**IDE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM**

This meeting was not recorded.

**PRESENT:** Nick Bradley (chair), Pete Bishop (vice chair), Andy Swain (also as TDC district councillor), Rachel Herbert, Mark Thomas, Jessica Paine, Paula Burton Perrett, Ben Ervine, Laura Bell and Alan Connett (DCC Councillor).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mel Liversage, clerk; four members of the public (at different stages of the meeting).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Julian Perrett asked for clarification of the costings for fencing and gates, visibility splays and moving the pavilion, set out in the draft Prospectus for the Weir Meadow project. The chair explained that the figures were estimates at present and that firm quotations will be sought by the joint fund raising sub-group for inclusion in grant applications .

**1. APOLOGIES:** none

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None

**3. Approval of draft minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2021 and the extraordinary meeting on 27 January 2021 were approved. A hard copy will be signed by the chair and posted to the clerk.

ACTION: NB

**4. Planning Matters: PB**

Cllr Pete Bishop made a personal statement that it is his intention to step down as a parish councillor in May 2021. The chair expressed his own and the council's great admiration and gratitude for Pete's work during his six years service on the parish council.

NEW APPLICATIONS

**21/00292 Springwell View, Ide Village Road, Ide** **EX2 9FB.** Erection of a detached garage, retention of hard standing and use of land as domestic curtilage. A previous application 19/0039/FUL was refused by TDC and a subsequent appeal was dismissed by HM Inspectorate of Planning. Ide Parish Council’s planning committee debated this new application and voted unanimously to object on the following grounds:

1. It is on agricultural land, and is also contrary to TDC planning Policy EN2a, as it is on land defined as AGLV
2. It is outside the curtilage defined in the original planning application 17/0661/NPA, and tarmac has already been put over the defined curtilage area which was integral to 17/0661/NPA planning permission.
3. The proposed development adjoins the Ide Gateway Enhancement Area and as such does not meet with Policy Ide07 of the Neighbourhood Plan for Ide. The application for the erection of a large detached garage on the extended curtilage states that the new position of the garage is set a long way back from the boundary, and therefore not in view from Ide Village Road (C50), nor have an impact on the Ide Gateway Enhancement Area. The garage will be on rising ground and will appear on the skyline.
4. The evidence produced in the application does not substantiate a meaningful amount of valid agricultural activity, necessitating a garage of this size.

**20/02132/ADV Stevens Farm Ide Village Road, Ide, EX2 9FB.** Retention of 3 advertising signs. The Planning Committee decided unanimously to object to the retention of these signs. Whilst it is recognised that the owner of a given business is permitted, subject to certain restraints contained within the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations of 2007 regarding the scale, height and appearance of signage, to advertise their activities on-site, such signage is only deemed permissible if it refers to business activities being carried out on the premises upon which the signage appears. This is not the case in this instance as the sign appears at Stevens Farm and is for Stevens Homes. The farming premises of Stevens Farm lie along Ide Village Road, which has a specific Planning Policy attached to it within the Ide Neighbourhood Plan (made September 2018).

The Ide IDE07 Gateway Enhancement Area states clearly that *Proposals for development within the Ide Gateway Area will only be supported if they do not have an impact on the rural character of the Village entrance or its approaches along the Ide Village Road (C50).*

*Development proposals within or joining the Gateway enhancement Area should not harm the rural character of the rural character of the designated area through:*

1. *The loss, damage or deterioration of hedges, trees and ditches;*
2. *An increase in air pollution (including street lights);*
3. *Entrance ways inappropriate to a rural setting; or*
4. *Intrusive advertising or signage*

**4.2 Updates on current 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. The committee thought this a sensitive and thoughtful replacement of unsafe outbuildings, and the proposed replacement windows were more in keeping, as the property lies within the Ide conservation area, and voted unanimously to support this application. **Awaiting decision**

**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. A flood risk assessment has been submitted. RH asked that the issue of excess wall/fence height was chased up with TDC enforcement. The Environment Agency commented that they were not happy with the flood risk assessment plans and their impact on Fordland Brook. **Awaiting further actions**

**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.  PB is seeking a telephone conversation with the TDC planning officer re: draft report. Permission is expected to be granted.

