

Ide Parish Council

Weir Meadow Working Group

Minutes of a Zoom meeting on Monday 20 September 2021 at 7.30 pm.

1. Present: Richard Cottle (Chair), Mel Liversage (Parish Clerk), Mark Thomas, Phil Willcock, David Howe, Pete Skinner, Nick Bradley.

2. Apologies: Stuart Brooking, Cheryl Haddy, Trevor Gardner, Rich Cloke.

3. Draft minutes of last meeting held 14 July 2021 were approved.

4. Nick updated the meeting about TDC's response to our enquiry about scaling down the impact and cost of the car park scheme from that approved in the planning permission. The text of emails with James Clements of TDC Planning is reproduced here for the purposes of an accurate minuted record.

From: Nick Bradley <ncabradley@gmail.com>

Sent: 28 July 2021 11:12

To: James Clements <James.Clements@Teignbridge.gov.uk>

Cc: richard cottle <cotphot@yahoo.co.uk>; Jessica Paine <jessicapaine.idepc@gmail.com>; Mark Thomas <markideparishcouncil@outlook.com>

Subject: Re: Ide Parish Council - planning application 20/00669/FUL

Dear James

Thank you for getting back to me.

1. We have received formal tenders for the construction work to build the car park with associated ground works. They are over three times our informal estimates; and, on their own, amount to two and half times the cost of buying Weir Meadow itself!

2. Time has also passed since first conceiving the project, and environmental and ecological issues have come more to the fore. Like other local councils, Ide has declared a climate emergency.

In light of these two factors, the Parish Council has reconsidered the scale, cost and impact of building the car park as set out in planning application 20/00669/FUL. The Council now favours a more sustainable, lower impact, non-tarmac car parking surface treatment, such as Terram Grass Protector on top of crushed aggregate, or a grass reinforcement paver grid system: quicker, simpler, environmentally far less impactful, and affordable.

We think this is likely to be welcomed by your planning colleagues.

Our question is whether we'd need to request an amendment to the planning permission; what form such an amendment would take; and if so how best to go about that?

With best wishes

Nick

Nick Bradley

Chair Ide Parish Council

29 July 2021

From James Clements to Nick Bradley

Hello Nick,

I agree the low impact solution is likely to be looked upon favourably provided they are robust enough to deal with the amount of usage – I'm sure that shouldn't be a problem though.

As there are no conditions we can hang this on (there is a condition for soft landscaping but not hard landscaping) I suggest a non-material amendment – this is a 28 day application and no need usually for statutory consultations. The forms are on the planning portal website.

Kind regards,

James Clements

Principal Planning Officer

We agreed that this is a helpful response, which leaves us able to amend our application without difficulty or cost, at any time between now and October 2023, when planning permission expires.

5. NB reported that 1,000 leaflets and 100 of each project's brochures had been printed by Stormpress. During the week of Sept 9, every household in the parish had received a leaflet through its letterbox delivered by IPC and WG members. Both brochures had also been delivered with a covering letter to 50 households with the aim of stimulating early giving.

6. DH and NB reported that grant funding for Weir Meadow is looking extremely unlikely from the sources pursued so far. The Parish Council has therefore begun to consider taking a loan from the PWLB to make up the shortfall after the appeal for local donations. On 15 Sept it resolved to initiate the process of applying for a loan in conjunction with Devon Association of Local Councils.

7. An open morning has been arranged for Sat 9 October 10-12 in the village hall. Cheryl Haddy will put on a pancake breakfast. NB and MT will create a display of photos and plans. Members of IPC and the WGs will be present to talk with residents and answer questions. At 12 noon, there will be escorted visits to the two sites for residents to see for themselves where they are and what our plans are.

8. NB has written to the Church Commissioners and Strutt & Parker about RC's concern about the leat and possible undermining of the road and bank. PS advised that the key responsibility is to keep one's neighbours and authorities informed.

[Post meeting update: NB will meet Victoria Leeming of S&P on site on Wed 29 Sept at 2pm to inspect.](#)

9. Next meeting Monday 18 October 2021 at 7.30, at Richard Cottle's house (Plane Trees) or Zoom, as advised.

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Approved 18 Oct 2021