IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2015

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

Also in attendance: Rose Saunders (Clerk), DCC Councillor Alan Connett. PC Jonathan Croft

There were three members of the public present.

PC Jonathan Croft introduced himself as the new Neighbourhood Officer for the Exminster and rural area, and gave details of his background with the Police Force. He was concerned to hear of problems with the policing of Balls Farm Road and offered to meet with Andy Swain on site.

He confirmed that the 20mph speed limit is enforceable and agreed to attend the area around the school at drop-off/pick-up times when the new school year starts again in September to deter parents from illegal parking.

Public participation:

Mr Barry Hallett asked about the forthcoming road closures in Fore Street and High Street, and whether bollards could be provided to prevent parked cars blocking the entrance to Cross View Terrace. In the past there have been problems with cars parking carelessly near the road entrance making access difficult.

He also queried what bus service would be provided when the roads are closed.

Alan Connett offered to find out from Highways and the Bus company what their intentions are.

2. Apologies for absence: Jamie Hulland, Transportation Planning & Road Safety Manager, DCC. (As his attendance had been expected and the proposed Park and Ride would have been discussed with him, the topic was allowed by the Chairman to be included in the meeting. See entry prior to Progress Reports).

3. Declaration of Interest: Louise Watson, as a member of the Ide Netball Team, declared her interest regarding the Village Fund application.

4. Minutes of last meeting: the minutes of 12th May 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

Discussion re Proposed Park and Ride site (see note above):

This was seen as an opportunity to prepare for the Devon County Council consultation due to take place on Thursday 23rd July. There were many concerns about the proposals on what is a particularly busy and dangerous piece of road.

All agreed that this is a chance to push for the following significant benefits:

* A 40 mph speed limit along the C50
* Improvements to village access onto the C50
* There will be a regular bus service from the P/R into the City Centre and we could ask whether one bus per hour could be routed past Ide to provide an improved service to the village.
* A roundabout at the entrance to the P/R site to slow down traffic
* A definitive name for the road between Doctors Walk and the A30 roundabout
* There is an urgent need for a well-lit, safe cycle route from Ide to

a) West Exe School - this could be over the curly wurly bridge and along Balls Farm Road (which should be closed to all cars except for residents)

b) Alphington - for cyclists to get across Marsh Barton to work in Exeter. If the Bus route is as Andy proposed, i.e. from the P/R, under the A30 and along the edge of the field, the cycle path could run alongside this and cyclists could cross the A377 the other side of the roundabout – which is much safer than the current route. A bridge would be an even safer option!

This would avoid the need to cycle around the A30 roundabout.

Louise Watson stressed the need for a safer, lit route for cyclists. She is particularly concerned as a lone female cycling to work in the dark at 6.30 in the morning and home again on dark evenings; also the hazardous nature of the road with the existing speed limit and layout.

It is hoped that there will be a good turn-out at the consultation on 23rd July. A formal response to the consultation will be prepared at the next PC meeting.

*Councillor Connett leaves the meeting.*

5. Progress reports for information:

1. Neighbourhood Plan (Chris Bishop) - The sub-group have held two meetings since May & are making good progress. They have met with the Community Council of Devon who were impressed with the NP content on the website but pointed out that a “conditions statement” and “consultation document” were still needed. We will need to employ a planning consultant and there is funding available for this. Nick Bradley advises that he has received no further details from Deloitte, the Church Commissioners’ agents, regarding their plans for Pynes Farm.
2. Play Area (Barry Hookins) – The Big Lottery grant of £10,000 has been received and work has started to remove the faulty rockers and prepare the site. The Play Area has now been closed and padlocked.

The new play equipment is due to be installed in early September.

1. Ide Parish Fund – An application for £380 for kit and strip has been received from Ide Netball team. This was unanimously approved. Proposed by Sarah Tiley; seconded by Chris Bishop.
2. Defibrillator (Louise Watson) – The Community Heartbeat Trust have advised that there could be a potential for negligence if paediatric pads were used on an adult in error. It was therefore decided to remove the paediatric pads from the case and only re-instate them if it is known that there is a child at risk. (It is ok to use adult pads on a child but not paediatric pads on an adult!)
3. Cemetery (Sarah Tiley) – Sarah is in the process of updating and checking the cemetery records. She suggested purchasing a fire-proof box for storing the statutory documents and will investigate the costs. She will contact Teignbridge DC to find out if there is a policy document for cemetery administration.

Barry advised that he has asked for quotes to get the trees trimmed.

*The time limit for the meeting was extended by 15 minutes at this point.*

1. Traffic issues along Balls Farm Road/Doctors Walk (Andy Swain) – This issue will be taken up with PC Croft as previously stated.
2. Parish Council vacancy – Two applications have been received for the one vacancy, from Maggie Parkes and Pete Bishop. The procedure for choosing a new councillor needs to be checked and this will be advised in time for September’s meeting.

6. New items arising:

1. Adoption of amendment to standing orders – The Bank account mandate is being brought up to date so it is necessary to correct the Standing Orders to allow for five signatories rather than the three currently quoted. (Any two of the five signatories are required for all payments). The revised Standing Orders were unanimously adopted.
2. Village Maintenance – to consider employing a local gardener to manage weeds etc. Barry proposed asking Bridget Brooking to do a one-off tidy up and then see what regular work is required. Seconded by Nick Bradley.
3. Forthcoming Road Closure – to consider alternative parking arrangements (Andy Swain)

Andy asked whether parking would be acceptable on the C50 while the roads are closed. This was considered not to be a good idea although not illegal and therefore at owners’ risk. It was suggested that the Twisted Oak may allow residents to park there – Sarah will approach them and advise.

7. Finance:

a) To receive Receipts and Payments from 12/5/15 to 15/7/15

Balance on current account is £7,468.41; deposit account is £696.95, totalling £8,165.36 credit.

There is an un-presented cheque for £68.03 and credits paid in since the statement was issued, resulting in a balance of £18,882.28. (The Big Lottery grant of £10,000 has been received!) The accounts for the period 12th May to 15th July were approved.

b) Water rates – changes to payments: –Following the instalment of the water meter and the adjustment to the bill, the Parish Council currently has a credit balance of £73.

8. Recent Planning Applications:

Mr & Mrs M Easterbrook, Drakes Farm, High Street, Ide – Dwelling in garden – awaiting decision.

9. Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda

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

n/a

10. Correspondence for Information –

Healthwatch magazine

Clerks and Councils direct.

Posters and survey sheets from TDC re “A Ten Year strategy for Teignbridge”

Letter from Exeter City Council re Development Delivery Document

Email from TDC advising of the roll-out of new recycling service.

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th September 2015

SIGNED:………………………………………….

Barry Hookins, Chairman.

DATE:…………………………….