IDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th September 2015

1. Present: Barry Hookins (Chairman), Nick Bradley, John Smart, Sarah Tiley, Andy Swain, Peter Pattison, Louise Watson

Also in attendance: Rose Saunders (Clerk), DCC Councillor Alan Connett.

There was one member of the public present.

Public participation:

A representative from West Town Farm explained that the Church Commissioners have plans to sell the land and that Andy Bragg, the tenant farmer, wants to buy it and run it as a community farm/educational facility.

They are setting up a steering group with the aim of obtaining grants and negotiating with the Church Commissioners.

She asked for Parish Council support for their efforts and this was given in principle.

2. Apologies for absence: Chris Bishop, Councillors John Goodey and Kevin Lake (TDC)

*Louise Watson arrives.*

3. Declaration of Interest: none

4. Minutes of last meeting: the minutes of 15th July 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting

5. Progress reports for information:

1. Neighbourhood Plan (Peter Pattison) – Peter and Chris have met with the Community Council of Devon to discuss policy detail. A meeting has been set up with a Planning Officer for early October as we need her expertise and she will advise on the availability of grants. Need to produce a draft Neighbourhood Plan and this has to be sent out to every household for approval. Still some way to go!
2. Play Area (Barry Hookins) – The installation of the new play equipment has been postponed until October half term, as the site is not ready. A skip was needed to take away the rubber chippings and John Goodey/Kevin Lake have agreed to fund this via TDC

Barry noted his thanks to Angelique Nichols, David & Janet Williams, Stuart & Bridget Brooking, and Jack Frost who have helped to prepare the site. Disappointing that there have been no working parties of parents to help out.

1. Ide Parish Fund – No applications have been received since July’s meeting.
2. Cemetery (Sarah Tiley) – The records are still being updated, with Sarah and Rose checking the paper records against the actual graves.

Two quotes have been received for cutting back the conifers at the bottom border. These were reviewed and Stuart Brooking’s quote of £498.75 was approved. (Proposed NB, seconded BH)

Sarah will check whether there are any TPOs on these trees before asking Stuart to proceed.

Sarah has investigated whether there is a fireproof box available for the storage of cemetery records and will contact St Ida’s Church to ask how their records are stored.

1. Traffic issues along Balls Farm Road/Doctors Walk (Andy Swain) – Andy had suggested to the local Community Police team that attending at the beginning of term would be especially beneficial but he didn’t see them there. Barry had spoken to P.C. Croft who has been seen regularly patrolling the area – he has been stopping and warning drivers and recording their details.
2. Parish Council vacancy – Two applications have been received for the one vacancy, from Maggie Parkes and Pete Bishop. See notes at end of minutes.
3. Village Maintenance – Bridget Brooking has agreed to take on extra work to keep things tidy. Paul Tonkin, who looks after the cemetery, will strim around the Green on his next visit.
4. Proposals for Park & Ride at Alphington Junction – There was a good turnout at the village consultation at the end of July, with a lot of suggestions as to how Ide could benefit. We would require a speed limit on the C50 and some way of improving the entrance to the village.

As nothing has been heard since the consultation Alan Connett will ask for a progress report.

6. New items arising:

1. Elector Fund – consideration of ideas for claim from this year’s fund. As there were no ideas for a claim, this will be held over until February 2016. Councillors were asked to come up with suggestions for the £495 available.
2. Church Commissioners’ – possible future plans (Nick Bradley)

* West Town Farm – see public participation
* Weir Meadow – Deloittes, the Church Commissioners’ agents, have asked how much of Weir Meadow the village of Ide would want for community use. Members agreed that the community could utilise and would wish to have access to the whole field. The uses envisaged are: a combined rugby and football pitch; a cricket pitch overlapping, but with separate protected square (Barry has met with Richard Cloke and Stuart Brooking to discuss); a children’s playground; open green space for exercise and dog walking; a community orchard; a sensory trail; and possible allotments. (Clerk will ask in Ide Times for names for allotments waiting list to ascertain demand) The basis for this need is that residents of Ide have no access to open space, other than the tiny village green where dogs are prohibited and recreation extremely limited. This has been exacerbated by the closure of the permitted footpath across land attached to Whiddon Farm, recently sold into private ownership by the Church Commissioners.

It was considered that this site is too far from the village centre for a Community Hall and the current plans for the Memorial Hall are well advanced.

* Pynes Farm – the agents are arranging a topographical survey of Pynes Farm and are expected to have instructed architects by November for a sympathetic development of houses on the farmyard site. We agreed to wait until these plans are forthcoming before the PC meets for discussions with Deloittes about Weir Meadow and a Pynes Farm development.

A discussion was held regarding the need for affordable housing in Ide – Alan Connett will obtain details of the waiting list from the Teignbridge DC Housing Register.

7. Finance:

a) To receive Receipts and Payments from 15/7/15 to 16/9/15

Current account £16537.23, Deposit £697.01, total £17,234.24 credit

Un-presented cheques of £328.75 result in a balance of £16,905.49 credit

Monies ring-fenced for the Play Area so far total £12,550 and a further £1,000 is to be claimed from Devon CC.

**b) Notification of all payments over £100**

The local government Transparency Code requires the publication of all payments over £100 – this information will form part of the minutes in future and is available on the website:

Payments made of more than £100 since 1st April 2015:

* DALC membership - £104.06 – net of VAT
* Clerk’s wages - £103.35 per month
* Annual Insurance – Zurich - £444.48
* Teignbridge DC Election expenses - £163.70
* Teignbridge DC – Dog bins - £552 net of VAT (grant received for this)
* R Lowton – clearance of Trash Screen - £325
* Ide Netball Club – Village Fund grant £380

8. Recent Planning Applications:

Mr & Mrs M Easterbrook, Drakes Farm, Ide – Dwelling in garden – awaiting decision.

Mrs B Spivey, 1 Cobbe House, Ide – Felling of one prunus tree – awaiting decision

Mrs J Williams, 5 The Green, Ide – outline permission for dwelling in garden – awaiting decision

Mr D Beeson, 17a High Street, Ide – Extension at side of property- awaiting decision

9. Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda

Louise – reported fly-tipping at the entrance to Weir Meadow – Barry to report to TDC

Peter – concerns about potholes along The Green towards the church – Barry to report

Barry – There are plans to upgrade the curly-wurly bridge and Highways England have installed temporary cameras to monitor usage.

10. Correspondence for Information –

Email from Devon CC re ways to cut junk mail!

Email from Devon & Cornwall police – re Community Messaging

DALC annual report

DALC – invitation to the AGM and Annual conference

Gambling Act – Review of statement of principles – Notice on board.

Public notice of Rural Skip service 7th November

Email from David Garnsworthy re cemetery enquiry

Confirmation from Devon CC that bus service cuts take effect from 20th Sept

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th November 2015

Post-meeting discussion:

Two applications have been received to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council, from Maggie Parkes and Pete Bishop. After lengthy discussions a vote was taken and Pete Bishop was appointed as the successful candidate. (Chris Bishop’s vote had been provided in a sealed envelope).

Letters will be sent to both candidates confirming the appointment (Action: clerk).

SIGNED: *B.Hookins*

Barry Hookins, Chairman.

DATE: 18th November 2015