

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Ide Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27 January 2021 by Zoom online remote conferencing.

Please note: this meeting was not recorded.

Present: Councillors Nick Bradley, chair, Pete Bishop, Andy Swain, Rachel Herbert, Mark Thomas, Paula Burton-Perrett, Ben Ervine, Laura Bell.

In attendance: Mel Liversage; and Kate Morley, parish councillor for Holcombe Burnell and member of Wild Ide Facebook Group.

1. Apologies: Jessica Paine

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. The Climate and Ecological Emergency.

3.1 Introductory remarks: Nick Bradley welcomed councillors to the special meeting to discuss the pressing geo-political issue of climate change and how local action might contribute to responding to the emergency. Ide Parish Council declared a climate and ecological emergency at its meeting on 20th March 2019. The Climate and Environmental Emergency Working Group was formed, with Councillor Swain as its chair. They have held regular monthly meetings and worked together to produce the draft Ide Carbon Plan. They have also considered the Interim Draft Devon Carbon Plan and seek the Council's views for feedback.

4. The Interim Draft Devon Carbon Plan: AS.

4.1 The Council welcomed all the initiative set out in the plan. The target date for net zero carbon emissions occupied much of the debate: too far ahead and councillors felt the county would lose focus and momentum; too soon and councillors could see plans would be too rushed, too immature to succeed.

4.2 Nine years ahead, 2030, was agreed upon as practically feasible, yet soon enough to keep the subject at the top of the County's agenda. Ide PC agreed to recommend that Devon County Council adopt 2030 as its target date to reach net zero carbon emissions. Councillors Swain and Burton-Perrett will work together to send our full response to the plan to DCC. **ACTION AS/PBP**

5. Draft Ide Carbon Plan v4: AS.

5.1 The Ide Carbon Plan has been produced by Councillor Swain and the Climate Emergency WG. Councillors thanked him for his work on this impressive document. He outlined the difficulties in obtaining true data on which to base our aspirations, explaining how the group had produced recommendations made on best estimates where necessary. The table of current and future initiatives includes 14, of 35, recommended initiatives which are either already complete or in progress. Councillors took heart from this.

5.2 Councillors agreed to adopt the Ide Carbon Plan v4, and to work towards net zero carbon by 2030. As a statement of intent, this is an evolving document. Version 4 is our starting point to develop and update. It will be reviewed in three months' time.

5.3 After further debate councillors agreed the following additional action points:

5.3.1 Encourage residents to write with feedback about the efficacy of the temporary emergency closure of Doctor's Walk in August 2020 under the Active Travel scheme (PB, will email the address). **ACTION PB**

5.3.2 Apply to DCC to request review of the speed restriction on Ide Village Road. We recommend that it be reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph which will promote fuel saving and make it a safer road. **ACTION NB**

5.3.3 Several ideas were put forward for greater exploration:

- A recycling/upcycling page on our village website **ACTION AS via CEEWG**
- Support a proposed section 106 agreement in the Springwell Garden Centre planning application to upgrade the footpath along Ide Village Road to a cycle path. **ACTION - PB via TDC planning**
- Canvas individual households for their ideas to reduce waste and emissions, and how IPC can support and promote them **ACTION- CEEWG**

6. Permission to place hedgehog signs at the entrance to the village. Kate Morley (Parish Councillor in Holcombe Burnell - Longdown) addressed the Council on the predicted extinction of hedgehogs over the next 5-10 years; and her offer to fund hedgehog alert signs. The signs are an effort to raise awareness of an active population of hedgehogs in the village; to try to prevent further accidents involving hedgehogs; and help stop the decline in hedgehog numbers. Councillors gave permission to add signs to the planter boxes at the entrance to the village. The signs are to be funded by Kate's group, and Councillor Bishop volunteered to assist her with the erecting of the signs. **ACTION PB**

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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