

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 7.30pm, in Ide Memorial Hall

PRESENT: Nick Bradley, chair (NB), Andy Swain (also TDC councillor) (AS), Rachel Herbert (RH), Jessica Paine (JP), Paula Burton Perrett (PBP), Ben Ervine (BE) and Laura Bell (LB).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mel Liversage, clerk. Two members of the working groups in attendance: David Howe and Richard Cottle. No other members of the public were present.

1. Apologies: were received from Councillors Mark Thomas and Alan Connett, (DCC). Their apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest: - None

3. The draft minutes of the IPC meeting held on 21 July 2021 were amended and approved, and signed as a correct record by the chair

4. PLANNING MATTERS.

4.1 Councillor Ervine was unanimously elected as chair of the Planning Committee.

4.2 Current Applications

21/00560/HOU 2 Fore Street, Ide. Retention of a bridge, and a replacement front wall/fence and gate. (Amended plans have now been submitted in line with the conservation officer's recommendations). **Awaiting decision**

20/02132/ADV Stevens Farm, Ide Village Road, Ide EX2 9FB. Retention of 3 advertising signs. The Planning Committee unanimously objected to the retention of these signs. **Awaiting decision**

21/01626/FUL Stevens Farm, Ide Village Road EX2 9FB. Erection of an Agricultural Storage Shed. The committee had no objections to this application. **Awaiting decision**

4.3 Decided Applications

21/01590/CAN St Ida's Church, Old Vicarage Close, Ide. Crown reduce one yew by up to 2m where overhanging. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

21/01715/CAN 2 Old Vicarage Close, Ide, EX2 9RE. Fell one eucalyptus tree and prune one limb of silver birch to clear building by 2 metres. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

21/01720/TPO Maple House, Old Ide Lane, Ide. Crown reduce, one London plane by up to 4 metres to clear building. **PERMISSION REFUSED**

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Councillor Swain reported that TDC's offices at Forde House are being fitted with solar panels and ground source heat pumps to meet their climate emergency aims.

TDC's refuse collection problems are being addressed. These were due to Covid- 19 absences, and problems with access due to more home working during lockdown. Staff have been working over weekends and new apprentices have been employed by TDC, who directly employ their refuse team. Increased walking and cycle ways are now being implemented, mostly within Newton Abbot.

The closing date has now passed for comments on the Teignbridge Local Plan Part 2. The chair has sent comments on behalf of IPC, setting out a number of objections to the proposal to build at Markham's Farm. Councillor Swain reported that Markham's Farm is owned by Devon County Council and is tenanted. It is understood that DCC have a policy not to sell their farms at present. The field at Markham's Farm which is proposed for consideration as building land, is one of a very small number in the area where the land is graded as "Very Good". Most of the farmland between Exeter and Dartmoor is "Good to Moderate" or "Poor". Other proposed sites for this area do not have such a high grading, and may prove to be more suitable for building.

6. TRAFFIC, PARKING AND ACTIVE TRAVEL: PB-P Paper 1

6.1 Parking on the pavements at the junction with Ide Village Road continues to be a problem. Councillor Connett has suggested that we apply to have double yellow lines around the splayed area at the entrance to the village to discourage parking. These would also allow enforcement action to be taken against offenders more readily. Councillor Burton Perrett will contact Councillor Connett for discussion and action. **ACTION PBP**

Actions needed to keep the **drainage channels** cleared have been itemised in the prevention measures listed and costed in **Paper 7's** maintenance schedule. A notice in the October Ide Times will ask residents to be vigilant in keeping the drainage channels clear of debris to help prevent flooding at the lower end of the village and the trash screen behind the Hall will be cleared in October. Devon Highways are behind with their annual maintenance clearance of drains. Some have been addressed but we will continue to log any further problems on their website. **ACTION ML**

6.2 Electric vehicle charging spaces. Councillor Swain reported that the first round of identified charging points have now been implemented, mainly around Newton Abbot. We wait to see if the suggested site in Ide might be submitted for the next round.

