

**Minutes of meeting held on at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 January 2021
by Zoom online remote conferencing.**

This meeting was not recorded.

Present: Councillors Nick Bradley (chair), Pete Bishop, Andy Swain, Mark Thomas, Jessica Paine, Paula Burton-Perrett, Ben Ervine, Laura Bell; and Alan Connett, DCC councillor

In Attendance: Mel Liversage, Clerk

1. Apologies: Rachel Herbert, Alison Foden TDC and Charles Nuttall TDC

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2020 were approved.

12. COUNTY, DISTRICT AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS were taken early with the members' agreement.

Ben Ervine – reported that grants for water butts were now available and he has the details; the broken bench on the Dunchideock Road has been removed. The clerk will investigate ideas for replacement.

ACTION ML

Pete Bishop – reported that the dead ash tree in Old Ide Lane has been removed.

Andy Swain – reported that TDC had made £2 million savings and balanced the budget; Band D rate council tax would rise by £5 per year. Community fund grant has been approved for the emergency planning. Green bin collection concession rate would remain at £35 per year. The Climate Emergency Officer will remain in post, along with the Planning Enforcement Officer. The council tax rebate scheme remains in place. Their affordable housing plans remain. TDC councillors had voted 24-18 to support his proposal to support Electoral Reform measures at national level.

Alan Connett reported that DCC were providing free school meals during February half term and Easter holidays, via vouchers, which would be distributed through schools. A new double decker bus service provided by First Bus from Exeter across the moor to Tavistock could benefit Ide residents. He reminded councillors that the closing date for comments on the proposals for yellow lines in Old Ide Lane was tomorrow (21 January 2021). There would be a 2-3% increase in the Social Care budget, but a cut in the Highways budget.

Pete Bishop reported that there was an increase in pedestrian and cycle users in Balls Farm Road since the closure of Doctors Walk and people were making favorable comments in support of this action. He will provide details of how to pass the comments to DCC for our Ide Times piece, to enable DCC to assess the success of this trial.

ACTION NB/PB

Paula Burton-Perrett reported she has asked residents via the Ide Times if they would like Ide to participate in Britain in Bloom. She will report on the responses at the next meeting.

Jessica Paine thanked TDC/DCC for their grant to Baby and Toddler Group

Laura Bell reported that the shop Community Fund have provided some laptops for children at Ide School.

Mark Thomas reported that there had been some anxieties about social distancing within the play area. Notices have been renewed, and a reminder of the rules is to be placed in February Ide Times.

4. PLANNING MATTERS: PB reported that TDC had seen a rise in applications in 2020, but staff shortages and working from home restrictions have resulted in delays in processing. New staff have been appointed and they are implementing a new fast track system for the simpler applications.

4.1 New Applications

21/00080/HOU - 65 High Street, Ide. Demolition and rebuilding of an outbuilding, reconstruction of a greenhouse and alterations to the front and rear fenestrations of the main house

ACTION PB/ML TO ARRANGE MEETING TO CONSIDER THIS APPLICATION

20/02366/HOU - 7 The Hams, Ide. Single Storey rear extension and associated works. This application was supported by the committee and has since been approved

4.2 Updates on current applications

20/01674/HOU - 2 Fore Street, Ide. Single storey extension. Revised.

Action from last meeting: PB to inform TDC enforcement officer that the bridge has now been erected. Further application awaited.

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.

IPC supported with qualifications. Awaiting decision.

20/00615/FUL - Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide. Five dwellings with garages and creation of new access.

IPC objected. No action from last meeting. Awaiting decision.

20/00623/FUL – Stevens Farm, Ide. Change of Use to Skip and Plant Park with associated hard standing.

IPC objected. Action from last meeting: PB to draw TDC enforcement officer's attention to commercial activity on the site. Awaiting decision.

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. IPC objected. Awaiting decision.

PB reported that a section 106 measure to upgrade the pavement along Ide Village Road to a cycle path, and drainage issues, are under negotiation. CIL will be payable on this development.

4.3 Decided Applications

20/01996/CAN - 2 Fore Street, Ide. 1 Ash tree to remove, 1 Ash tree to reduce, and 1 Willow tree to remove. The committee voted to defer to TDC's Tree officer assessment.

20/01991 Fordlands, The College, Ide. Single storey rear extension.

This application fits well within all planning application guidelines and the committee voted unanimously to support the application. TDC granted permission with the proviso that no objections were raised.

5. Local Government Association/NALC – Model Councillor Code of Conduct (Paper 1) was adopted and will be posted on the website to replace the current one. Proposed by AS; seconded by PB-P

ACTION ML TO POST ON WEBSITE

6. Public Participation at IPC Meetings. NB set out the statutory provisions governing public participation at Council meetings, inviting councillors to debate the options for improving public participation in PC meetings. Our starting point is the statutory requirement to meet in public. The rules uphold a cherished democratic principle that residents and members of the public should be able watch proceedings; assure themselves that meetings are being conducted properly; and observe councillors debating and making

decisions on the community's behalf. Like all elected bodies, from Parliament down to Parish, our meetings remain meetings of the Council, held in public. They are not public meetings.

