaced. Simon will liaise with Stuart Hunt to make sure that they work together to deal with the Colleybrook.</p> <p>Drainage Gulleys</p> <p>Councillors also asked about drainage gulleys at Longthorne Lane that had become blocked following building work. Simon Pearson has been informed of this issue and he is well aware that drainage in this area is far from ideal. Investigations were undertaken about 2 years ago to trace the outfall and jet the pipes but after a week’s work digging in the copse area they ran out of money. Some funding is now available for drainage works and he hopes to look at this area in a few weeks’ time.</p>
<p>119/14</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended</p> <p>A member of the public commented on the increase of Dog Fouling in the Larcombe and Muddy Bottom area of the Parish.</p> <p>The question of Superfast Broadband was raised as the central Ideford TQ13 0BA was due to be connected during October. The http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/ does add caveats to proposed dates stating that they might be delayed. Other areas of Ideford and Olchard are still under consideration/evaluation for connection.</p> <p>The Millennium Green Barbed Wire Fencing has fallen down. As Chairman of the Green, Cllr French will speak with the member of the public that raised the concern.</p> <p>Standing Orders were re-instated</p>

