

IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of a meeting of Ide Parish Council held on 20 March 2024 at 7.30pm in Ide Memorial Hall

This meeting was audio recorded

Present: Councillors Nick Bradley (chair) NB, Nick Creasy NC, Patrick Irwin PI, Mark Thomas (vice chair) MT (arrived at 7.48pm), Paula Burton Perrett PB-P (arrived at 7.35 pm).

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

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Ben Ervine and Rachel Herbert due to work commitments, Laura Bell due to family commitment, Sarah Tiley who is unwell - apologies accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None declared

3. THE DRAFT MINUTES of Ide Parish Council's meeting held 17 January 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record **ACTION ML TO POST ON WEBSITE**

4. PLANNING MATTERS

4.1 Recent applications.

23/02157 FUL Land Off Idestone Lane, Ide.

Change of use to a secure dog walking field for private hire and creation of associated area for parking. Ide Planning Committee objected to this application on grounds of traffic congestion, access issues, road safety, environmental concerns, and the impact on local agriculture and wildlife. A second meeting was held after TDC corrected the address and readvertised the application. See TDC planning website.

A large number of local residents have objected to the proposals, some of whom also asked the Parish Council and District Councillors to request that the application be 'called in' for determination by TDC Planning Committee: a call in request has therefore been made to TDC - **Paper 1.**

Applications awaiting approval from TDC

23/01955/HOU 7 Cross View Terrace Ide EX2 9RZ: 2 storey rear extension. The IPC planning committee objected to this application on grounds of loss of privacy and overshadowing.

23/01924/OUT Land North of College Lane EX2 9TF Outline application for three dwellings and associated works: approval is sought for access purposes only. Ide Parish Council and Ide Planning Committee strongly objected to this application.

23/00463/FUL Stevens Farm, Ide EX2 9FB: Change of use of agricultural building and land to commercial use for the sales and maintenance of tractors. Objected to by IPC Planning Committee.

23/01675/HOU & 23/01676/LBC 44 High Street, Ide EX2 9RW: Replacement of corrugated steel roof with slate and replacement front windows. Supported by IPC Planning Committee.

4.3 Appeal Received

23/00054/REF Land at Ngr 290858 90284, Ide Village Road Appeal against the refusal of planning application **22/00826/FUL- Formation of yard for storage of machinery and construction materials and the siting of 14 secure storage containers and associated landscaping (retrospective) PLANNING INSPECTORATE REF: 3331634.**

Letter to Planning Appeal Inspectorate on behalf of Ide Parish Council challenging the grounds of appeal submitted on 5 February 2024.

4.4 Decided Applications

24/00068/HOU - 6 The Green, Ide, EX2 9RT Demolition a replacement of single storey rear extension. Ide Planning Committee had no objections to this application. Approved by Teignbridge Planning Department.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (written or verbal)

Councillor Parrott reported that TDC have approved their budget for 2024/25, and that the Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040 Submission Version was published 14 March 2024. It includes some additional traffic plans. Councillor Lake apologised for missing the meeting on flood prevention measures organised by the IPC sub group.

Both TDC Councillors reported that following a consultation of the residents of Dunchideock, Teignbridge District Council have decided not to disband Dunchideock Parish Council. Some residents had requested that the community form a 'Parish Meeting' instead, but this request has been refused by TDC. Two councillors have recently resigned. The future of a secular parish administration in Dunchideock remains uncertain.

6. FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES FOR IDE – Papers 2a, 2b

A meeting was held to discuss the EA report, which backs up concerns that the capacity of the surface drains through village is poor and recommends a full drainage assessment. We need to keep reporting when the drains are blocked on the DCC Highways website to get them cleared. EA feel that throttling the orifice into the railway embankment culvert is not the first choice option and they favour natural remedial works.

IPC intends to make sure that the landowners keep the Easterbrook stream clear and well maintained. Farming practices have changed and the planting of maize exacerbates the risk

of flooding. The group are keeping in touch with all the landowners, the EA, Devon CC and Natural England, to find a solution. We have asked the Church Commissioners and Devon CC as catchment landowners if they will contribute towards the cost of commissioning a further report from Nigel Smith of Teign Consult, as recommended in the EA report. We obtained a quote for this several months ago.

There is a Catchment Sensitive Farming Scheme operated by Natural England, which will make an assessment and provide access to potential funds. Dan Meek of Devon CC is investigating to see if we meet the threshold for free access to this scheme. If we do meet the criteria, it has to be the land occupier who applies to the scheme.

ACTION NB to pursue CSFS with DCC

7. RISK ASSESSMENT EXERCISE - ANNUAL REVIEW ML Paper 3 - resolved to accept and approve the document to be submitted to the internal auditor.

8. BALLS FARM ROAD - Update NB Paper 4 In December 2023 we received reports from parents of children at Ide School about illegal vehicular use of Balls Farm Road with fast, aggressive driving, and verbal abuse of pedestrians and cyclists. Balls Farm Road lies inside Exeter City boundary. It is not part of Ide Parish, but forms a vital link between Ide and Exeter for cyclists and pedestrians, especially school children; and it's a rural lane used for horse riding, recreational walking and running. We wrote to Devon CC Highways requesting assistance with involving the police; and asking that they consider adding repeater signage at the junction of Balls Farm Road and Little Johns Cross Hill; and at the junction of Balls Farm Road with Crabb Lane. We have also asked them to consider re-defining the zone of "Access Only" restriction (TRO = Traffic Regulation Order) to Balls Farm Road alone, since Little Johns Cross Hill is a wide, uncontested road. At this stage DCC are not inclined to accept our suggestions, as the regulations do not allow repeater signs; and re-defining the zone could cause danger at the foot of Little Johns Cross Hill.

