**IDE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2016**

**Attended by:**  Barry Hookins (Chair), John Smart, Sarah Tiley, Louise Watson, Chris Bishop, Pete Bishop, Andy Swain

**In attendance:** Rose Saunders (Clerk), Teignbridge District Councillors John Goodey and Kevin Lake, six members of the public.

The chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

Prior to the meeting there had been questions posed to the clerk by one of those present regarding the proposed Park & Ride at Round Field and it was agreed that a written response would be given within seven working days.

**Barry stressed that the Parish Council has not voted** **for or against** the plans, any attendance at consultations has been as individuals. It was always intended that as soon as the plans were available a Parish Meeting was to be held for residents to view them and make their minds up. Devon County Council did not publish the plans until 2nd March 2016.

Concerns were raised about DCC’s handling of the planning procedures and consultations with residents.

Jamie Hulland of DCC has asked for a further meeting. Barry had asked Peter Hayes and Richard Sharman if they wished to attend but this offer had been declined. Marie Macfarlane asked if she could attend and was told that she would be welcome and will be advised of the date and venue.

Barry confirmed that the date of the Parish Poll had been set by TDC for Thursday 31st March 2016 between 4pm & 9pm in the School Hall. There will be an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting (date confirmed as 5th April 2016, 7.30pm in the village hall) so that the PC can take the poll result into consideration and finalise their official response to the plans.

It became apparent that the Parish Clerk needs to find better ways of communicating with residents about important issues concerning the village. Ide Times is delivered to every household but it is evident that details of meetings, which are given in every edition, are not being picked up.

1. **Apologies:** Received from Peter Pattison, Nick Bradley & Alan Connett (DCC Councillor)

1. **Declaration of Interest**: n/a.
2. **Minutes of last meeting**: the minutes of 20th January 2016 were approved as a true record of that meeting

**4**. **Progress reports for information**:

1. Neighbourhood Plan update (Chris Bishop) - Chris advised that notifications of the NP had been sent out to local businesses with two responses. The NP group had interviewed a planning consultant who could help to complete the NP within 7 to 8 months. This would be expensive but grants are available to cover the cost.
2. Play Area - update on renovation (Barry Hookins) - The Play Area remains closed until work has been undertaken to make it safe. The planned levelling and turfing works have been put on hold. The clerk is working with Angelique Nichols to apply for a grant from the Coastal Recycling Community Fund and if this is successful it would pay for an artificial play surface to be laid. There would also be funding for further play equipment.
3. Ide Parish Fund – No applications have been received since the January meeting. £120 has been paid to Ide Childcare Trust in response to their application for funds towards the toilet facilities.
4. Traffic issues along Balls Farm Road/Doctors Walk (Andy Swain) – Andy reported that the situation has improved with less traffic using the road.
5. Proposals for Park & Ride at Alphington junction – update – covered in the public participation prior to the meeting.
6. Teignbridge Electors Fund Grant – Clerk confirmed that the grant application had been successful and that £495 had been received towards the cost of a planter for the entrance to Ide. Louise is liaising with Stuart Brooking and will obtain quotes for a planter. The Ide Gardening Club have offered funding towards the cost of the plants.
7. Church Commissioners’ plans regarding Weir Meadow & Pynes Farm (Nick Bradley) – In advance of the meeting Nick advised that there had been no further communication from the Church Commissioners’ agents. When there are any plans and further information available there will be a Parish Meeting to get residents’ views on any development of the site.

This topic is to be specifically covered in the Neighbourhood Plan.

