

**IDE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**of Ide Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2021**  
**by Zoom online remote conferencing.**

This meeting followed on consecutively after the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual meeting of Ide Parish Council. It began at 8.25pm.

**PRESENT:** Nick Bradley (chair), Pete Bishop (vice chair), Andy Swain (also TDC councillor) Rachel Herbert, Mark Thomas (vice chair elect), Jessica Paine, Paula Burton-Perrett and Ben Ervine.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mel Liversage, clerk and one member of the public, who was welcomed by the chair, who stated that wished to observe proceedings and not make representations.

**DECLARATIONS OF RECORDING:** None

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Laura Bell, Alan Connett, Charles Nuttall (TDC)

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3. THE DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 17 MARCH 2021 AND OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2021** were approved and signed as a correct record by the chair and will be hand delivered to the clerk.

**ACTION: NB & ML**

**4. PLANNING MATTERS: PB**

**21/00292 Springwell View, Ide Village Road**, permission has been granted.

**21/02132/ADV Stevens Farm Ide Village Road**, retention of 3 advertising signs, still undecided. Design and Heritage Landscape Officer has objected stating they affect the rural aspect, and quoting Ide Neighbourhood plan IDE007.

**18/01024/MAJ Springwell Nursery, Ide Village Road.** Erection of new Garden Sales Building has been granted permission, with conditions. It is to be positioned further back on the site, and includes the widening of the footpath alongside Ide Village Road. There are trading restrictions listed. One is restricting the café/restaurant opening times to the Garden Centre opening times. The CIL notice has been issued.

**20/00621/MAJ Pynes Farm, Ide Conversion of 4 existing agricultural barns into two dwellings, and replacement with eight dwellings.** Permission granted with conditions, including affordable housing accessibility. The village may benefit from some green space monies.

**20/01674/HOU 2 Fore Street, Ide.** Single Storey Extension - permission has been granted; a new application has been submitted for a bridge and wall.

**20/00615/FUL - Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide.** Five dwellings with garages and creation of new access. **PERMISSION REFUSED**

**20/00623/FUL – Stevens Farm, Ide.** Change of Use to Skip and Plant Park with associated hard standing. **PERMISSION REFUSED**

**Round Field.** Extensive ground works are taking place on Round Field, off Crabb Lane. The chair of the planning committee has enquired about it from TDC planning, who have agreed to visit, with an appropriate enforcement order if required.

**Composition of Planning Committee:** Councillor Bishop resigns as a councillor from midnight tonight. It was agreed to amend the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee to allow him to attend and chair meetings for four months to give his advice and support to the new Planning Committee. The relevant paragraph of the terms of reference are now amended to:

“The Planning Committee will consist of at least four persons, at least three of whom will be Ide Parish Councillors, whilst a further member of the committee can be from outside the Parish Council, subject to the agreement of the Parish Council. The quorum for a meeting is three members”.

Agreed unanimously by councillors.

**ACTION: PB and ML**

**5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS:** Councillor Swain reported that TDC had recently voted to decarbonise Forde House, when they re-organise the building.

## **6. TRAFFIC, PARKING AND ACTIVE TRAVEL:**

**6.1 Renewal of white line markings in village car park.** PB reported that he had investigated this matter, and his recommendation is to employ a commercial contractor to undertake the work. The clerk will obtain quotes to be presented in the budget for 2022/23, the work to be undertaken in that financial year.

**ACTION ML**

**6.2 Footpaths around the village –** PB reported that he had met with the resident who had asked about the possible provision of extra footpaths. The Parish Council's Climate and Environment Working Group have recently looked at re-opening old footpaths, and found little evidence of paths they might re-register or re-open. PB will report back to the resident.

**ACTION: PB**

**6.3 Electric Vehicle Charging Points -** AS has looked at possible sites. After canvassing the councillors by email, the most favoured option is at the blind (eastern) end of Old Ide Lane by Pole House, where there is a dedicated space for the bin lorries to turn. Traffic from Ide Village Road would not need to enter the village. Four spaces could be accommodated, without loss of existing parking spaces.

