

## IDE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 17 November 2021 at 7.30pm, in Ide Memorial Hall

**PRESENT:** Councillors Nick Bradley, chair (NB), Mark Thomas, vice chair (MT), Rachel Herbert (RH), Jessica Paine (JP), Paula Burton Perrett (PBP), Laura Bell (LB), and [following item 4] Nick Creasy (NC).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mel Liversage, clerk, and District Councillor Charles Nuttall (CN). Nick Creasy was in attendance until item 4, after which he was present as a parish councillor. Four further members of the public were in attendance.

**No recording** was made of the meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** Margit Upham, a resident of Old Ide Lane, raised her concerns about the recent works by Highways England removing vegetation between the A30 and Ide Village Road. This has raised the risk of air, noise and light pollution levels from the A30 dual carriageway especially for people living in The Cherries, which directly back onto Ide Village Road. Margit Upham asked the Council to write voicing these worries, seeking the reasons for the felling and clearance work, and to ask if there are plans to replenish the natural barriers which help mitigate pollution levels, and also absorb rainwater, preventing excess runoff and flooding on Ide Village Road. The chair agreed that the Council would write to Highways England to enquire about these issues.

**1. Apologies:** were received from Councillors Andy Swain (IPC and TDC) and Ben Ervine. Their apologies were accepted. Alan Connett (DCC) also sent his apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** NB declared an interest in item 7.4: Martine Sobey is his daughter-in-law and was speaking at his invitation.

**3. The draft minutes** of the IPC meeting held on 15 September 2021 were approved, and signed as a correct record by the chair

**4. Appointment of new councillor:** Nick Creasy's application to become an Ide Parish Councillor was considered by councillors, who voted unanimously to co-opt him to the Council. The chair welcomed him and he joined the council meeting.

**ACTION ML and NC to complete paperwork for submission to TDC**

**6. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** was brought forward and taken before item 5. Cllr Charles Nuttall, TDC district councillor for Kenn Valley Ward attended in Andy Swain's absence. He drew councillors' attention to TDC's Local Plan 2020-2040 - Part 3 (site options for renewable energy sites, gipsy and traveller sites, and small residential sites) consultation document. It identifies a possible wind turbine site (16), south west of Ide, south west of Whiddon Farm and Halscombe Farm. It does not identify any small potential residential sites within Ide parish. Comments are welcomed and can be made up to noon on 24 January 2022 on TDC website

[Teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview](https://teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview)

He highlighted TDC's free service for the eradication of rodents as there have been increased infestations with these recently. Contact [envc@teignbridge.gov.uk](mailto:envc@teignbridge.gov.uk) for help.

**5. PLANNING MATTERS.** NB presented the planning committee's report in BE's absence.

### **5.1 New Applications**

**21/02264/HOU Sunnybrook Cottage, Ide:** 2 Storey side extension, single storey front extension, outbuilding and tennis court. This committee voted to unanimously to support the application. They were pleased to see an ecology report, and noted the comments regarding the lack of information for the disposal of surface water from the site. We were reassured to see that the points raised in the pre-application advice meeting has been considered by the applicants.

**Appeal number 32781669 against planning application 20/00615 Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide** Refusal for 5 no. detached dwellings with garages and creation of access. BE has commented on behalf of Ide parish Council, reinforcing our original objections, along with 8 other objections from interested parties.

### **5.2 Current Applications**

**21/01626/FUL Stevens Farm, Ide Village Road, Ide EX2 9FB** Erection of an Agricultural Storage Shed, the councillors debated this application and voted to support the proposal, having no major objections.

**21/00560/HOU 2 Fore Street, Ide,** Retention of a bridge, and a replacement front wall/fence and gate. **Awaiting decision**

**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. **Awaiting decision.**

## **7. WORKING GROUP REPORTS:**

**7.1.1 Ide Community Orchard WG** report from Peter Cloke (**paper 2**). The application to Viridor Credits for a grant of £33,000 has been accepted for further consideration on 7 January 2022. The Chair thanked David Howe for his work on this application.

