

Ide Parish Council

MINUTES of IDE PARISH COUNCIL Meeting 16 September 2020 at 7.30pm by Skype audio link.

Public Participation before the Parish Council meeting using Skype.

There was a period set aside for public participation using Skype prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting, along the same lines as when the Council meets in person. Residents were invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration, at the discretion of the Chair.

No members of the public joined the meeting

There was no recording made of this meeting

Present: Nick Bradley, chair Ide PC, Pete Bishop, Andy Swain, Rachel Herbert, Jessica Paine, Paula Burton Perrett, Ben Ervine and Alan Connett. Mark Thomas joined the meeting at 8pm.

Attended: by Mel Liversage, Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence: Charles Nuttall and Alison Foden, TDC councillors; Mark Thomas until 8 pm.

2. Declarations of interest: Ben Ervine – **item 6** - not requiring BE to leave the meeting.

3. Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the meetings held on 15 July and 9 September 2020 were approved and paper copies signed by the Chair will be delivered to the clerk.

The chair sought permission to bring forward **Item 8** so as to allow Councillor Connett to participate before he was to leave at 8pm.

8. TRAFFIC ISSUES (item taken early out of order)

8.1 Fore Street access and parking proposals (Paper 4). The issues raised in the paper were considered and debated taking into account the comments received from residents during the consultation process and the views of councillors. Six residents had responded. Two fully supported the proposal to move some parking spaces from the south to the north side of Fore Street. Two opposed the proposal; asked that large vehicles should take a different route; and highlighted Ide's general traffic blight. Two suggested moving one space only from south to north. The consultation highlighted a fresh issue of access to alleyways between houses, and dropped kerbs, in Fore Street. Councillors were concerned about the safety of pedestrians from large vehicles, and the speed of traffic through Ide, especially High Street, as well as the problem for agricultural vehicles negotiating the narrows in Fore Street. Councillors asked for further advice from Devon Highways on the related aspects of reformatting parking spaces, traffic speed, the safety of pedestrians and the safety of the exit from Drakes Farm in the light of this consultation.

ACTION: NB write to Devon Highways sending Paper 4, and seeking further advice.

8.2 Proposal for electronic speed sign. Councillors heard that in 2018 the Council, with advice and on site visits from Devon Highways, investigated the feasibility of safety and speed measures in High Street: building or painting new pavements, speed bumps, reconfiguring parking, and electronic speed signs. Of these options, only speed signs were considered feasible and helpful. At that time one sign cost £2,800 plus VAT, and was deemed beyond the Council's means. In the light of the increase in traffic, and the debate re-triggered by the Fore Street narrows, councillors agreed that we should re-investigate the costs and implications of installing one or more electronic speed signs; and seek advice on the best place to site them. Councillor Jess Paine agreed to lead on this, and will investigate the costs and related issues further; and

report back. Councillor Connett reported that there are no DCC grants available specifically for electronic speed signs, but there may be grant money available from his councillor's locality fund, applications to which must be agreed by end of March 2021. The clerk will look at IPC accounts against our budget for possible funds available from the Parish Council itself.

ACTIONS: JP investigate costs, feasibility, installation issues and siting of electronic speed signs
ML investigate possible IPC funding contribution

8.3 Closure of Doctor's Walk. Concrete barriers were erected at the western end of Doctors Walk on 7 September by Devon Highways, as a Covid-19 emergency Active Travel measure, to enforce the long standing existing traffic order. They will remain in place for a trial period of 18 months. AC and AS confirmed to councillors that two officers from Devon Highways had consulted in person on site with the Twisted Oak pub proprietor on 16 July 2020, and with other affected local businesses, about the planned measures. DCC undertook to install re-direction signage, via Little Johns Cross Hill, to the Twisted Oak. Safe Routes for Ide conducted an informal traffic survey on 15 Sept 2020, which suggests a significant drop in vehicle use and increase in pedestrian and cycle use along Balls Farm Road. Surveys will be undertaken on a regular basis throughout the trial period. Devon Highways have also undertaken to monitor the effects of the emergency barriers.

ACTION: AS report to next meeting

8.4 Single lane closure at A30 roundabout - AS. No further progress has been made with this. Councillor Swain will keep up the dialogue with Highways England and Devon Highways.

