



# Ilington Parish Council

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## Ilington Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2021

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Present:**

Cllr M Wills	Cllr R Steemson
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 3 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.

**21/49 To accept apologies for absence.**

From Cllr R Bainbridge and Mr C Sheldon

**21/50 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.**

None declared.

**21/51 PUBLIC FORUM & MEMBERS COMMENTS – (limited to 10 minutes)**

*(Applicants with planning applications for consideration may also speak for up to 3 minutes on behalf of their own application)*

Cllr Patch asked the parish council if they had plans to paint the railings at Liverton village hall, the Chairman confirmed that the council has requested quotations for several jobs in the parish including the railings. Cllr Patch noted that he had been approached with the idea of painting a Toby Jug onto the side of the Liverton bus shelter to reflect the local history of the potteries. The council does have the information board which will also go onto the bus shelter soon.

A Ilington parishioner undated the council on the progress of the installing fibre broadband in the village of Ilington, the quote to install the cable is 250,000 which is considered over estimated as the main cable is already in place. The quote is being challenged and he will report back once he received more information.

Cllr Retallick noted that the telephone box at Liverton has a lot of books and questioned our insurance cover.

**21/52 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.**

These were agreed to be a true record of the last meeting.

**21/53 To receive reports from District, County Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Lengthsman and Police.**

DCC – Cllr Gribble – Councillors and council is still working within Covid restrictions, he met Alison Hernandez at the Drumbridges gravel pit to ask for break ins to the site to be a criminal offence, the wall will need to be removed at some point and the fear of another break in is real. Cllr Gribble also met with the public rights of way officer for matter in Manaton and would discuss the Liverton matter as well. Cllr Steemson asked to update the meeting on this matter later in the meeting.

Cllr Patch asked if there was a date planned for the repair to the Cumming Cross to Bovey road yet? Cllr Gribble reported that surveys are being carried out weekly, once the ground is stable the repairs will be carried out.

TDC – Cllr Patch – The Little Liverton Business Park Appeal is set for 10<sup>th</sup> May and Cllr Patch has register to take part in that appeal. The district council has voted in favour of the redevelopment of the town centre which will make it main pedestrianised with larger pavements and greener, the plans include a 4-screen cinema and redevelopment of the

Alexandra Cinema. Friends of the Cinema are fighting to retain the building as a theatre and consultation is still on going about that.

Cllr Wills noted that Ilsington Parish Council has also registered to take part in the appeal.

DNPA – Cllr Steemson – The National Park are sharing the new Countryside Code and are advertise their own moto ‘Leave no trace – give nature space’. The ranger continues to be fixing new or replacing signs about the warning of fire. The park has been working with the police on three main issues 1. Break into cars 2. Speeding across the Moors 3. Issues on Ramshorn Down. It is planned to meet with other representatives to seek a solution to the various issues on Ramshorn Down.

Lengthsman - This month saw the first round of strimming following the winter in all parts of the Parish that the Lengthsman contract covers. In addition to this the hedgerows and treelines from the Drumbridges roundabout were cut back as was the hedgerow running towards the Welcome Stranger. Before the latter of these tasks could be done a full litter pick of the road verges was carried out which culminated in 6 bin bags of litter being collected. This was sorted into recyclable and non-recyclable, which ended up with two bags of rubbish going to waste. The main culprits were energy drink cans, crisp packets, and chocolate wrappers. All the bush shelters were cleaned and swept as were the village signs. To help wildflowers bloom for biodiversity there is no cutting or strimming planned in May as part of the national ‘No Mow May’ campaign, so strimming will return in June.

**21/54 Clerk’s report** - an update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only.

- Following the death of Prince Philip Operation Fourth bridge was activated however due to Covid 19 restrictions the arrangements were not as planned. The condolence book in the church was not used, and services were not held. The flag of the church was lowered to half-mast and the council website displayed the mourning page.
- Keep Britain Tidy campaign has been rearranged for 28<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> June for communities who would like to be involved.
- The lengthsman completed a litter pick recently while cutting the verges from Drumbridges to Exeter Cross.
- I collected the litter and broken bits of the litter bin from Little Meadow, there are still remnants of the bine which will be removed in due course.
- DNPA have circulated a letter giving advice to manage visitors onto the Moors once restrictions have been lifted.
- The council’s insurance will be automatically renewed this year as a long-term agreement was arranged last year.
- 20’s Plenty signs have been delivered and will be distributed through the parish
- More road closures within the parish and full details are available on the council website notice board.
- First Precept payment has been paid into the bank.

