

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 2 July 2014

Present:	Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Anthony French Cllr Tom Hill (arrived at 1840) Cllr Julian Hull Cllr Dominic Morby (arrived at 1845) Cllr Derrick White	Chairman Vice Chairman
In Attendance	Cllr Tony Dempster Cllr Beryl Austen Cllr Mike Walters PCSO Colin Rider Ashley Lamb	County Councillor District Councillor District Councillor Police Community Support Officer Parish Clerk
	8 Members of the Public	

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
080/14	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1830 and apologies for absence were received from Cllr Barry Smith.</p>
081/14	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the 4 June 2014 main and Part II meetings and the 10 June 2014 Planning Meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Anthony French</p> <p>Seconded by: Cllr Julian Hull</p>
082/14	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
083/14	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillor – Tony Dempster</p> <p>Cllr Dempster did not have a formal report to present but discussed and commented on the following items:</p> <p>May be able to allocate some funding towards a capital projects if application is submitted.</p> <p>An ECC Planning Application in Teigngrace for plant equipment to dry Lignite and for blending imported wood chips into fuel pellets. If granted there may be increased traffic in the area.</p> <p>Plans for the improvements to the A30 / A303 near Honiton will soon be available to view.</p> <p>Following last weeks' Scrutiny Meeting there would be no reprieve on the closure of Council funded Care Homes in Devon and only 2 would remain.</p> <p>Public Health in Devon has a new website http://www.activedevon.org/. The site is for people looking for general information on physical activity and sport in Devon. There is information for coaches, clubs, volunteers and participants and, it is on this site where you can check out the latest events, read the latest news and search for activities, clubs or venues on our Activity Search facility.</p> <p>The Devon Waste Plans have been sent to the Government for Scrutiny and the first examination hearings will take place between 15 – 23 July.</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen</p> <p>It is now possible to register online so that you can vote in elections or referendum on line. Registration is simple and takes about five minutes provided that you are already on the electoral register and can give your National Health Number or, if you live abroad, your passport number. It is intended to bring the electoral system into the 21st Century. There will, of course, still be locally held election facilities for those who prefer the present system, or the postal vote.</p>

I spoke to Sam Partridge last week about the decisions for asset management particularly in relation to Broadlands. I was pleased Parishes, Towns and Ward Members have now received the information this week and thought they had been a bit long winded in coming back to us. You will have noted that although the site is classified as countryside it could be used for affordable housing. Questions remain with regard to access. Please keep us informed of the Parish's wishes in this matter.

Teignbridge has launched a programme of Great Outdoor Workouts. From the 7th July members may attend free to enjoy exercise sessions out of doors at leisure centres. Full details are on the Website.

District Councillor – Cllr Mike Walters

Repairs in Hackney Marshes

During 25-27 Jun TDC Rangers will have undertaken some stream bank repairs at Hackney Marshes close to the racecourse boundary and metal bridge. This is the section of stream which has a sandy base is very popular with people and their dogs going in to cool off, particularly in warm weather. This is a long established use and is localised and so probably protects disturbance in other parts of the reserve.

CCTV in Newton Abbot

Newton Abbot's under-threat CCTV coverage is set to be saved by the community. The keys and management for the system are to be handed to a new organisation which is stepping up to make sure residents and businesses have a safe and secure town centre after Teignbridge Council pulled the plug on funding. The newly-formed, not-for-profit company Newton Abbot Security Trust is ready to take over the running of the service. Tom Hirst, of NAST, said: "We have the keys and David Austin, of department store Austins is the guardian until the trust has been formulated and the lease has been signed.

Future ICT

This month the shared ICT service Plan C (now called Strata Service Solutions Ltd) with Exeter and East Devon Councils on the basis of the Plan C business case, is to be presented to the O&S Committee on 7 July. I attended a meeting on 16 June at Exeter Racecourse where the three councils' representatives presented a comprehensive progress report. It is anticipated that the plan will then go to the Full Council at the end of July for adoption

TDC e-Academy

Teignbridge leads the e-Academy consortium which is made up of Dartmoor National Park Authority, East Devon District Council, Mid Devon District Council, South Hams District Council, South Somerset District Council, Teign Housing and West Devon District Council. The e-Academy is an online learning programme of more than 200 courses, covering topics including business skills, customer skills, management skills and information management. The courses give staff the skills they need to provide even higher standards of customer service to residents while remaining cost-effective and efficient. The e-Academy was launched by Teignbridge in October 2011 together with eLearning provider Learning Nexus. As Portfolio Holder I am delighted to welcome both Exmoor and Yorkshire Dales on board as a further expansion of that activity.

The continued development of the e-Academy really helps create a sustainable future particularly in challenging times when resources are increasingly becoming limited. These days, time is money and we all want staff to deliver the best and most professional service possible to customers while providing great value for money frontline services. It's really positive that TDC can deliver this type of collaborative training model with other councils and public sector organisations.

