IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2015

1. Present: Barry Hookins (Chairman), Nick Bradley, John Smart, Sarah Tiley, Andy Swain, Peter Pattison, Louise Watson \*

Also in attendance: Rose Saunders (Clerk), TDC Councillor John Goodey.

There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies for absence: Chris Bishop

3. Declaration of Interest: none declared

4. Minutes of last meeting: the minutes of 18th March 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

5. Progress reports for information:

1. Neighbourhood Plan (Peter Pattison) - The sub-group have had several meetings to work on the structure of the Plan. There is a need to set and abide by specific policies and advice will be sought from a consultant who specialises in NPs. Nick Bradley advises that he has been contacted by Deloitte, who have taken over as agents for the Church Commissioners. They are enquiring about the village plan for the Pynes Farm area, which is outside the village “Settlement line”. Our response has to be carefully considered and the consultant will be able to advise accordingly.

Andy Swain asked if there was a draft plan ready to view and he was advised to contact Chris Bishop.

\*Louise Watson arrives.

Peter advises that there is a piece of land behind the Huntsman Inn, which would be a fantastic site for a new Village Hall and Car Park. The owner may be willing for the village to make use of this land but access to the site is awkward. To be reviewed.

John Goodey commented that any development of Pynes Farm would need to included in the NP or it wouldn’t get the go ahead. He also mentioned the Community Infrastructure Levy which is payable by developers if more than ten houses are to be built.

1. Play Area (Barry Hookins) – Awaiting the result of an application for a grant of £10,000.
2. Ide Parish Fund – there have been no new applications received.
3. Defibrillator (Louise Watson) – a second training/awareness session has been arranged for Tuesday 19th May at 7pm
4. Provision of water meter in cemetery (Barry Hookins) - South West Water fitted the meter today. A revised bill will be received in due course.
5. Traffic issues along Balls Farm Road/Doctors Walk (Andy Swain) - No further contact has been made, as the Police appeared to step up their presence after the last meeting, although this has dropped off again since. Andy will monitor the traffic numbers again.
6. Parish Council vacancy – this is to be advertised in Ide Times for June.

6. New items arising:

1. Requirement for councillors to complete Acceptance of Office, Register of Interests, and Elections expenses claim forms – Councillors handed in their forms for the clerk to process, and some confirmed that their expenses claim forms had been sent direct to TDC.

7. Finance:

a) To receive Receipts and Payments from 01/04/15 to 12/5/15

Balance on current account is £8,682.32; deposit account is £696.89, totalling £9,383.21

There is an un-presented cheque for £103.35 resulting in a balance of £9,279.86. The accounts for the period 1st April to 12th May were approved.

b) To compare quotes for Annual Insurance and agree on choice of Insurance Company – It was agreed that we would remain with Zurich as their premium had been reduced from £576 to £444 after AON had given a competitive quote.

c) Rural Aid Funding – update The Memorial Hall committee have completed a claim form for a Rural Aid grant towards their renovation project.

8. Recent Planning Applications:

Ms K Blundell, The Nook, High Street, felling of one yew tree - approved

Exminster, land to South West of Exeter, Matford – Residential development – on-going

9. Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda

(Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not to be used for debate or decision-making)

* Louise voiced concerns at the number of wheelie bins being left permanently on pavements and the highway. This will be included in July’s agenda and mentioned in June’s Ide Times.
* She was troubled by the recent crime report showing two rapes in nearby villages, Dunsford and Exminster. She had asked for more information from the police but little was forthcoming.
* John Smart offered his congratulations to John Goodey on his re-election as District Councillor.

10. Correspondence for Information - Healthwatch magazine and Clerks and Councils direct.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th July 2015