



# Ilsington Parish Council

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## Ilsington Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Present:**

Cllr M Wills	Cllr R Steemson
Cllr R Bainbridge	Cllr S Harcourt-Smith
Cllr S Hember	Cllr Mrs J Prior
Cllr Mrs C Reeve	Cllr M Retallick
Cllr R Winsor	

Also in attendance: Cllr G Gribble – Devon County Councillor, Cllr A Patch – Teignbridge District Councillor, Mrs Retallick (Clerk) and 5 members of public.

*Councillors are reminded that they must declare any prejudicial interests they may have in any item to be considered at this meeting, prior to the commencement of the meeting.*

Cllr Wills welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**21/18 To accept apologies for absence.**

None received, although the clerk was able to listen, she was unable to comment due to IT difficulties.

**21/19 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.**

None declared.

**21/20 PUBLIC FORUM & MEMBERS COMMENTS – (this will be at the Chairman discretion)**

Fibre Broadband – an Ilsington parishioner asked if the council had an update following last month's meeting, unfortunately the clerk was unable to respond. The parishioner asked if a working party could be formed. Cllr Gribble confirmed he was aware of the internet difficulties in the parish. Cllr Patch confirmed that if residents wished to meet prior to a working party being formed, Cllr Retallick encouraged pursuing Openreach as using a different service would be costly. Cllr Harcourt Smith noted that there had been problems recently as there have been blockages with broadband providers, but it is hoped that will be cleared very soon.

A Liverton parishioner informed the meeting that an enforcement officers had visited Myrtle Lodge site and has asked the owners to submit a certificate of lawfulness. The parishioner disputes the site has had the same use for 10 years. Cllr Steemson noted that TDC would be making the final decision on any application that would be submitted, and Cllr Retallick assured the resident that it is the authorities' procedure to check all information submitted. An Ilsington parishioner is in favour of a 20mph limit through the village of Ilsington as he is concerned about the speed of vehicle on the road.

Cllr Hember enquired why the trees have been cut down on Drumbridges roundabout and she has noticed a lot of potholes generally everywhere. Cllr Gribble thinks it is to keep the trees away from the electric cable and part of the improvements. Also, Highway England are carrying out selective felling and these conifers could affect the water course as they are close to an SSSI area. He also acknowledged that there are a lot of potholes and DCC have £600,000 extra funding for highway matters.

**21/21 To confirm the minutes** of the last meetings on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

These were agreed as a true record of that meeting.

**21/22 To receive reports** - from the County and District Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Police and Lengthsman.

Teignbridge District Councillor - Cllr Patch reported that TDC have been focused on budget setting and more information is available on the council website, their income is uncertain at

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the moment. The Rural Aid grant has been suspended, councillor's community fund has been saved for another year, Cllr Patch has some left from this year, but bids should be submitted asap, his new allocation will be available from May.

A parishioner contacted him concerned about the amount of motor bike riders in Rora Woods this has caused friction between them and walkers.

Cllr Patch supports the renew of Housing Needs Survey and noted that if the parish carried out a Neighbourhood Plan it would give the parish council more say in the developments within the parish.

Cllr Hember asked if the Community Fund could be used to support getting fibre broad band? Cllr Patch thought that may be possible if the community applied.

Cllr Wills thanked Cllr Patch.

Devon County Councillor – Cllr Gribble reported that DCC have been concentrating on budget recently including reviewing funding for schools in Devon and the Health and Social Care budget. From the Highways department there are lots of potholes in need of repair and road closures for work to the highway. The teams have dealt with several blown over trees. Purdah starts on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March in preparation for the elections in May.

Cllr Wills asked about the road closure from Cummings Cross to Bovey Tracey, Cllr Gribble explained that a new road is being built but there are many reports needed to be done before that can commence. The Drumbridges to Newton Abbot road improvement is on target.

**21/23 Clerks report** – for Information only- this was emailed to all councillors.

- Fibre Broad band – reply received from Connecting Devon and Somerset see email.
- Cllr Patch and Cllr Gribble do have some fund left if the council wanted to apply for funds toward the speed signs.
- DCC Highways have confirmed £1000 grant toward the lengthsman for 2020-2021
- New section added to the website – recoding the planning application received and the decision given by IPC and TDC/DNPA
- Precept request had been queried and clerk has dealt with that.
- Census 21<sup>st</sup> March ad on website and FB page
- Housing strategy please can councillors go on and take the survey.
- Query from resident about the road closure between Cummings Cross and Thornes Cross. The highways engineer has been emailed to find out the reason why and how long before it will be reopened.

**21/24 Business Brought forward by the Chairman. –**

Cllr Wills noted the trees from the Welcome Stranger to the bridge over the A38 have been cut back making the road much safer.

