

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Approved minutes of a meeting of Ide Parish Council held on Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 7.30pm, in Ide Memorial Hall

This meeting was audio recorded.

Present: Councillors Nick Bradley (chair) NB, Mark Thomas (vice chair) MT, Jessica Paine JP, Paula Burton Perrett PB-P, Ben Ervine BE, and Laura Bell LB.

In attendance: Mel Liversage (clerk), Councillors John Parrot TDC, Kevin Lake TDC

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Rachel Herbert on holiday – apologies accepted; Cllr Nick Creasy unwell – apologies accepted; Cllr Nuttall, TDC his attendance was required at Exminster IPC meeting – apologies accepted

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None declared

3. THE DRAFT MINUTES of Ide Parish Council’s regular meeting held 17 May 2023 and the Annual meeting of IPC held on 17 May 2023 were approved and signed

Action: ML post on website

4. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr John Parrott reported that over 1,000 organisations and over 6,000 individuals have made comments on the TDC Local Plan 2020-2040 draft regulation 19 submission version, which TDC are now working through. This will cause a delay in the publication of the submission version regulation 23 Local Plan, possibly until October; and a delay in the Examination Hearing in Public of the Local Plan until early 2024.

The TDC Councillors each have a Community Fund budget of £1000 available to them and applications for funding from residents for community projects can be made to any of the three of them on forms to be found on the TDC website.

Landfill site, Kennford. There have been public meetings held recently in Kennford and Shillingford about the proposed landfill site at Lower Brenton Farm, Kennford. A revised planning application is due to be submitted soon, after the original application was withdrawn in 2021. Kenn and Shillingford Parish Councils hold significant concerns about the traffic and environmental impacts on their communities, and, we understand, intend to oppose the plans **and that he will call in the application if requested or if no PC decides to call it in.**

Cllr Kevin Lake has written to TDC about their poorly composed Declaration of Interest Forms and is awaiting a response from them.

5. PLANNING MATTERS: Cllr Ben Ervine reported no new applications submitted to IPC for comment since the last meeting. Several planning decisions have been made by TDC, notably that the retrospective application for Round Field has been refused. We expect that if no appeal is received within 12 weeks, enforcement action may be taken to clear the site of containers and plant.

Action: Ben Ervine to monitor and alert TDC after 12 week period elapsed.

NEW APPLICATIONS
None
APPLICATIONS AWAITING A DECISION BY TDC
23/00617/FUL 2 Fore Street, Ide Changes of use of land to domestic curtilage and provision of an ancillary domestic outbuilding. SUPPORTED BY IDE PC PLANNING COMMITTEE.
23/00250/HOU - 2 Fore Street, Ide: Retention of boundary wall and fence. The original application (21/00560/HOU) caused concerns regarding its impact on the local heritage. The Conservation Officer of Teignbridge District Council, Naomi Archer, has restated her concerns. Ide planning Committee commented on the importance this property’s position at the entrance to the village. NOT SUPPORTED BY IDE PLANNING COMMITTEE
APPLICATIONS DECIDED BY TDC
22/00826/FUL Land At Ngr 290810, 090383, Ide - Round Field. Formation of yard for storage of machinery and construction materials and the siting of 14 secure storage containers and associated landscaping (retrospective). PERMISSION REFUSED
21/02929/LBC Drakes Farm, Fore Street Ide External and internal works and alterations including regularisation of previously undertaken unauthorised works. PERMISSION GRANTED
23/00415/CAN - The Grange , 10 Drakes Farm, Ide T1 to T6, Unknown species: Fell. T7, Silver birch: Remove low branch and reduce height, as indicated in the supplied image. 2Small yellow shrub: Fell.T8, Silver birch: Remove low branches as indicated in the supplied image. PERMISSION GRANTED
23/00587/HOU - 8 St Ida’s Close, Ide Proposal: Single storey extension with balcony, insertion of roof lights and external wall insulation, removal of chimney PERMISSION GRANTED
23/00851 – 2a The Green, Ide Install 4 sun tunnels over the garage PERMISSION GRANTED

6. Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040 – Final Submission (Regulation 23) Version

The chair had also contacted TDC about the expected date of publication, and had been informed it is delayed from July to October, pushing the Plan’s Examination Hearing in Public into early 2024.

7. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

7.1 Ide Community Orchard Management Group - The Parish Council had not met since the tragic death of Peter Cloke, the chair of the group. Cllr Bradley spoke of the amazing contribution Peter had made to this project, his work and enthusiasm for the Orchard was exemplary. He expressed our sincere condolences to his family at this sad time.

He also thanked Mark Thomas for his report (**Paper 1**) and for taking up the reins to become chair. MT confirmed that the group will be setting out a management plan to ensure that the important maintenance work is undertaken at the appropriate time. The chair also thanked Cllr Paine for undertaking the role of secretary to the group.

The benefit of the recent rain is showing already. Fruit on the mature trees is swelling, and the young trees, now three and a half years old, have put on growth spurts. James Romain will be (weather permitting) terracing the picnic table areas with a mini digger on 22 July so that the tables stand level.

7.2 Weir Meadow & Northern Fields WG

7.2.1 The chair thanked Richard Cottle (Paper 2) for the report from the Working Group. **Old bridge restoration.** Work to strengthen and restore the original stone and brick arched bridge across Fordland Brook, began on 18 July. The base of the bridge's arch on the northern bank had been severely eroded over several hundred years. Bob Lowton and his team have packed the eroded space with roughhewn rock, and faced the repair with the original dark grey dressed stone which was sitting on the bed of the leat. The chair thanked Ide Twinning Association (which has been formally disbanded) for their generous donation of £2,175 towards the cost of the bridge's restoration.