7. WORKING GROUP REPORTS:

7.1 **Covid-19 and Emergency Planning Group.** An updated Ide Emergency Plan is being worked on, and will be presented to the next meeting in November 2021. **ACTION PBP/BE**

7.2 **Ide Community Orchard WG** report from Peter Cloke **Paper 2** reported on the summer work. Further mulching and strimming will be undertaken on Sunday 26 September 2021 10am to 12 noon.

7.3 **Weir Meadow & Northern Fields WG report, Paper 3.** Richard Cottle has now taken over as chair of this working group and attended this meeting. The reply from TDC planning officer re the construction of the car park has been noted: planners are happy for a scheme that would avoid tarmac, improve sustainability, and use cheaper and simpler surfacing methods. A non-material amendment to the planning application is advised.

The fundraising elements of both these projects appear below at item 7.4 and 7.5. The Fundraising campaign will be launched on Saturday 9 October 2021 in the Memorial Hall at 10am-12 noon with a Pancake Breakfast. Information boards will be displayed and members of the workings groups will be present to answer questions. Accompanied visits to both the Orchard and Weir Meadow will be at 12 noon.

7.4 Joint Projects Fundraising subgroup for Orchard and Weir Meadow. NB with David Howe in attendance Paper 4. The amended Joint Projects Funding Strategy Version 10 was amended to include Devon County Council as a contributor to the funds raised so far and adopted.

David Howe reported that Viridor has accepted the Community Orchard's Part 1 application for funding, allowing us make a formal application to them for half the cost of the purchase of the Orchard and associated works (approximately £78,000). The timing of this application is crucial. The JPFR group are looking to submit the application in January or March 2022. Once approved, the monies will need to be drawn down within six months, which means the other 50% of funding will need to be raised and in place. A Lottery Fund application would require identified partners to work with, to open the spaces to a wider spectrum of participants, and create some form of employment and social group provisions; and at the present time is not being progressed.

7.5 The proposal to initiate the application procedure with DALC for a loan of £130k from the Public Works Loan Board, fully described in **Paper 5**, was discussed.

NB and DH reported that a full application to the Secretary of State could only be pursued if DALC are supportive; and once a consultation exercise has been undertaken with the village community. The result of that exercise would need to be supportive of taking a loan. The council would then seek to borrow an amount sufficient to make up the difference after taking account of donations and grants already received, and no more.

The Council would need to pass a further formal resolution, after consulting the community, to progress the application for a loan up to the Secretary of State.

NB proposed an amendment to the resolution: that £130k should be amended to "up to £232k" in order to cover the full costs of all three parcels of land, to give the Council scope as a possible backup measure, pending the outcomes of the local appeal and application for grant funding. The amendment was carried.

The proposal "Ide Parish Council resolves to initiate the application process with Devon Association of Local Councils for approval of a loan of up to £232k from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) Facility to fund the costs of Ide Community Orchard and Weir Meadow recreation field with the Northern Fields" was put to the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Herbert and approved unanimously by all councillors present. **ACTION NB**

7.6 Climate Emergency and Environment. **AS** reports that this working group will be meeting on 16 September 2021

8. Play Area repairs progress report - **LB** reported that these repairs are now being undertaken. She and Councillor Thomas will be liaising further with the school, now that pupils are back for the Autumn Term **ACTION LB/MT**

9. FINANCE: ML

9.1 The bank reconciliation and statement on finance, **Paper 6** was presented and the council resolved to accept the accounts.

9.2 The Councillors sanctioned the purchase of a poppy wreath (cost £25) and Councillor Herbert agreed to lay the wreath on to the Memorial at the Remembrance service on Sunday 14 November 2021 **ACTION ML/RH**

9.3 The maintenance schedule **Paper 7** was approved and will be incorporated into the budget proposals for 2022/23's precept application **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 17 November 2021 at 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall.

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