ACTION AS

8.5 Closure of High Street overnight from 17 Sept 6pm to 6am 18 Sept 2020. **ML**

This is to complete Fast Fibre installation by KNCircet. Residents have been informed by letter, signage and notices in the Ide Times and on the website.

4. Planning Matters. Planning Committee Chair (PB)

4.1 New applications:

20/00013/FUL 49 High Street Ide. Removal of a chimney stack, insertion of street lights and first floor side window, installation of external wall insulation and enlargement of patio doors.
Discussed at planning committee 15 Sept 2020; unanimously supported.

4.2 Undecided applications

20/00615/FUL - Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide - five dwellings with garages and creation of new access. Extraordinary Parish Council meeting 9 Sept 2020 resolved unanimously to object to the proposal.
AWAITING A DECISION

20/01033/CLDE - Rollsbridge Farm EX2 9SU. Certificate of Lawfulness for the siting of 3 mobile homes for residential use. A resubmission of an earlier application. The planning committee had had no objections to this application which is a legal formality confirming lawfulness. PB reported that he had subsequently received representations from parishioners about this application and about other planning considerations regarding the site. In consultation with NB, PB has been in further correspondence with TDC Planning Officers. **AWAITING A DECISION**

20/00668/MAJ Land at NGR 289535 90312 Station Road IDE (Weir Meadow). Change of use to recreation ground. **AWAITING A DECISION**

20/00669FUL Land at NGR 289535 90312 Station Road IDE (Weir Meadow). Single storey sports pavilion and associated Car Parking. **AWAITING A DECISION**

20/00623/FUL – Stevens Farm Ide - Change of Use to Skip and Plant Park with associated hard standing. Ide Parish Council objected to the proposed change of use. **AWAITING A DECISION**

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. Ide Parish Council supports the application. **AWAITING A 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. **AWAITING A DECISION**

4.3 Decided Applications

20/01020/HOU Maple House Old Ide Lane – Conversion and Extension of existing garage to form a granny annex. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

20/01094/HOU 13 The Hams, Ide EX2 9RU – 2 storey side extension with single storey rear extension with first floor balcony. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

20/01178/HOU Blacksmiths Cottage, 1 Fore Street, Ide Single storey rear extension with skylight, refurbishment of existing rear kitchen extension including new doors and windows and re arrangement of existing PV panels on roof. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

4.4 Updated terms of reference for Planning Committee (Paper 2). PB. These amendments were approved, and the revised document will be posted on the website.

ACTION: ML

5. GREATER EXETER STRATEGIC PLAN – AS reported that the planned September 2020 consultation on the GESP had been paused. East Devon and Mid Devon DCs have withdrawn from the process. Teignbridge DC is assessing its options, pending further discussions and the Government's proposed planning law changes which are out for formal consultation.

ACTION: AS to circulate links to two Government National Planning consultations

6. WEBSITE UPDATE and REDESIGN

6.1 Councillors agreed to update the current website to incorporate changes so far made by Ben Ervine, as demonstrated on the clone website to be found on the link published in the agenda. The chair thanked him for the work he has undertaken on this.

6.2 Councillors resolved to continue with the present host, BT Wordpress.

ACTION: ML to monitor costs

6.3 It was confirmed that there will be no change for the public in the website link they use to access the Ide Village Website.

6.4 The councillors agreed that the website name will remain the same, the name will appear as Ide Village, with Parish Council underneath in a smaller font. **ACTION: BE**

6.5 The councillors agreed that Ben Ervine is appointed as manager and webmaster, taking over from AS with effect from 16 September 2020.

6.6 The councillors agreed that the current website will be replaced by the updated and redesigned site with effect from 21 September 2020.

ACTION: BE

7. Cemetery Fees Review; site repairs - Paper 3

7.1 The proposed revised scales of fees for 2020-2022 were approved.

ACTION: ML to post on website and circulate to local Funeral Directors.

7.2 The works proposed to repair sleeper edges and the handrail were agreed in principle. The clerk will obtain three estimates, which will be circulated to councillors by email for approval, as the works need prompt action.