7.2.2 Playing Field. The plan for the meadow over the next 11 months is to plough, harrow, tine, fertilize, seed and smooth the ground to provide an adequate playing surface for cricket, football and other sports and recreation. The chair thanked Peter Skinner who has engaged a local farmer to undertake the work. The grass was cut and baled last month; and August will see the next stages begin. The stand of Japanese knotweed along the bank of the brook has been treated, and we will repeat this during autumn and winter.

7.2.3 Northern Fields. The tenant of the Northern Fields has requested an early release from his 2 year lease (due to finish 29 9 24) citing legal "frustration" at the fouling by dogs in the crop of winter wheat, which has failed this year. Legal advice to the Council is that we have fulfilled our duties under the lease, by erecting clear directive signage; and that there is no merit to the claim that the terms of the lease have been frustrated. The grass from the fields has now been cut, bagged and taken away. The second instalment, £550, of the first year's rent due in March 2023 has not been paid. The working group has recommended that IPC accept early release on 29 9 23, on condition that the tenant settles his outstanding rent, cuts the hedges as contracted and returns the key of the entrance gate. Councillors debated the options; and agreed to take a firm stance, by writing to the tenant as outlined in paragraph above, but adding the condition that IPC demands the full rent due for years one

and two. The chair will take advice and consult with David Howe and Cllr Paine to draft our reply to this request and set out our terms for an agreement to early release.

7.2.4 Tree planting on Northern Fields. The Working Group is looking at the long term vision for the land, which has been to create a woodland area, with letting to a tenant only ever being a temporary arrangement. So the WG sees this as an opportunity to bring this strategy forward, and is exploring potential grants from the Woodland Creation Scheme, Woodland Carbon Credits and Biodiversity net gain to allow the fields to be planted as a community woodland area with benefits for amenity and wildlife; and provide an income for their maintenance. Councillors agreed this is the preferred option rather than offering another short term lease for a farm business tenancy.

ACTION: NB and JP to meet with David Howe and formalise our reply to the request for early termination of the lease

7.3 Joint Projects Fundraising WG

7.3.1 The chair thanked **Phil Willcock** for his financial reports (Paper 3) on both the Community Orchard and Weir Meadow with Northern Fields accounts.

7.3.2 Fundraising concert. Paper 2 reported a sellout concert at West Town Farm on July 8 2023. Good weather helped 300 people enjoy sets by Police Dog Hogan, Freddie and the Fedoras, and Sisters and Sons, who all gave their performances free of charge. We cleared £7,000 in total after expenses: £4,000 from ticket sales after expenses went towards the Community Orchard upkeep fund; and £3,000 profit from the bar and food sales went towards the Weir Meadow Playing Field fund.

Councillors extended their thanks to all three bands, to the organising team of Rachel Herbert, Cheryl Haddy, Richard Sharman and Liv Ambrose; the event managers Laura and David Farrow; and to Exeter Brewery and Sandford Orchards for generous donations of beer and cider.

7.4 Ide Emergency Planning WG

7.4.1 Drainage/flood prevention update – no further actions needed at this point

7.4.2 The amount of salt/grit needed has been assessed and will be ordered for the autumn

ACTION: PB-P & ML to order amounts required

7.4.3 Coronation Gardens Sculpture to mark the Coronation of King Charles III

An application to the National lottery has been drafted. But Cllr Burton-Perrett is awaiting further confirmation of the details for the workshops to be run by the West Town Arts Group, and from the school confirming their involvement at this stage. A suggestion to include in the application funds to enhance Coronation Gardens with new plants and furniture will depend on getting volunteers to undertake the work.

ACTION: P-BP will report back to September's meeting

7.4.4 Update of screen works on **A30 boundary** on land opposite The Cherries. Cllr P.P-B reports that National Highways are not planning any further planting to this stretch of the A30. Marcus Anning from National Highways wrote:

11. GOVERNANCE

11.1 NB The chair reported that he met with the clerk on June 2, 2023 to conduct her appraisal. It should have been conducted in March, but was delayed. Job description and contract were reviewed. Actions were agreed.

11.2 The Clerk's hours of work and pay scale were reviewed. In view of the steep increase in financial activity and complexity brought about by our acquisitions of the Orchard and Weir Meadow and Northern Fields; and the activity related to the TDC Local Plan 2020-2040, NB recommended to councillors that Mel Liversage's, the parish clerk, hours increase from 21 to 24 hours a month; and her pay scale from SPC 18 to SPC 23, at an hourly rate of £15.47 per hour. This includes an increase in holiday allowance from 21 days per annum to 25 days per annum, as she has worked for IPC for over five years. Actions agreed. Councillors agreed that all these increases would take effect from the April 2023 payment, and that commensurate back pay will be paid.

12. FINANCE

ML

The financial reports for period 11 May to 13 July 2023 and notification of payments over £100 (**Papers 6a,b,c,d,e**) were presented and approved.

13. TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS – the IPC has monies allocated in the budget to enable and encourage councillors to undertake the training and updating courses provided by DALC.

Details of these courses can be found at www.devonalc.org.uk

ACTION: ML will circulate course details on a regular basis

14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS. No items raised at this meeting

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Pynes Farm House and Yard. NB reported correspondence with Jackson Stops and Strutt and Parker about progress with the sale. It is over a year since Pynes Farm Yard was put on the market. It has still not been sold. The farm buildings remain unoccupied and the house empty. The Parish Council has been keen for the Church Commissioners to make progress to bring the plans for a residential development of the Yard, over which we worked long and hard with the Commissioners' agents, to fruition. NB was informed that the sale of the Yard to a developer is imminent; and that the Farm House is undergoing repairs, after which it will be advertised for rent.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of Ide Parish Council is on Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 7.30pm to be held in Ide Memorial Hall.

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