**21/25 Housing Needs Survey** – to discuss and agree the cost to update Ilsington HNS.

Since the last meeting emails have been exchanged about updating the housing needs survey in Ilsington. The cost to the council would be £500, Devon Communities Together create the survey and arrange for it to be delivered to all household within Ilsington. It was agreed via email to ask people who complete the survey to identify which settlement they are from.

Cllr Harcourt Smith noted that there is a lack of bungalows in Ilsington for over 50's or single households, she supports the survey, Cllr Steemson suggested the council seeks funding from the District Councillor.

**ACTION – All were in favour of proceeding with the new survey and seeking a grant from the District Councillor.**

**21/26 Speeding issues – 20's Plenty – Update**

The designs from the schools have been delayed and have proved difficult for several reasons and Cllr Steemson proposed that a design that Cllr Wills suggested a while ago should be explored. We have already received two quotes to make the signs. The councillors agreed to carry on get the signs made up once a proof has been circulated to all and agreed then ask the school to engage with the project to reduce the speed within our parish.

Quote 1 = £32 per sign

Quote 2 - £16 per sign.

Both quotes were based on a A3 size on a hard plastic or aluminium back.

**ACTION – Circulate a proof design, Order 30 signs to cover the parish from no2 quotation company.**

**21/27 Grant application** – to consider application from Ilsington Parish Summer Show.

The Chairman *suspended the Standing Orders*, and the treasurer of the summer show presented the application to the meeting. He explained the aims of the committee and how the funds are managed. The application for the grant is to go towards the cost of hiring a marquee, while the show was not held last year there were losses through lack of advertising. The Show committee are determined not to allow the spirit of the show fail as once lost it would never recover. Cllr Retallick asked if the show committee would consider donating some profit to local charities and while they have not done so in the past the treasurer would certainly ask the committee about that. It was also asked that IF the show did fail what would happen to the funds held? Again, the treasurer would ask the show committee to take out an understating that if this did happen any funds would come to the Parish Council. He noted that this would be the 100<sup>th</sup> year and a grant would safeguard the show reaching that milestone. *Standing orders were resumed* and Cllr Winsor proposed that the council should support the grant application, Cllr Steemson was happy to second the proposal with the understating that the Summer show revised their constitution to agreed that should the committee close any fund would come back to the parish council. All were in favour.

**ACTION – Approve the grant application for £1000.**

*(Cllr Gribble left the meeting)*

**21/28 Mountain Bike Issue in Woods behind Woodside Cottages** – Information and decision

This item was added to the agenda following an email to the District Councillor from a parishioner reporting motor bikes using Rora Woods. There have been several clashes with walkers. Bikers have been using the woods more frequently and the access points have broken down. It is known that Blackpool school also uses the woods with the owner's permission. It is believed the woods are owned by Rora Farm, but Fountain Forestry manage it. It was proposed to write to the owners to raise their awareness to the problem.

**ACTION – Council to write to the owners of the woods.**

**21/29 Annual Parish Meeting** – to review

The steps for easing lockdown are still not clear enough to decide, the councillors will review again at the next meeting.

**ACTION – Add to next month's agenda.**

**21/30 To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District.**

**Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority.**

- DNPA 0043/21 & 0044/21 **Proposal:** Change of use of barns to ancillary accommodation including parking and amenity area **Site address:** Rora Farm, Liverton. **Support as improvement to historic buildings.**
- TDC 21/00325/TPO Location: 2 Laskeys Heath, Liverton **Proposal:** Reduce four main stems of one oak by 2-3m where overhanging, prune upper canopy by up to 3m and remove epicormic growth. **No objection**
- DNPA 0054/21 **Proposed:** Removal of existing garden store and replacement with block-built store with slate roof Location: Old Leys Farm, Liverton. **No objection**

**21/31 To authorise payments** of cheques presented see Accounts sheet.

1	C Retallick -salary	797.60
2	HMRC	24.00
3	HP Instant Ink x2	19.98
4	J Hamlin - Builder wk at Telephone box	84.00
5	Ilsington Summer Show grant	1000.00

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DD	BT - February	48.99
		1974.57

**Bank Reconciliation as at 19th January 2021**

Summary

Opening Balance	54477.33	Payment	41472.92
Receipts	40619.57	Closing	53623.98
	95096.90	Balance	95096.90

**ACTION - The payments were authorised, and bank statement agreed.**

**21/32 To received reports from councillors** - on outside bodies for information.

Cllr Reeve reported the shelves are up and filled with books at the telephone kiosk next to the bus shelter in Liverton.

Cllr Harcourt Smith reported that the build at the school was on schedule and going well.

**To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30 pm on Zoom**

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**Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom.**

Meeting closed 21.18pm

Signed ..... Date .....

**Items for next agenda**

Fibre Broadband