However, DCC have asked the police to do some morning spot checks. And they are arranging a site meeting with the Parish Council and the police in April. There may also be additional powers that a County Council can invoke under new devolved regulations. DCC have undertaken to investigate what might be possible, and report back to us.

The Parish Council have plans to conduct informal, early morning traffic observations to gauge the current usage.

ACTION MT to set up on site meeting with Devon Highways and Police

9. WORKING GROUP REPORTS:

9.1 Ide Community Orchard MG The Chair thanked Mark Thomas for his report Paper 5. Dates set for events over the year - Blossom Breakfast on Sunday May 19th, Solstice Sun rise on Friday June 21st and Apple Day on Saturday October 19th,.

9.2 Weir Meadow & Northern Fields WG

9.2.1 The chair thanked Peter Skinner for his report Paper 6a. Grass growth and establishment is good but the topsoil remains saturated and until it dries out, grass cutting and any other fieldwork cannot take place until mid to late April. A woodland landscape architect, Julia Matthews, has been appointed to create a tree planting scheme for the Northern Fields. Fifteen bird nest boxes and ten dormouse nest boxes have been purchased and will be put up shortly, and picnic benches have been ordered. Grants are being sought to purchase a suitable mower and store, which will belong to the Parish Council. The Cricket Club will be responsible for cutting the whole field under the terms of the lease using this mower. An alternative surface for the car park area has been sourced, which will be constructed when funds allow.

9.2.2 The chair thanked David Howe for his work on the Interim Report on lease of part of Weir Meadow to Ide Cricket Club. Paper 6b

9.2.3 Councillors resolved to accept and approve the draft lease, the agreement for lease and proposals for entering into a contract with Slatters for construction of an artificial cricket wicket, proposed by Cllr Burton Perrett and seconded by Cllr Thomas and unanimously approved by a show of hands

9.3 Joint Projects Fundraising WG The chair thanked Phil Willcock hon treasurer to the two working groups, for his financial reports Papers 7a and & 7b

9.4 Ide Emergency Planning WG update: no new updates.

10. Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040 Submission Version published 14 March 2024. NB <http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanexamination>.

10.1 Teignbridge has published the definitive 'submission' version of its Local Plan up to 2040, covering proposed housing developments in our District. This plan, which can be accessed on the link above, will now be submitted to the appointed Examiner for scrutiny and examination, a public hearing in Newton Abbot, and, reflecting the findings of that hearing, recommendations to the Secretary of State. The date of the public hearing has not yet been announced.

10.2 The Parish Council resolved formally to instruct Adam Place, Planning Consultant at Viable Placemaking, funded by generous donations from residents last spring, to help us prepare Ide's arguments, about Markham Village in particular, when we come to make our representations in person to the Public Examiner. Proposed by Cllr Creasy and seconded by Cllr Irwin unanimously approved by a show of hands

11. SCHOOL LIAISON: Cllr Thomas reports that he has met with the headmistress, Alice Purcell and that they have received favourable comments about the leaflets and the efforts to alleviate the parking problems at peak times. The school is actively encouraging cycling and walking and making space for pupils to change within the school. The school and the

Friends of Ide School Association are keen to reach out and work together with Parish Council and the wider community of Ide.

12. HIGHWAYS:

12.1 Proposal to replace fixed bollards with removable bollards at the junction of Pole House Lane and Old Ide Lane by Pole House. NB wrote to Devon Highways Neighbourhood officer in January for advice, with a prompt in March. No response yet

12.2 Absent bicycle ramp either side of Polehouse Lane at junction with Old Ide Lane has been reported to Devon County Council.

13. FINANCE ML

Councillors resolved to accept the financial reports for period 12 January 2024 to 14 March 2024, which were approved and adopted along with notification of payments over £100
Papers 8 a-e

14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS and items for future agenda.

Cllr Irwin asked if the entrance to and the pathways of the orchard could be made more user friendly for the elderly and/or disabled users and for wheelchair access. Cllr Thomas replied that a kissing gate is to be installed alongside the gate to improve safety when leaving the Orchard. ICOMG will take advice on how improve accessibility in the orchard, and will discuss at the next management group meeting.

Cllr Burton-Perrett reported she attended the Memorial Hall Committee meeting and several improvements are in hand including a new front door and some additional rendering on the front façade.

Cllr Creasy reports an increase in fly tipping episodes recently, which have been reported to Teignbridge District Council, and that he has also agreed to undertake annual inspection of the items listed on our asset register. He reported that he has cleaned up the surface of the footbridge.

Cllr Bradley reported that the enormous pothole on the T junction of Ide Village Road at Pocombe Bridge was causing danger and that he has reported it again on the DCC website.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

15.1. Email from resident requesting signs to be erected at each end of the village to warn HGV drivers of the narrowness of Fore Street and High Street. The chair responded that the road is the main village thoroughfare, is not a single track road, and there is no wider alternative route for commercial or agricultural vehicles. There is no legal right to park on the highway, but there is a legal responsibility not to obstruct traffic on the highway. We should remind residents to ensure they do not cause an obstruction when they are parking their vehicles.

ACTION ML TO REPLY TO THE RESIDENT

15.2. Email from resident regarding flooding and unevenness of the footpath alongside The Hams. This was reported on the DCC highways website and is now undergoing remedial works.

15.3. Emails from a resident regarding flooding and potholes on road to Rollsbridge Farm. The potholes have now been examined and are scheduled for repair. ML has reported the flooding issues relating to the Alphinbrook to Devon Highways and the Environment Agency.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of Ide Parish Council is on Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 7.30pm to be held in Ide Memorial Hall. This meeting will consist of the Annual Parish Meeting, to be followed by the Annual meeting of Ide Parish Council, followed by the regular bi-monthly May Parish Council meeting.

Meeting ended at 9.11pm

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