

**Minutes of Ide Parish Council meeting held on  
Wednesday 19 January 2022 at 7.30pm, in Ide Memorial Hall**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mel Liversage (Parish Clerk), Alan Connett (Devon County Councillor), and two members of the public. Margit Upham made a representation and report on complaints to Highways England and Devon County Council relating to tree and hedgerow felling between the A30 and Ide Village Road, as at agenda item 9.1.

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

**1. Apologies:** were received from Councillor Mark Thomas, absent from Ide through work. Apology accepted.

**2. Declarations of Interest: None**

**3. The draft minutes** of the IPC meeting held on 17 November 2021 were approved, and signed as a correct record by the chair

**4. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**4.1** Councillor Connett reported on the budget discussions being undertaken at county level. He reports that there will be a cut in the level of spending for health and social care of £16m including £1m in mental health services.

**4.2.1** Councillor Swain presented **Paper 1** which highlighted the work being undertaken by Cllr Alison Foden following a well supported petition against the proposed housing development at Markham and Manor Farms. This campaign continues to try to get these farms protected, and argues against the sale of Grade 1 agricultural farmland owned by Local Authorities.

**4.2.2** AS drew attention to a large new landfill application at Lower Brenton Farm, Kennford. The Council discussed this application and expressed their concerns regarding the development and agreed to object to this proposal on the grounds of the size, shape and contours elements; problems associated with the increased traffic and noise levels; and oversupply of landfill, as there are already two other landfill sites close by. Shillingford Parish Council have called a meeting on 25 January 2022 to discuss this matter. The chair encouraged councillors and residents to register their comments on DCC's website.

Action: NB , ML log objections

**5. Brought Forward item**

Agenda item 9.1: removal of vegetation and trees along A30 was brought forward with **paper 8**. These works started in early November 2021 and very quickly it was evident that the work undertaken had increased the risk of air, noise and light pollution, particularly for those living in The Cherries, which directly backs on to Ide Village Road. Residents had contacted Highways England (HE) and also raised the issue with the Parish Council, who contacted them to ask what plans were in place to replace this vegetation and trees. Highways England have responded agreeing that the community of Ide has been adversely affected by these works and that they will provide mitigation measures in accordance with their Noise policy, which will include an aesthetically sympathetic Noise Barrier installed on the A30 side of the wall, probably within the next three months (a full copy

of their reply is available on the website); and replanting the hedgerow. Residents are working with Highways England to ensure the replacement measures satisfy the needs specified for Noise Important Areas, which is the category Ide falls within. We will continue to monitor the progress of the works undertaken. PB-P agreed to act as the Council's lead on this issue.

Action: PB-P liaise with HE and residents on mitigation measures.

**6. Teignbridge Draft Local Plan Review (Part 3) - Renewable Energy, Gypsy and Travellers and Residential Sites Options – Consultation.** This document was fully discussed and the impact on Ide in particular, and it was decided that no comments will be made at this point. **A.S.**

**7. PLANNING MATTERS:** Report from Planning Committee - **B.E.**

#### **7.1 New Applications**

**21/02543/HOU Canns Orchard, The Green, Ide, EX2 9RT** - Application for the erection of a garage. Permission was previously granted in 2015 (2015/00061) but had lapsed. The committee fully supported the application.

**21/02929/LBC Drakes Farm, Fore Street, Ide, EX29RL** - External and internal works and alterations including regularisation of previously undertaken unauthorised works. The committee discussed this application and voted to support it.

#### **7.2 Current Applications**

**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 three advertising signs. The Planning Committee decided unanimously to object to the retention of these signs. **Awaiting decision**

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

**21/02264/HOU Sunnybrook Cottage, Ide** - Two storey side extension, single storey front extension, outbuilding and tennis court. The committee supported this application. **Awaiting Decision**

**Appeal number 32781669 against planning application 20/00615 Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide** - Refusal for five detached dwellings with garages and creation of access. **Awaiting decision**

#### **7.3 Decided Applications**

**21/02668/CAN 3 Station Road, Ide, EX2 9RP** - Felling of one diseased Ash Tree. **Application granted**

**7.4 Investigations** are being made by the chair of the Planning Committee into the ground works and storage provision activities being undertaken on western end of **Round Field, Crabb Lane, off Ide Village Road, Ide, EX2 9FB.**

ACTION B.E make further enquiries

## **8. WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

### **8.1 Ide Community Orchard WG -**

#### **8.1.1 Report received from Peter Cloke Paper 2.**

Funds raised for this project currently stand at £62,8635: £29,136 in donations received, and a pledge from Viridor of £33,499, £31,025 of which is available for land purchase (ie 50% of the purchase price of the Orchard excluding VAT).

A working party did routine maintenance in December 2021; the next is planned on February 6, 2022. NB thanked Julian Perrett for creating a detailed map and schedule of the position, type and root stock of each tree which has its own allocated number for identification for sponsors.

The Royal Horticultural Society has also awarded the Parish Council a grant of £5,000 for Orchard equipment: an additional gate, tree guards, dedication plaques, a storage shed and dormouse and owl nesting boxes. Paula Burton Perrett and David Howe have done particular work in obtaining both grants.

Action: NB keep WG briefed when funds arrive.

**8.1.2** Request from Church Commissioners to vary the option agreement to include an easement in favour of Western Power Distribution to allow the laying of an electricity cable across the orchard from the substation by the corner of St Ida's Close to Pynes Farm to facilitate the planned development there. No reply has been received to NB's letter of 19 Nov 2021 asking for further clarification. But a meeting has been arranged with NB, Peter Cloke (Chair of Community Orchard WG, David Howe (legal advisor to the WG), two staff of the Church Commissioners and their two agents from Strutt & Parker and from Jackson Stops, on 25 January 2022.