Self-Build

TDC has decided to force developers to make land available to people who want to build their own home. The Council has written the policy into its new local plan. It says that any developer who gets permission for 20 houses or more must make 5% of the land available to self-builders to buy. The Council believes it could result in 400 new self-build homes over the next 20 years. A land agent told the council more than 3,000 customers had paid subscriptions to search for residential plots in Teignbridge since 2001, indicating a high demand. Planning Minister Nick Boles said: "I'm delighted the policy is in there. It is a first. It is genuinely ground-breaking stuff". He also said that he hoped other councils would follow the Teignbridge's policy.

B3193

On 13 June I accompanied the MP Anne Marie Morris on the Schools day on the new B3193 where the schools competed with timed races along a stretch of the new road. Gary Stringer and a representative from Dawnus also attended. The event was run by Vanessa New of Teign School. It is anticipated that the new road will be opened officially in late August all being well.

Library

I have contacted Roger Croad of DCC who has agreed to meet with the Friends of the Library to discuss possible developments in the service provided by our library. The date of the meeting is currently being negotiated.

	<p>Community Infrastructure Levy I requested that the TDC officer with this responsibility should produce a brief for Town and Parish Councillors to explain the workings of CIL. A copy has been sent to each Parish Councillor.</p> <p>Cllr Beryl Austen and Cllr Mike Walters left the meeting at 1840</p> <p>Police Community Support Officer – PCSO Colin Rider</p> <p>IDEFORD POLICE LOGS for the PERIOD 03/06/14 to 01/07/14</p> <p>A380 incidents. Report of wood in the outside lane. Report of an elderly female crossing the carriageway. Area searched, but no trace. Road traffic collision. Vehicle left the carriageway into the undergrowth. Report of a lorry tyre in the carriageway. Report of erratic driving. Concern for welfare of cyclist on carriageway with no lights. Report of a large tarpaulin in the road.</p> <p>IDEFORD CRIMES for the PERIOD 03/06/14 to 01/07/14 None.</p> <p>PCSO Colin Rider left the meeting at 1845</p> <p>Community Led Plan Update – Read by Cllr Derrick White Our next meeting is on the 4 Aug 14.</p>
084/14	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Teignbridge Asset Performance Review – Disposal of Broadlands former Play Area The TDC Executive Committee will consider the recommendations of the Asset Review Report on Potential Disposals following local consultation at their meeting on 22 Jul 14. Following sight of the draft report Councillors requested clarification and expansion on the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As the land is subject to Crichel Down Rules, what attempt or progress has been made in offering the land to a rightful heir or successor, rather than recommending “Transfer to Parish” under item 150-P1-Z1 for your V7 Draft paper to the Executive Committee? 2. Exactly what access rights to the land have been established or are available? 3. Inspection of the land shows that all fencing has been left in a considerable state of disrepair. Would the fencing be replaced by Teignbridge District Council prior to the disposal of the land? 4. Following confirmation that Teignbridge District Council will not be pursuing an application for planning permission associated with this piece of land, what would the “purchase” or transfer cost be should the Parish of Ideford wish to take on this asset?
085/14	<p>MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN</p> <p>5 Jul 14 - Rural Skip Service Cllr French and Cllr Hill will speak to the owner of the trailer that is parked near the Pound to ask if it could be moved to allow easier access to the Rural Skip Service. Leaflets will be left on cars parked in the area to ask if they could park in a different location between 9am and 5pm on 5 July.</p>
086/14	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>Feedback from 13 Jun 14 Teignbridge Housing Event – Cllr Dominic Morby A wide range of participants attended from Devon and Cornwall including people with involvement in Housing Associations, Landlords Associations and shared ownership schemes. There was a presentation from the Housing Authority regarding their successes during the last 5 years followed by a brainstorming session in individual groups to formulate answers to various questions. Other interesting statistics and topics that were discussed included the fact that Devon has one of the highest Gypsy and Traveller communities in the Country and very few sites. The Housing department now has a strategy to provide more sites such as the one that is currently under construction in the Haldon Forest area. Worryingly within the Teignbridge area there is an exodus of people under the age of 35 due to the lack of jobs, affordable housing and the infrastructure. However, there is an influx of people over the age of 60 and once again infrastructure and potential cut backs in care could cause problems in the area.</p>