ACTION: ML and ST

[8. TRAFFIC ISSUES taken earlier in meeting]

9. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

9.1 Covid -19. PB-P. The group has not met in the last 2 months, but holds a watching brief on current developments. PB-P was in contact with David Williams of Ide Village Hall committee who reported that the hall is complying with the current restrictions.

Emergency Planning Group – PBP met with Bob Lowton and some residents of Fore Street on site on 12 Sept to inspect the grid at the rear of the Village Hall. The grid needs clearing to prevent flooding in the lower reaches of the village. ML will commission this work immediately from Bob Lowton, after seeking access consent from the Church Commissioners' agent Strutt & Parker. There is a p.c. sum in the budget for this annual task. More extensive actions, such as clearing sump areas, are to be investigated further by ML and PBP. PB and PBP will meet to discuss these actions and other flood prevention provisions such as re-stocking the sandbag supply and asking residents to keep their section of the street gullies clear.

ACTIONS: ML, PB, PBP

9.2 Pynes Orchard. Paper 5: The chair of the Working Group set out his plans for using the apples this autumn. The Apple Day group is looking for apples to juice: NB will put the two groups in touch. The Council was reminded that we do not own the orchard. It is let on licence to Andrew Bragg on the Council's behalf, and until we own it, access is limited to working parties organised through Andrew Bragg in liaison with the Working Group.

The work undertaken by David Howe and NB with the Church Commissioners regarding the option to purchase agreement is progressing and we are close to an agreed document.

ACTION: NB prompt Church Commissioners for response to our draft document of 19 August 2020.

9.3 Weir Meadow Paper 6 - Planning applications are progressing and we are hopeful that they will be granted shortly. With many thanks to Julian Perett for the further bat survey submitted to TDC, again on a pro bono basis.

9.4 Climate Emergency - AS reported that planned events are still on hold due to the Covid -19 emergency. They are progressing ideas such as solar panels on the school and Wild Ide wilding projects. The Sunday litter picks are happening and well supported.

10. Request to plant a memorial tree - Paper 7 - There was unanimous support for the chair's proposal to offer to plant a donated memorial tree in Pynes Orchard as soon as the Parish Council acquires the land.

ACTION: NB to correspond

11. FINANCE Paper 8 - ML

11.1 The Financial report was approved and adopted without changes.

11.2 The items over £100 were approved and adopted.

11.3 Bank Account Management – further progress has been made in setting up Lloyds Online for Business. NB is a Full Access (Account Signatory) User. JP has applied to be a Full Access (Delegate) User. We will then be able to amend ML's User status to that of a "Creator" who can only create payment instructions for authorisation by two councillors approved as Users. Once authorised, ML can then execute those instructions. MT will apply for approval once JP has been approved. The existing cheque account signatories have been confirmed as two out of three signatures from Nick Bradley, Andy Swain and Pete Bishop.

ACTION: ML, JP, and MT

12. CHOICE OF REMOTE PLATFORM for council meetings. AS. It was recommended, and agreed, that we move to the Zoom subscription platform rather than Skype for council meetings. AS will set this up as a trial for the next meeting. There would be a cost of around £12 per meeting, if deemed suitable.

ACTION: AS and BE

13. COUNTY, DISTRICT AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS and items for future agenda.

BE – Drew councillors' attention to a Guardian article today about Ide and the Ide walk cards.

BE will prepare proposals for a wider Ide website for next meeting.

The Litter Picking Group meets on the first Sunday of the month, led by Carolyn Tysoe.

MT - Play Area is being well used. MT will check that the wording on the notices remain correct. The hand sanitizer is working well.

PB/MT as tree wardens have identified and notified TDC/DCC about a dead tree, which now has a notice pinned to it explaining the removal procedures and responsibilities.

PB said he has sought advice from TDC Planning following a report from a resident about building works at 2 Fore Street.

14. CORRESPONDENCE – None

The meeting closed at 9.12pm

The next meeting of Ide Parish Council will be on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7.30 pm using Zoom. The logon details for the meeting will be published with the agenda.

CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk – Mel Liversage 01392 259024 ideparishclerk@gmail.com

Chair – Nick Bradley 01392 420616 ncabradley@gmail.com