Action: NB attend meeting and pursue the PC's interests with further meetings as required

#### **8.2 Weir Meadow & Northern Fields WG - report from Richard Cottle Paper 3**

£39,906 has been donated to the Weir Meadow and Northern Fields project.

Dogs in Weir Meadow and Northern Fields: it is clear that we will have to find a way of accommodating dog owners as well as protecting sensitive areas of sports pitches, and ensuring the safety of walkers and children playing from exposure to dog waste. The council discussed letting dogs run free; a dog on a lead policy; the use of Triangular field as a particularly suitable dog exercising area; fencing off the children's playground when constructed; notices and dog bins.

After a short debate it was agreed that we will need to consult residents about this issue, obtain the range of views that there will be, and come to a solution specifically for Weir Meadow, incorporating the ability that we will have to utilise the Northern Fields and Triangular Field as well.

### **8.3 Joint Projects Fundraising group N.B. Paper 4**

**8.3.1** The report sets out the position on funds raised, grants received, funds available to spend, VAT, and calculations underlying borrowing proposal and increase in precept demand. There is a shortfall of £161,000 required to buy both sites including VAT. Borrowing this sum at current 50 year fixed interest rates from the PWLB would mean an annual repayment of £5514 to service the loan. The PC supports adding this amount £5514 to the precept for the coming financial year, but will need to demonstrate community support to take the loan.

**8.3.2** Community Consultation on Public Works Loan Board application. To gather support for this borrowing, all households in Ide have received the consultation survey papers seeking their views on the Parish Council taking on a loan from the Public Works Loan Board to meet the shortfall from the fundraising of the purchase price, taking both projects as one, and including all the VAT payable.

Two question and answer Zoom sessions will take place on the 22 January 2022 to help residents consider their decision whether to support this action. The closing date for replies is 18 February 2022 and there will be an extraordinary meeting of Ide Parish Council on 2 March 2022 at 7.45pm called specifically to discuss the application for borrowing approval, once the village residents' survey results are known.

Action: NB report to IPC extraordinary meeting 2 March 2022

**8.4 Climate Emergency and Environment Working Group** is continuing to meet and its main focus is to keep lobbying for actions of compliance.

**8.5 Covid-19 and Emergency Planning – the updated Ide Emergency Plan Nov 2021** was formally adopted and can be found at

<http://idevillage.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/IEP-2021-v.4.1-Nov-21.pdf>

## **9. FINANCE: M.L.**

**9.1** Finance report dated 11 November 2021 to 13 January 2022 and notification of all payments over £100 - Councillors resolved to accept this report **Paper 6**

**9.2 Final budget proposal for 2022/2023 Paper 7** – the Council resolved to adopt the budget proposals as submitted and to set the precept demand for 2022/23 at £13,135, an increase of 88.67% which includes PWLB repayments (£5,514 per year see item 8.3.1 above) to service the loan to assist in the purchase of Victorian Orchard and Weir Meadow with Northern Fields. Should the consultation exercise on proposals to borrow £161,000 fail to meet with support from the community, councillors agreed that they would need to urgently review their precept demand. Resolution to adopt the final budget proposals as set out in Paper 7 were proposed by Cllr Swain and seconded by Cllr Herbert and unanimously approved by a show of hands .

ACTION: ML submit 2022/23 budget to TDC

## **10. TRAFFIC, PARKING AND ACTIVE TRAVEL**

**10.1** (Agenda item 9.1) Removal of vegetation between A30 and Ide Village Road - letter from Highways England **P.B-P. Paper 8**

**Taken after Item 4 -see above**

**10.2** Parking on the pavements at junction of Fore Street and Ide Village Road. £450 was approved in the budget for purchase of additional planters to be used as a deterrent against parking on these areas **ACTION ML/PBP**

**10.3** Drainage/flood prevention report **P.B-P.** Cllr Burton Perrett reported that the gullies along High Street and Fore Street are being cleared on a regular basis, the trash screen has been cleared and that she is monitoring the state of the drains along Ide Village Road

**10.4** Doctors Walk closure - **A.S.** The trial closure of Doctors Walk came to the Exeter Highways and Traffic Orders Committee recently. The officer's report was clear about the success of the scheme in stopping the illegal traffic, and the large increase in walking and cycling that has resulted. It also covers the strong support from residents living in the scheme, as well as those served by it. An unprecedented 83% of feedback was positive. It was noted by officers that this scheme is unusual in that it was brought forward by the community through Ide Parish Council, rather than coming from Devon County Council. The HATOC vote was unanimous in favour of making the closure permanent.

Cllr Swain thanked everyone who has been involved over the years. The Council agreed that this is an excellent result for the village.

**11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** and items for future agenda.

Cllr Bell reported that she is trying to obtain a bin and supply of grit that can be used when conditions are icy at the junction of Halscombe Lane and Westown Road.

She has forwarded an approved copy of the Ide Emergency Plan to Ide School for information.

A permanent sign has been purchased for the Play Area at a cost of £36.

Action: ML

Cllr Swain and the clerk are applying to obtain replacement dog waste bins from Teignbridge District Council for tow sites in the village

ACTION LB/AS/ML

**12. CORRESPONDENCE** None submitted

**13. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

**13.1 An extraordinary meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 7.45pm**, in Ide memorial Hall, called to discuss and receive formal reports on proposals to apply to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for approval to borrow from the Public Works Loan Board for the purchase of Victorian Orchard, Weir Meadow and Northern Fields.

**13.2 The next regular meeting** of Ide Parish Council is on **Wednesday 16 March 2022** at 7.30pm to be held in Ide Memorial Hall.

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