**20/00615/FUL - Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide. Five dwellings with garages and creation of new access.** IPC objected. PB has spoken with planning officer who reiterated intention to recommend refusal of planning permission

**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 spoke with planning officer who reiterated intention to recommend refusal of planning permission. **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 could be payable on this development. **Awaiting decision**

**4.3 Committee member reports:** PB reportedthere are works being undertaken in Round Field. They may be associated with Devon Highways works. As yet no application has been submitted. ACTION PB TO INVESTIGATE

**5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Councillor Connett reported that approval for funding of parking restrictions has been given for Old Ide Lane for the protection of emergency access to Cross View Terrace.

Councillor Swain reported that Dunchideock Parish Council currently has no active, quorate Parish Council following resignations, nor a clerk. He reported also that Whitestone Parish Council has declared a Climate Emergency.

**6. Proposal for a new Road Warden scheme**. Stuart Brooking attended for this item (Papers 1-3). He has put himself forward for this volunteer post, and he submitted a personal statement showing his qualifications for this position. He will need to be approved and certificated by Devon County Council Highways, and is willing to undertake the training required. There are grants available from DCC for additional tools and other costs, if required; and tasks submitted for work will be agreed first with our DCC Highways Officer, Helen Frankpitt. He also has 2 assistant volunteers, Barry Hookins and Pete Bishop. All Councillors supported this initiative. The chair thanked Stuart for undertaking this task and will complete and sign the agreement document between Ide PC and Devon Highways. ACTION NB

**7. Ide Parish Council Annual Risk assessment review**, undertaken by the chair and clerk in February 2021, was presented as Paper 4 for information and comment. It was approved and will be submitted as part of the Council’s annual audit in April this year. ACTION ML

**8. TRAFFIC, PARKING AND ACTIVE TRAVEL:**

**8.1 Parking update report** re speed limit on Ide Village Road. The chair had written to DCC requesting a lowering of the speed limit from 60 mph to 50mph and has received this reply. “This was discussed at DCC Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF) yesterday, with representation from the DCC Road Safety team and the Police. We looked at the collision data, both current and historic and this does not highlight any concerns in respect to the road layout/geometry. In fact there has only been one ‘slight’ recorded incident in the past 5 year period, which was due to a low speed shunt, whilst a vehicle was waiting to turn in to the village.

We have historic speed data along this road, which shows a good compliance with the current speed limit. Although several years old, the group felt that this is still a good representation of vehicles speeds, due to the road layout not having changed. Due to the current lockdown situation it is not possible to obtain any more up-to-date speed data because of reduced traffic volumes, which would not represent a true comparison.

Given the above information, the SCARF group concluded that no further action is currently required”. NO FURTHER ACTION AT PRESENT

**8.2 Doctors Walk Closure.** The chair thanked Councillor Swain for his report (Paper 14) and update on the temporary closure by Devon Highways, which is now available to view on our website. A notice in the Ide Times will direct the residents towards this article as it also contains information on how to submit their views and comments about the closure on the DCC website.

Councillor Connett also spoke to this item, supporting the closure, and asking that residents write to him and Devon CC with their experiences and views of the initiative.

**8.3 Confirmation of funding for parking restrictions on Old Ide Lane,** protecting emergency access to Cross View Terrace was given by Councillor Connett.

**8.4 Renewal of white line marking in Village Car Park**. Councillor Bishop reported that this had been brought to his attention as some markings have faded. He will investigate repainting them temporarily and the clerk will investigate more permanent costings which could be included in next year’s budget. ACTION PB AND ML

**8.5 Footpaths around the Village.** A resident has asked that we look at the provision of extra footpaths. Councillor Swain reported that Climate Emergency and Environment Working Group had recently looked into this possibility and had not come up with any firm proposals. He will ask Richard Cottle to forward PB a copy of the investigations. Councillor Bishop undertook to place a notice in the Ide Times asking for any interested volunteers to contact him. ACTION AS and PB

**9. WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

**9.1 Covid-19 and Emergency Planning Group:** Councillor Burton Perrett reported that all the Covid-19 precautions and guidelines within the shop are still active and working well. No new incidents reported or actions needed at present.