**7.1.2 Request from Church Commissioners re electricity cabling across the orchard from the substation to Pynes Farm Yard development.** Councillors debated the issues raised by this request for a variation to the Option Agreement. The proposed easement plan shows a hatched area (the area where the proposed cable could possibly run) covering the whole eastern half of the orchard. This was not an acceptable proposal to the Council. It was agreed that, in order to reach a properly informed decision, the Council will need further information about the difference in cost between the trans Orchard and per highway routes; about the precise route of the proposed cable, the depth of trench and cable exit point that is planned; and about the likely degree of disruption, along with a revised easement plan.

**Action: NB to respond to Strutt & Parker by letter setting out the Council's observations and the information it requires.**

**7.2 Weir Meadow and Northern Fields WG** report from Richard Cottle (**paper 3**) included an update on the fundraising efforts; and an inspection report on the state of the bank between the weir and the leat, which concluded that there were no active or risks or works needing immediate action.

**7.3 Joint Projects Fund Raising group for Orchard and Weir Meadow (paper 4)** reported progress on the fundraising as £37,208 to Weir Meadow and £23,101 to Community Orchard.

The group is now running a second wave of the Appeal with a target deadline of 1 December. When we know the outcome of the Viridor bid, we will be in a position to determine how much to apply for as a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

The group plans to conduct a consultation exercise on behalf of the Parish Council amongst residents during January 2022, consisting of two open public meetings on 22 January at 1pm and 5pm; and a survey letter with return slip delivered to every household. The purpose of the consultation will be to demonstrate support for applying for a loan for the balance of funds required.

**7.4 Climate Emergency and Environment.** Martine Sobey, who works as a civil servant for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in the area of international deforestation, had attended the COP26 conference in Glasgow. She spoke to the meeting at the invitation of the chair. She summarised the work of the COP through to the points that were finally agreed. This led to debate on how in Ide, we can comply and meet some of these climate emergency proposals. Greater provision of public transport is needed in rural areas of Devon. We have one of the lowest county public transport budgets per capita. Parking is a significant issue in the village, especially during the peak drop off and collection times, at the school. MT and LB, as school liaison officers, will talk to Ide school headteacher again about raising parents' awareness. NC suggested that we could each make a personal commitment to one less car journey per household per week. The chair encouraged all councillors and residents to continue to pledge their support via DCC's website to the permanent closure of Doctor's Walk, which has made such a difference to safe walking and cycling in Balls Farm Road.

**ACTION: MT AND LB**

**7.5 Covid-19 and Emergency Planning** – updated Ide Parish Emergency Plan (**paper 5**). The chair thanked PBP and BE for their work updating the plan. PBP reported that they will add seasonal active information bursts to the website to remind residents of current problems and raise further awareness. There will be a need to identify a possible landing site for the emergency services helicopter – possibly Weir Meadow.

LB and MT will ask the school if they have an Emergency Plan to dovetail with our IPC plan.

JP offered a template for a fire emergency protocol from her work as a school bursar.

**ACTION :ALL to feedback comments in the next week for the final draft for submission to the next meeting for approval.**

**ACTION: MT and LB to consult with the school**

**8. TRAFFIC, PARKING AND ACTIVE TRAVEL: PB-P (paper 6)** reported the points raised at the meeting with Helen Frankpitt (DCC Highways). Double yellow lines for Fore Street are in the system, and those scheduled for Old Ide Lane are now painted. Notices requesting no parking on pavements at the entrance to village have had little impact. The councillors voted to erect at least two additional wooden planters on each curbside to prevent access onto to these paved areas. PBP and ML will look for estimated costs for inclusion in next year's budget.

**ACTION: PBP/ML**

Substantial clearing of the problem drains has been undertaken recently, but there still remain areas of concern about how effective these drains will be in heavy downpours. The camber of the road at the upper end of the High Street causes a particular flooding problem, which cannot be easily rectified.

## **9. FINANCE: ML**

9.1 The bank reconciliation and statements on finance, (**papers 7a and b**) were presented and the Council resolved to accept the accounts. Expenditure items costing over £100 were noted.

9.2 Draft Budget proposals for 2022/2023 were submitted, (**paper 8**) showing that an estimated increase of 3% in the precept demand is needed. This is to be submitted to TDC by 31 January 2022. ML will present final budget and precept figures for adoption to the January 2022 IPC meeting

**ACTION: ML**

## **10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – Nil**

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE – Nil**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

**12. NEXT MEETING** of Ide Parish Council is on Wednesday 19 January 2022 at 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall.

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