**IDE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 May 2018**

**at 7.30 pm in Ide Memorial Hall**

**Attended by:** Councillors Nick Bradley (Chairman), Pete Bishop (Vice Chairman), John Smart, Andy Swain, Rachel Herbert, Sarah Tiley and Mark Thomas.

**In attendance**: Mel Liversage (clerk); 5 members of the public.

**Declaration of recording**: The clerk declared she would not be audio recording.

**Public participation time:** The chairman invited the members of the public present to give their views or question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues to be considered for discussion at a future meeting at the discretion of the chairman. A questions was raised by the father of a parish resident relating to a possible, as yet un-submitted, planning application. The PC chairman replied that the Parish Council, through its Planning Committee, can comment on an application once it has been submitted. The chairman of the Planning Committee advised the questioner that Teignbridge DC offers a pre-application consultation service. A parish resident asked if the agreed purchase prices for Pynes Community Orchard and Weir Meadow were available. The chairman responded that the minutes of both Working Groups were available on the village website, and contain details of the negotiations to buy each field.

**1. Apologies** were received from councillors Chris Bishop, Barry Hookins, John Goodey (TDC), Kevin Lake (TDC), Alan Connett (DDC)

**2.** **Declarations of Interest**: None declared

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 14 March 2018 and minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 18 April 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4. Planning Committee report:** No new planning applications had been submitted. PB gave updates

on outstanding Planning Applications as follows:

**4.1 17/01941/FUL** – Land adjacent to Fordlands and Pentire – change of use of land and erection of new workshop/storage building for construction, display and sale furniture – **still awaiting** decision from the case officer – the application will go to full TDC planning committee if planning officer supports the application; but the officer is likely to recommend refusal.

**4.2 16/03360/MAJ** – Springwell Nursery, C50/ Ide Lane – variation to condition 2 on planning permission to alter external appearance of the building **– These variations have been approved subject to conditions, PB has written that conditions have not been complied with as the building is still standing.**

**4.3 17/02835/FUL**- Sculpher Photography, Fore Street – demolition of existing industrial building and erection of a dwelling**. Awaiting flood risk report and decision.**

**5. Pynes Community Orchard** and **Weir Meadow** **Working Groups**.

NB reported that at its extraordinary meeting of 18 April 2018 the PC had agreed to open a bank account for PCOWG, and to instruct Foot Anstey solicitors to act for the PC in its purchase of the orchard. NB reported on the meeting attended by himself and Peter Cloke, chairman of the PCOWG, on 10 May 2018 with the Church Commissioners (CCs) in London. The CCs had agreed to enter into a legally binding option with Ide PC, from 28 Sept 2018, for us to buy the orchard within three years, allowing us time to raise the funds. The CCs had also proposed that one or more parish residents involved with the PCOWG be offered an annual, renewable licence on the orchard from 28 September 2018 until the orchard is purchased, to allow work to start on resting the ground, removing horses, and restoring the trees, at a rental figure to be agreed by both parties. We accepted the CCs condition that, until the PC had bought the orchard, it would be rented under licence, to a named person or persons, but not to the parish council, to make it clear that it remained the private property of the Church Commissioners until the PC completed on the purchase.

Exeter law firm Foot Anstey has been instructed to act on behalf of the parish council.

The discussion included Weir Meadow, for which a price has been agreed subject to settling the issue of agricultural access to the fields to the north of the Meadow. The working group considers any access for agricultural plant across or round the edge of Weir Meadow Recreation Ground, however it might be fenced off or separated, to be highly unsatisfactory; and that a shared access point off Station Road into the Meadow would be unfeasible. It had commissioned a report by Peter Skinner, agricultural consultant, on the option of accessing the northern fields from College Lane. The report stated that access from the west, down College Lane from Marks Farm, is in every respect the preferred option, and feasible. In addition, it would improve the safety for pedestrians and traffic on Ide Fore Street and High Street. The Church Commissioners’ rural asset manager, Mark Herrod, will meet with Richard Cloke, Peter Skinner and NCAB on 8 June on site in Ide to appraise the alternative access points and routes.

**6.** **Fundraising for Pynes Community Orchard and Weir Meadow Recreation Ground.**

The chairman suggested that the PC open a bank account for Weir Meadow Working Group (as well as for PCOWG as previously agreed), under the Parish Council umbrella account, with parish councillors as signatories. He also suggested that the PC make payments of £500 to each group to pump prime these projects. These resolutions were proposed by Rachel Herbert, seconded by Mark Thomas and unanimously passed. A draft prospectus has been drawn up for the Orchard. A meeting will be arranged between both working groups to plan a joint strategy for fundraising in order to prevent overlap, while keeping separate accounts to give choice to donors and allow progress at differing rates. Action ML/NB

**7. Applications for the upkeep of Village amenities**.

PB reported on BH’s behalf that Russell Cooke is happy to continue looking after Coronation Gardens.