**9.2 Pynes Community Orchard:** The chair thanked Peter Cloke, chair of the working group for his report (Paper 5); and reported that the final draft of the Option Agreement with the Church Commissioners is expected in the next two weeks.

**9.3 Weir Meadow and Northern Fields:**

**9.3.1** Minutes of the last meeting of working group (Paper 6) were presented.

**9.3.2** The final draft of the Transfer and Option Agreement was circulated (Paper 7) and David Howe, solicitor, attended the meeting to answer questions. The chair thanked David for all his work bringing us to this point, which he has undertaken on a pro bono basis. David reported that he was happy that all bases have now been covered and that the agreement was ready to be signed.

**9.3.3** The councillors voted unanimously to sign the Option Agreement for the purchase of Weir Meadow and Northern Fields. ACTION: NB TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT

**9.4 Joint Fundraising:**

**9.4.1 Proposed Joint Projects Fund Raising Strategy and formation of a joint fund raising subgroup** for PCOWG and WMWG. Trevor Gardner joined the meeting and spoke to Papers 9 and 9a which outlined the proposal. He explained the reasons for combining fund-raising for the two projects under one group, to co-ordinate the effort, avoid confusion, and make best use of the village's talents. Donors will be able to give to one or both of the schemes, as they choose. Separate prospectuses have been prepared. Applications to bodies for grants will be chosen and targeted for an individual project. The Council has a good team ready to launch the fundraising campaign, once the papers are signed. Councillors unanimously supported the Strategy.

**9.4.2 Proposed Terms of Reference for the Joint Fund Raising subgroup** (Paper 10).Councillors voted unanimously to approve the formation of this subgroup, with the alteration made to include at least two Ide Parish Councillors to serve on it. ACTION: NB

**9.5 Climate Emergency and Environment**

**9.5.1** Councillor Swain spoke to his report (Paper 11) asking if the Council should apply for two Electric Vehicle charging stations, servicing four cars. After a discussion on the possible locations for these spaces, the Council agreed to express an interest. ACTION: AS TO SUBMIT

**10. Change of date for the May 2021 meeting.** Current Government legislation permits Councils to hold remote meetings only until 7 May 2021. It is possible that the legislation will be extended, but as our annual accounts have to be approved in May, by the full council, it was agreed unanimously to change the date of the next meeting to 5 May 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

**11. Finance.**

**11.1 and 11.2** The clerk presented paper 12, financial report 14 Jan - 12 March 2021. The council approved and adopted the report.

**11.3.** ML reported that Andy Bragg has offered to replace the dilapidated wooden bench (recently collapsed and removed) on the Dunchideock Road. The council thanked Andy for his kind offer. ACTION: PB liaise with Andy Bragg

**12. Proposed amendment to Ide Parish Council Standing Orders: (**Paper 13) – a proposal from the chair toamend clause 3 (e) of Standing Orders to read as follows: “Any member of the public may attend a meeting of Ide Parish Council. An elector of Ide parish may also make representations, ask or answer questions, and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend, but only in respect of the business on the agenda for that meeting. At the invitation of the Chair a member of the public who is not an elector in Ide Parish may answer questions or give evidence at a meeting in respect of the business on the agenda for that meeting."

An amendment was proposed by Andy Swain to include the existing provision that an Ide parish elector attending a meeting may ask that an item be included on the agenda of a future meeting, at the discretion of the Chair. This amendment was carried.

ACTION: clerk and chair liaise to amend SOs.

**13. PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**13.1** Cllr Bishop reported that he had asked TDC for information about the current occupation of Round Field by heavy plant and vehicles.

**13.2** Cllr Bishop reported that ROSPA will inspect the Play Area next week.

**13.3** Cllrs Bell and Thomas reported that they plan to make contact with the head teacher of Ide School after Easter to re-establish regular links between the two organisations.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE -** none to report.

**15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** of Ide Parish Council is 5 May 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom. This will comprise the Annual Meeting of Ide Parish Council, followed by the ordinary May meeting of Ide Parish Council.

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