It was agreed that we would in future flex our arrangements to allow residents to make a representation when we get to the agenda item that concerns them, rather than restrict them to raising it at the very start of proceedings. The Council will hear all representations before it starts to discuss an item, and make decisions on the item as a Council. The chair will publish guidelines in *Ide Times* to promote clearer understanding of the working of the Parish Council, and how residents can participate. Councillor Thomas will look at producing a video showing the how the Council works and ways for more public interaction with the Parish Council members. **ACTION NB & MT**

7. National Census, 21 March 2021. Community Handbook. ML alerted councillors to the Census on 21 March this year. (see link <https://census.gov.uk/downloadable-resources/>). We had received a call for engagement from Liza Oxford, accompanied by a handbook for reaching out to groups who may have difficulty accessing the forms or making their return: see **Reaching Key Population Groups** paper 9). **We agreed that** handbooks and flyers will be placed in the Shop, Churches (when open) and advertised in the *Ide Times*. If lockdown is over by 21 March, it was suggested that laptops and assistance with completing the forms could be offered by councillors in the Memorial Hall.

ACTION ML TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE HANDBOOK AND PLACE IN THE SHOP

8. TRAFFIC ISSUES

8.1 Parking. Report of analysis and review of appropriate locations where parking restrictions might be changed to improve access and/ or safety **PB-P & JP Paper 2**

The chair thanked the councillors for this concise report of some current parking issues. There are no easy solutions for these problems, given the lack of parking spaces and narrow streets within the village. The Council resolved as follows:

- (A) The Hams – continue to monitor incidents of obstruction to bin lorries, and ask the school, when lockdown is over, to remind parents who park in The Hams for parking during pickup/drop off times to take care not to obstruct the passage of large vehicles.
- (B) Parking on High Street – as above, and not to park on the pavement obstructing pedestrians
- (C) *Ide Village Road* junction – we will ask Devon Highways for advice on how to deal with these infringements when lockdown is over and schools are back
- (D) Old *Ide Lane* junction with Cross View Terrace – (see below at 8.2)

8.2 DCC's proposal for yellow line restrictions at Old Ide Lane to protect entrance to Cross View Terrace has been advertised and is in DCC budget for 2020/21. The closing date for comments is 21 January 2021

9. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

9.1 Covid-19 and Emergency Planning Group. PB-B The Covid-19 measures set up for previous lockdowns are continuing to function well. A grant application has been submitted to provide a store for sandbags within The Huntsman carpark. The clerk will chase up Devon Highways to clear the culvert under the Curly Whirly bridge to help prevent flooding. **ACTION ML**

9.2 Pynes Orchard: The chair thanked Peter Cloke for his report **NB**

9.3 Weir Meadow & Northern Fields: NB. A draft fund raising Prospectus was circulated for discussion, comments are welcome and work will continue with further editing and refining.

The chair reported that every detail of the conditions required by the Church Commissioners for the option to purchase agreements on both Pynes Orchard and Weir Meadow & Northern Fields - on permitted uses, access, boundaries, water supply, overages were we to sell or develop the land in the future, mineral rights, VAT, vacant possession and exercising our option once we have the funds - have now been agreed; and we

await the documentation. The Orchard, the Meadow and the Fields remain for now the property of the Church Commissioners, let privately to tenants. They are not yet accessible to the public.

9.4 Climate Emergency and Environment: AS

9.4.1 Churchyard Wilding Management Plan **Paper 5** was supported and the councillors thanked Richard Cottle for his work in producing this paper. A grant of £200 from TDC has been received towards the seeding costs

9.4.2 Ide Wildlife Wardens - Richard Cottle and Jenny Miles have volunteered to be our Wildlife Wardens.

9.4.3 Ide Carbon Plan is to be advertised in Ide Times and posted on the website, and discussed more fully at the extraordinary meeting to be held on 27 January 2021. This will enable the plan to be developed, updated and monitored further.

10. WEBSITE

Ben Ervine (paper 6) received the go ahead from the Council to develop the village website to become more vibrant and integrated, by creating a main Ide Village hub site, with a series of linked microsites serving, for example, the Community Shop, Memorial Hall, Ide Times, Churches, Pynes Orchard, Weir Meadow, as well as the existing Parish Council website itself. **ACTION BE**

11. FINANCE: ML

11.1 Finance report – financial report 12 Nov 2020 to 14 Jan 2021 was approved and adopted **Paper 7**

11.2 Notifications of all payments over £100 *

11.3 Budget proposals 2021/2022 were approved; proposed by PB and seconded by AS **Paper 8**

ACTION ML TO SUBMIT PRECEPT to TEIGNBRIDGE DC

12. COUNTY, DISTRICT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS were taken after Item 3

13. CORRESPONDENCE No correspondence received

14. The next meeting of Ide Parish Council is an **extraordinary meeting** to discuss the Climate and Ecological Emergency, interim Devon Carbon Plan and Ide Carbon Plan, on Wednesday 27 January 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom.

The next regular bi-monthly meeting of Ide Parish Council is on Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom.

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