1. Overgrown hedges between The Hams and Coronation Gardens – the householders have been contacted and the hedge is due to be cut back or replaced by a fence.
2. Reporting of potholes around village – the deepest ones have been filled in. Ongoing!
3. Trash screen clearance /advice to school – Barry has asked the school to take steps prevent balls being thrown into the stream.
4. Sharing of RoSPA report with school – the school have agreed to share the cost of the annual RoSPA report.
5. **New items arising**:
6. Springwell Nursery site – to consider concerns regarding the current development – TDC have been asked to check that the planned use of the new buildings is in accordance with the conditions set when planning permission was granted.
7. Investing in Devon Grant - “Allotments in Ide” – Nick had advised that the grant of £9,000 allocated by DCC when Weir Meadow was being considered for Ide’s allotments site has now been re-allocated to the Memorial Hall’s renovation works.
8. Notice from TDC of intention to stop paper consultations within Parish Councils – this will be discussed further at May’s meeting when PC sub-committees are agreed.
9. Defibrillator – This needs to be certified annually and the electrical supply checked for safety. Louise proposed that the PC signs up to the Community Heartbeat Trust’s maintenance package for an annual cost of £126. (Seconded by Sarah). The Community Shop will arrange for the electrical check to be done by their electrician.

6. **Finance**:

a) To receive Receipts and Payments from 20/01/16 to 16/03/16

Payments out totalled £2,258.43, credits received were £1,149.20 resulting in a balance of £5,870.18

Grants obtained since January are £495 from TDC Elector Fund for the purchase of a planter for the entrance to the village, and £596.69 from DALC for the purchase of a laptop for PC use.

From this:

£720 has been allocated to the Play Area, £1,000 is to pay for the planter.

Reserves are required to cover emergency maintenance (cemetery, car park, defibrillator etc.)

1. Notification of all payments over £100.

P Tonkin - £100 for grass-cutting in the cemetery

R Lowton - £325 for the annual clearing of the trash screen

Mrs R Saunders - £596.69 for re-imbursement of purchase of laptop for PC use (covered by grant received from DALC re transparency code)

Ide Childcare Trust - £120 from Ide Village Fund

Stuart Brooking £593.75 for work in the car park & tree maintenance in the cemetery

Mrs R Saunders £103.35 x 3 = wages January, February & March

1. Payment of additional hours to clerk – The clerk is paid for 15 hours per month but the recent work involved with the Park & Ride proposals has resulted in many extra hours worked. Barry proposed that an extra 20 hours should be paid in April to compensate (seconded by John).

**7. Recent Planning Applications:**

Mr D Nichols, 4 Cobbe House, Station Road, Ide - Provision of front dormer windows and rear roof lights - granted

Mr D Nichols, 4 Cobbe House, Station Road, Ide – felling of one western red cedar - granted

Whiddon Farm, Whiddon Lane, Ide – Change of use of existing barn to ancillary living accommodation for utility area, gym and domestic storage - withdrawn

Ide Primary School – pollarding of Horse chestnut tree – advice only

Ide Primary School – pollarding of two oak trees – advice only

Pole House, Old Ide Lane – Reduce one Holm Oak by 30% in height and width – no objections

**Round Field Park & Ride** – see public participation

**8.** **Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda**

Louise Watson – concerns about the level of pollarding of the horse-chestnut tree outside the School. Has asked for a TPO to be added.

Andy Swain – concerns about a large tractor/trailer travelling too fast through the village with the hay-lifter low to the ground. Dangerous – needs to be monitored.

Pete Bishop – had attended the New Councillors’ training course at South Brent. Asked that the next meeting includes “Means of Communication” on the agenda; also consideration of marking the Tour of Britain passing through on 9th September.

Sarah Tiley – advised that a car parked on the pavement near the old Post Office in the High Street had been damaged by a large van which struggled to pass. Need to remind people to park with consideration for other road users and pedestrians. (Clerk – Ide Times)

Chris Bishop – when the Neighbourhood Plan has been completed the PC needs to revisit parking issues in the village.

Barry Hookins – has received a complaint about the banners and signs which have appeared at the A30 roundabout and the entrance to Doctors Walk. (Twisted Oak, Chunky Monkey, Shillingford Organics etc.) He will report to DCC Highways.

Kevin Lake (TDC) advised of a site visit to The College to view the damage caused to the wall by a refuse lorry. (Richard Sharman advised that new arrangements are in place for refuse collection in the area)

**9.** **Correspondence for Information**

Clerks & Councils Direct

Letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission regarding the final recommendations on the Electoral Review of Devon

Letter from Blue Cedar Homes – marketing re Neighbourhood Plan

**10. Date of next meeting**: Wednesday 18th May 2016 (to include Annual Parish Meeting)