	<p>Feedback from 26 Jun 14 Meeting with Anne Marie Morris MP – Cllr Tom Hill</p> <p>The meeting with our local MP covered several key areas:</p> <p>Broadband: Connecting Devon and Somerset has been set up to deliver next generation broadband infrastructure to areas where the market has failed to invest. It is a public-private partnership of six local authorities (Somerset, Devon, North Somerset, Torbay, Plymouth and Bath and North East Somerset) and BT as the delivery partner. They aim to bring superfast broadband to 90% of premises in the area covered by the Connecting Devon and Somerset programme.</p> <p>This means that most residents and businesses in Devon and Somerset will have broadband speeds of over 24Mbps by the end of 2016. The programme area map and postcode search is currently being updated and will be available at http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/ after 14 Jul 14.</p> <p>Satellite Broadband: There was a demonstration of satellite Broadband by Andrew Walwyn, the Managing Director of Europasat.</p> <p>Flooding: Emergency planning for locations such as Stokeinteignhead was discussed and the services provided by TDC were also covered.</p> <p>Potholes: There was a debate about quality rather than quantity of repairs and the need for some type of quality control. An additional £9M has been given to the County Council to help with all the storm damage that occurred earlier this year.</p> <p>Relocation of Town Farm Lane Grit Bin – Cllr Anthony French</p> <p>Cllr French has been approached by the owner of 1 Haldon View about relocating the Town Farm Lane Grit Bin to the corner of the lane outside the property. This request was made following a delivery truck striking the corner of the house. On receipt of a letter of consent from the Parishioner concerned the Grit Bin would be located to this more appropriate position.</p> <p>Rural Housing Policy Review questionnaire</p> <p>Councillors discussed and completed a questionnaire and survey that will form a key part of the evidence base for the Rural Housing Policy Review Group, which is exploring what has happened to the delivery of rural affordable housing since the reports published 2005 to 2008, including Lord Taylor’s Living Working Countryside. Questions are specifically for Parish Councils and replies will be used by the Rural Services Network to gain an insight into the factors that encourage and discourage Parish Councils from supporting the delivery of affordable housing in their village.</p> <p>Cllr Tony Dempster left the meeting at 1920</p>
<p>087/14</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended</p> <p>A parishioner commented that they had been without Broadband and a telephone landline for several months. Following extensive investigation by BT it had been shown that cable in Olchard Lane was broken and is the root cause of the fault. BT has stated that they are currently waiting for Devon County Council to grant permission for a Road Closure to rectify the problem. The Parish Clerk will speak to DCC & Highways to answer the questions raised.</p> <p>Standing Orders were re-instated</p>
<p>088/14</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>14/01576/MAJ - Ashcombe - Sawmills, Ashcombe Estate, Ashcombe, Devon, EX7 0QD</p> <p>Installation of ground mounted solar array (area of solar pv array 176,200 m2), estimated output of 7.5 MW, and associated infrastructure comprising transformers, equipment housing, security fencing, ancillary equipment and access tracks, provision of landscape and ecology buffers, corridors, native wild grass and new infill boundary landscaping.</p> <p>Mr Harry Lopes and Mr Giovanni Maruca, Directors from Solstice Renewables were present at the meeting to answer any questions that might be raised when considering this application. Councillors thanked the Directors for the very informative and comprehensive briefing documentation that had been provided to accompany the formal application. Following a discussion about ecological enhancements, being a good neighbour, community benefit and educational support Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application and the Parish of Ashcombe.</p> <p>14/01311/FUL - IDEFORD - Ash Barn, Ideford Combe - Mrs L Edwards</p> <p>Planning Decision - Single storey extension to west elevation - Granted</p>

089/14	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</p> <p>Balance of Accounts as at 20 Jun 14</p> <table> <tr> <td>Parish Accounts</td> <td>Business A/c</td> <td>£3657.59 (Includes £400 for Snow Warden)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Current A/c</td> <td>£2227.41 (£58.00 committed or uncashed)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Parish Paths</td> <td>£ 271.54</td> </tr> </table> <p>Devon Association of Local Councils – New Councillor Training Course Cheque 000438 £30.00</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Derrick White Seconded: Cllr Anthony French</p> <p>Notification from Grant Thornton of Annual Audit of Accounts</p> <p>The Council has now received notification that the external audit of the Parish Council Accounts for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2014 has been concluded. No recommendations or adverse comments were received. Following the display of a Notice of Completion dated 2 July 2014 any Elector for the Parish may obtain, inspect or take a copy of the Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Certificate and Report. The Parish Clerk will be available between 8am and 6pm on Monday to Friday should anyone wish to view the Council audit documentation. The inspection period will run for the next 14 days.</p> <p>A copy of the Statement of Accounts and the Auditor's Certificate and Report will be place on the Parish Website for future reference.</p> <p>Actions following a Part II Meeting</p> <p>A response was sent on 10 June 2014 to a notice of concern that was received on 21 May 2014.</p> <p>Following a 6 month probationary period Mrs Ashley Lamb has now been confirmed in role as Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the Parish of Ideford.</p> <p>Following advice received during the internal audit and previous discussions recorded in the minutes at serial number 034/14 Councillors unanimously agreed to close 2 of the Parish Council Bank Accounts and transfer all monies into the main operation account. Action has been taken to close the P3 Account and the Instant Access Account. Money for P3 and Snow Warden activities will remain ring fenced in the main operating account.</p>	Parish Accounts	Business A/c	£3657.59 (Includes £400 for Snow Warden)		Current A/c	£2227.41 (£58.00 committed or uncashed)		Parish Paths	£ 271.54
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090/14	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Ideford Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 3 September 2014 at 6.30pm									

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1945

Signed:

Angie Carter-Woodwark

Dated:

3 Sep 14

Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark