

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ide Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15 July 2020 on Skype

Present: Nick Bradley (chair), Pete Bishop, Andy Swain, Rachel Herbert, Mark Thomas, Jessica Paine, Paula Burton Perrett, Ben Ervine.

In attendance: Mel Liversage (Parish Clerk).

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Charles Nuttall, TDC councillor
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Jessica Paine, neighbour in respect of Pynes Farm planning application by Church Commissioners; Mark Thomas, applicant in respect of Ide Village Fund application by Ide Growers.
- 3. Draft minutes** (previously circulated and posted) of Ide Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2020 on Skype were approved and will be signed and delivered to the clerk's home.
- 4. Co-option of new Councillor.** There was one candidate, Ben Ervine, whose application had been circulated to councillors; and whose qualification forms had been submitted to the clerk. Ben Ervine briefly addressed the meeting. A vote was taken after proposal by the chair. Ben Ervine was unanimously elected for co-option as a parish councillor and joined the meeting.

ACTION ML to submit paper work to TDC

5. PLANNING MATTERS Planning Committee Chair (**PB**). The planning committee had met at 6.30pm to discuss the following applications, and their recommendations were as follows:

5.1 New applications:

20/01020/FUL Maple House Old Ide Lane – Conversion and Extension of existing garage to form a granny annex. Resubmission of an earlier application rejected due interference with tree roots. Extension will now be sited on the opposite side of the garage, away from the tree. The committee voted to support this application.

20/01033/CLDE Rollsbridge Farm EX2 9SU. Certificate of Lawfulness for the siting of 3 mobile homes for residential use. Resubmission of an earlier application. The committee had no objections to this application.

5.2 Undecided Applications awaiting decisions

20/00668/MAJ Land at NGR 289535 90312 Station Road IDE. Change of use to recreational ground

20/00669/MAJ Land at NGR 289535 90312 Station Road IDE Single storey sports pavilion and associated Car Parking.

Planning Committee has previously voted unanimously to support both applications.

The chair reported public support for the applications. TDC has requested a bat survey on the current pavilion. DCC Highways has recommended widening the access to provide better visibility.

20/00623 – Stevens Farm Ide - Change of Use to Skip and Plant Park with associated hard standing. Ide Parish Council has opposed the application on grounds of:

- the essential rurality of the area and environment as set out in Ide Neighbourhood Plan: the site is immediately adjacent to the Ide Gateway Enhancement Area; the farm is in an Area of Great Landscape Value [AGLV]
- the change would introduce an industrial, commercial character and precedent to this rural, agricultural village area.
- access to and exit from the site immediately off the roundabout is unprotected and presents a traffic hazard.

Parish Council chair reported he had, on 14 June 2020, made a Freedom of Information request to the Environment Agency and to Devon County Council for details relating to the future permitting, or the potential future permitting, of waste or landfill activities on land within 300 metres of National Grid Reference SX9072390077 at Stevens Farm, Ide, Devon EX2 9FB.

There have been 20 objections logged on the planning portal. It was noted that some lorries and skips had been seen entering and accessing the site.

20/00621/MAJ Pynes Farm, Ide. Conversion of four existing agricultural buildings to two dwellings, demolition of remaining barn buildings and replacement with eight dwellings including associated landscaping, parking and associated access works. Full Parish Council has previously voted to support the application.

18/01024/MAJ Springwell Nursery Ide. Erection of a new Garden Sales Area Building including Café and Restaurant, Storage Warehouse, New Public Car Park Area.

5.3 Decided Applications

20/00203/FUL Cobbe House Station Road – Replacement of Porch **GRANTED**

5.4 Significant incident report 19/1946/FUL. Stevens Farm application for new agricultural building. The Parish Council planning committee had omitted to discuss and submit their comments on this application. The chair of the planning committee and the clerk had investigated the reasons for this. Their report of the incident was presented in **Paper 1**, with recommendations for future procedures. The council discussed the paper. The recommendations will be implemented to prevent such an incident recurring. **ACTION ML PB**

5.5 The Terms of Reference for IPC Planning committee (paper 2) have been reviewed. A revised version will be submitted for discussion and approval at the September 2020 meeting of Ide PC. **ACTION PB**

6. RE-OPENING THE PLAY AREA – Covid-19 pandemic.

HM Government issued guidance that play areas could re-open from 4 July. The guidance was interpreted in a pragmatic way by the Association of Play Industries to allow small play areas like ours, run by organisations with less than 5 employees, to re-open safely. The chair had convened a sub-group on 9 July to discuss how we might re-open; and to make recommendations to the full council in **Paper 3**. Councillors discussed the details of the measures needed and the recommendations. They agreed to re-open the play area on 16 July 2020, with a daily rota of councillors to visit the site and check on the number of family units present, social distancing, litter, sanitiser dispenser function, and equipment. The provision and safety of a hand sanitation dispenser were discussed. PB will source one similar to the one the shop is using.

ACTIONS: **PBP** will draft the notice; **PB** will source and install hand sanitizer; **ML** to open up the area, laminate and put up the notices. **NB** to draw up rota: an inspection check list will be provided.

Agreed sub group will review on 3 August 2020 at 8pm by Skype.

7. TRAFFIC ISSUES

7.1 Single Lane at A30 roundabout - AS reported that he has suggested to Devon Highways and Highways England, that the temporary single carriage restriction has really improved safety for cyclists and pedestrians when crossing, from Ide Lane, the east bound slip road leading up onto the A30; and has asked if this could be made a permanent fixture. **ACTION: AS** to report back with any progress

7.2 Access and Parking proposal for Fore Street – Councillors discussed paper 4, stimulated by a local farmer and agricultural contractor's request for re-formatting of parking in Fore Street to improve passage for large farm vehicles. DCC Neighbourhood Highways officer has commented that in her opinion some parking spaces could be moved from the south to the north side of Fore Street; but that before taking further action, Devon Highways would need to be assured that local residents did not object. Councillors agreed that consultation was needed with residents, and should be canvassed before responding further to Devon Highways. **ACTION: NB.**
A notice in the Parish Council section of Ide Times will ask for tighter parking as the harvest season approaches.

7.3 Temporary Traffic restrictions application Balls Farm Road, Covid-19 pandemic. The chair reported that under a new Covid-19 Temporary Traffic Restriction Scheme, to encourage active transport by walking and cycling, he had applied on behalf the Parish Council to Devon County Council on 16 June 2020, for funding and permission for temporary road bollards at the junction of **Little Johns Cross Hill** and **Balls Farm Road**. Physically blocking through passage along Balls Farm Road in this way is established Parish Council policy. We wait to hear if our recent application for bollards is successful.

ACTION: NB to write to 'roadclosures' at DCC for update.

8. Local Government Association: MODEL MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION.
[https://www.local.gov.uk/local-government-association-model-member-code-conduct-consultation.](https://www.local.gov.uk/local-government-association-model-member-code-conduct-consultation) **NB**

Closing date is 17 August 2020. The Association is seeking responses from officers and councils. Councillors were invited to send comments to NB by 10 August for collation and reply (see consultation form on website for areas you might comment on) **ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS**

9. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

9.1 Covid-19 and Emergency Planning Group. PBP – reported that Ide Angels are still working smoothly. She will contact the shop to see if the Memorial Hall is still needed by them for storage, and whether arrangements have been made to re-open the Hall. **ACTION PBP**

9.2 Pynes Community Orchard Working Group report - See paper 5. The Working Group has not met since Covid-19 lockdown. Significant progress has been made with the option to purchase agreement. Further watering is needed in the dry weather for the newly planted trees. All current and agreed professional costs have been met.

9.3 Weir Meadow Working Group - paper 6. The Working Group met remotely on Zoom on Monday 22 June 2020. The two planning applications are under consideration with TDC. We are closer still to securing a 3 year option to purchase agreement from the Church Commissioners. This will allow time for us to raise the necessary funds for purchase. All agreed planning and professional costs have been met.

9.4 Climate Emergency AS – reported that plans are going ahead for further meetings once restrictions are eased.

10. IDE VILLAGE FUND application from Ide Growers, Paper 7, was approved for a grant of £200 to help produce a photographic record in form of a magazine celebrating gardens and nature in Ide.

ACTION: ML

11. Greater Exeter Strategic Plan draft consultation document on policies and site options was published in June 2020. This is available at www.gesp.org.uk. For matters concerning Ide, see appendix A, pdf on Markham Lane site ref SA-T-17, page 120 of document and for the extensive ranges of infrastructure, business, green and travel plans, initiatives and house building sites around Exeter. Teignbridge District Council will discuss the document on 21 July 2020. Covid-19 amendments are yet to be incorporated within it. The approved version it will go out to public consultation in September 2020. Ide Parish Council will consider it in detail at IPC September 2020 meeting.

12. FINANCE: Parish Clerk.

12.1 Finance Report – Paper 8. The financial statement 6 May to 9 July 2020 was approved and adopted.

12.2 Notifications of all payments over £100 (*Starred on paper 8 above).

12.3 Bank Account Management – Paper 9 reported on improving online banking procedures and the frustrations encountered trying to set this up.

ACTION NB and ML will continue to research into using the Bank's electronic account system more effectively, properly to reflect the legal status of clerk, signatories and councillors.

13. COUNTY, DISTRICT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS and items for future agenda.

PB reported that he and MT had checked around the village and found no cases of ash dieback.

AS reported that the abandoned caravan under the A30 underpass bridge had been reported to TDC and was soon to be investigated.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

NB and ML reported on two email letters to the Parish Council, and the Council's response, in connection with a Black Lives Matter banner.

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 16 September, 2020 in Ide Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30pm or remotely by Skype platform.

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