**ACTION: AS to liaise further with the Highways authority**

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

**7.1 Covid-19 and Emergency Planning** – no fresh activities to report

**7.2 Pynes Orchard** – (Paper 2) The Option Agreement was signed on 5 May 2021 by NB for the Parish Council, but has yet to be signed by the Church Commissioners. Report received by the meeting.

**7.3 Weir Meadow and Northern Fields** – (Paper 3) sets out current position. Report received by the meeting.

**7.4 Joint Projects Fundraising Group** has now met twice. Doug Bell has invited 5 companies to tender estimates for the car parking, landscaping, fencing and planting work that is required to meet planning conditions and to have real figures for the prospectus. Nick B, David Howe and Trevor Gardner have met (report to follow) to discuss the first approaches to local donors, and the "end-game" for how each project will best be managed once we own the properties. PCs can borrow from the PWLB, and are trusted bodies. IPC has the trust of the vendor. A charitable structure could become necessary later if our first attempts at funding applications do not succeed. The IPC working groups for both projects have established a strong base for managing them long term, once under way.

**7.5 Climate Emergency and Environment** group continues with the re-wilding project; work has been carried out on verges in the Hams; involvement with the school is on hold at present. The group is the contact point for the Electric Vehicle charging scheme. They continue with lobbying the Government on climate issues. Whitestone Parish Council has declared a Climate Emergency.

**8. FUTURE OF DUNCHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL:** All Dunchideock's parish councillors have resigned, and there is no functioning parish council there. TDC District Councillors have contacted neighbouring PCs to see if there was a possibility of any of them merging with Dunchideock. Ide Parish Councillors were emailed in April for their views on a possible merger. They indicated they were not in favour.

To establish the views of councillors at this meeting in public, the Chair posed the same question live: "Would Ide Parish Council consider merging with Dunchideock Parish Council?" Councillors voted unanimously not to consider merging with Dunchideock PC.

## **9. FINANCE:**

9.1 The financial reports (papers 4a and 4b) were approved and adopted

9.2 All payments over £100 in these papers are identified.

9.3 The application for £200 from the Ide Village Fund by Ide Village Lunch Club (paper 5) was approved, and the vote was supported by 7 councillors with 1 abstention.

9.4 The clerk presented a proposal to purchase an annual subscription to a Local Council Accounting Package (Scribe). The councillors strongly supported this in principle. They

suggested she next speaks to one or more local parish clerks who are using the system to hear how it works for them; and to report back to the next meeting. Councillor Paine offered to help with the implementation of such a package. Councillors advised against accepting the clerk's thoughtful offer to reduce her hours unless and until Scribe proves itself to save time.

**ACTION: ML**

#### **10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Councillor Burton-Perrett reported she had contacted Helen Frankpitt, at Devon Highways re the parking problem at the entrance to the village on the junction with Ide Village Road, but has not yet had a reply.

#### **11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**11.1** The clerk reported that since the agendas were sent out, she has received 3 quotes for the annual Parish Council Insurance policy from Came & Co brokers. The cheapest one is for £690, a large increase on the current premium, fixed for the last 3 years, of £484 pa. She will obtain alternative quotes. **ACTION: ML**

**11.2** We have been asked to return £230, granted by Devon CC towards the cost of a CCTV camera survey of Balls Farm Road, because the cost was subsequently met in full by Devon Highways. Agreed. **ACTION: ML**

**11.3** The annual report from ROSPA on the Play Area was received this week, and advises remedial work. The clerk has sent it to Councillors Thomas and Bell, who will report back to the next meeting. **ACTION: MT & LB**

#### **12. THE NEXT MEETING of Ide Parish Council is on Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall.**

In this regard, the chair informed councillors that from 7 May 2021 local councils are no longer permitted by law to hold remote meetings. In his judgement published by the High Court on 28 April 2021, Mr Justice Chamberlain ruled that "such meetings must take place at a single, specified geographical location; attending a meeting at such a location means physically going to it; and being "present" at such a meeting involves physical presence at that location." He will rule separately on whether it is permissible for the public to attend remotely and still say that such a meeting was held in public. The clerk will confirm with DALC our understanding that this also applies to our planning committee, which has delegated powers to make decisions; and does not apply to our working groups which can continue to meet remotely.

Meeting ended at 9.55pm.