**8. Reports and Updates**

**8.1** **Neighbourhood Plan.**

NB reported that the final report had been receivedfrom the Independent NP Examiner, Mr John Slater, on 15 May. The Examiner has, despite objections from Devon CC, Teignbridge DC, and Exeter CC, approved all seven policies of the NP fully. In particular, he commented on the high quality of the Plan, and the importance of residents being able to express their wishes about the future of their rural communities, in the way we had done, using the instrument of a Neighbourhood Plan. The PC chairman announced his intention to call an extraordinary PC meeting on Monday 21 May 2018 at 6.30pm to consider accepting the recommendations made by the Examiner and to authorise the Referendum Version of the Plan incorporating these amendments. The 26th July 2018 has been requested by Teignbridge DC as the date for the village Referendum on the Plan.

**8.2 Balls Farm Road/Doctors Walk/Little Johns Cross Hill - illegal use by drivers.**

Andy Swain reported that the group, Safe Routes for Ide, has surveyed the residents of these roads and is collating the responses. It is clear from the responses that illegal traffic poses a real concern to residents of these three roads. The group will continue to press for interventions to make fresh measures to improve the safety of all users.

Action AS/PB

**8.3 C50 as Ide Village Road.**

The clerk reported that she met with a representative of TDC who agreed with the principle of naming the C50 Ide Village Road. But TDC has also advised that we need to write to the four properties situated along this road, and seek their views on the name change. TDC or DCC will fund the signage, if this change is accepted.

Action ML

**8.4 Ide Village Walk Leaflets** are now available in shop and pubs. Funding is being sought for the Walk cards.

**8.5 Flood Resilience Plan.** Barry is continuing to work up this plan. In his absence, there was nothing to report.

Action BH

**8.6. Possible options for additional residents’ car parking in Ide - Policy Ide03 of the Neighbourhood Plan.** No report on this item.

Chris Bishop and Barry Hookins to report back to next meeting.

**8.7 High Street Traffic:** No new information

**8.8 MUGA.**

Rachel Herbertreported that she and Barry Hookinshad met with Ann Boyce, Chairman of the Governors of Ide School, to discuss public use by residents, charges, key holding and a website booking system. There is now agreement on a scheme that will allow reasonable, simple, safe access to the MUGA, out of school hours in term time, and during school holidays, for residents and their families; whilst ensuring that the necessary security, health and safety measures are in place. There will be no booking fee. Andy Swain will assist with setting up a website booking page.

Action RH/BH/AS

**8.9 Proposal by Ide Green Rovers** to show England World Cup Football Matches. This will now be held at The Poachers, along the lines of the Royal Wedding event to be held on 19 May.

**9. Finance and Administration: (Clerk)**

**9.1 Receipts and payments** set out in Paper 5 were approved and signed by chairman, along with bank statements

**9.2 All payments over £100** shown on paper 5

**10. Renewal of insurance**.

ML reported on two quotations obtained by her:

**Zurich**, the current insurer, quoted £545.77 for one year’s premium.

**Inspire** quoted £438.98 for one year, but if taken as a long term agreement for three years, the quoted annual premium is £419.53. Decision, unanimously: to move the policy to **Inspire.**

Action clerk to secure a 3 year agreement with Inspire.

**11. General Data Protection Regulation** comes into force on 25 May 2018. The clerk reported that she had already taken the measures required to comply in relation to councillors’ personal data. Andy Swain will view the privacy statements for adoption for the website.

Action ML/AS

**12.County, District and Parish Councillors’ reports**.

**ST** reported that the work to lay concrete border edging will start next week.

**PB** had received a complaint about a motor cycle speeding, and, linked to it, a request for an electronic 20 mph speed warning sign: to be added to next agenda. Action ML.

**PB** as Planning Committee chairman had received a complaint about the delivery of materials to the new build behind 5 The Green, alleged to have blocked the public footpath and infringed on the green space in The Hams. The complaint has been taken up by Highways and TDC officers.

**13. Correspondence**. Letter from Mel Stride, MP, commending the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall. The Chairman has replied to this.

**14. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 25 July 2018,** starting at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Ide (**please note** – this is the **fourth** Wednesday, not the usual third Wednesday).

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**Signed Dated**