**21/55 Business Brought forward by the Chairman.**

Cllr Wills noted that a concrete bin would probably be the best idea for Little Meadow, he also informed the meeting that the memorial seat has now been fitted at the skate park in memory of a local boy who loved the area and used the facility a lot.

**21/56 Fenced footpath in Liverton** - Update

Cllr Steemson reported that DNPA footpath officer started speaking to the landowner in September 2020, they agreed that the path should be 2m wide and barbed wire would be used on the stock side of the fence with plain wire on the footpath side, the styles would be removed, and gates would be added. A DNPA will inspect the path and check the width ensuring the landowners restores the path to 2m if necessary, also once the ranger is satisfied a new finger post will be fitted. Fencing off footpaths have increased recently as there has been more problems with trespassers, litter, and fire. Cllr Gribble thanked Cllr Steemson for the update and will not get involved now, Cllr Retallick confirmed that the fencing is needed to protect pregnant sheep and lambs and the barbed wire is to ensure cattle do not rub on the fence and knock it over.

**ACTION – Reply and inform the writer of the reasons why and action which are being taken.**

**21/57 Review of Council Policies.**

Standing orders (2018 NALC)	Financial Regulations
Internal control statement.	Code of Conduct
Health & Safety Policy	Equal Opportunities Policy
Employee Expenses Policy	Disciplinary Policy
Bullying & Harassment Policy	Absence & sickness Policy
Grievance Policy	FOI Publication Scheme
Grant making policy.	

Cllr Steemson noted that he had reviewed these and no changes were needed Cllr Wills proposed that the documents are adopted and seconded by Cllr Steemson with all in favour.

**ACTION – Policies adopted by the council.**

*(Cllr G Gribble left the meeting)*

**21/58 Fibre Broadband for Ilsington – to discuss and agree the best way to support.**

The report from the Ilsington Parishioner in the public forum has already covered this, Cllr Patch asked if the quote could be reduced by using other providers as the infrastructure is already in place. Cllr Wills thanks J Luxton for his perseverance with this project.

**21/59 Grant application – to consider application for the Common Players.**

The chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Mrs Cunningham to explain the application to the councillors. The grant was applied for to cover the entire cost of the event. Tickets will be sold to cover some of the costs. The event will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August and advertised as a parish event. Mrs Cunningham confirmed that the minimum grant could be £700, however if the event were cancelled there would be a loss to find. The Full grant would ensure the event was booked and covered for any losses. She also confirmed that should a profit be made; this could come back to the council so it could be used for other grant applications.

Standing Orders were resumed – Cllr Hember proposed that the full grant should be supported, and any profit returned to the council, Cllr Prior seconded the proposal with all in favour.

**ACTION - £1300 grant approved for the Common Players.**

**21/60 To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District. Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority.**

- a) TDC21/00760/HOU – Proposal Proposed single storey extension and new pitched roof over extended garage at 32 Summerhill Road Liverton Devon TQ12 6HF **No objection.**

Grant of planning permission

- 0054/21 Removal of existing garden store and replacement with block-built store with slate roof at Old Leys Farm, Liverton

**21/61 To authorise payments of cheques presented see Account's sheet.**

1	C Retallick -salary	818.60
2	HMRC	14.73
3	HP Instant Ink	9.99
4	DALC Subscription	569.15
5	E Fairs Lengthsman duties	122.40
6	Zurich Insurance	739.72
7	Zoom Subscription	143.88
8	Teign Signs - 20's Plenty signs	260.00
9	Stamps	54.20
DD	BT - April	50.58
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**Bank Reconciliation as of 19th April 2021**

Summary

*Ilsington Parish Council (Full Council meeting)*

Opening Balance	44139.91	Payment	1253.42
Receipts	<u>25.38</u>	Closing Balance	<u>45418.71</u>
	<u>44165.29</u>		<u>44165.29</u>

Current Acc balance as per bank statement	491.08
Unpresented cheques	<u>                    </u>

Plus Deposit Acc Balance	44,714.50
Plus Savings Acc Balance	<u>213.13</u>
Net Balance	45,418.71

**ACTION – all payments were approved.**

**21/62 To received reports from councillors.**

Cllr Hember noted that the allotment plots were all looking good.

Cllr Prior noted that Ilsington village hall had problems with mice but that has now been resolved.

Cllr Reeve reported that Liverton Village hall had their AGM on zoom, a financial account will be ready for the Annual Parish Meeting. The committee had discussed painting the railing, but the footpath was in a bad state of repair. *Standing Orders were suspended* for the chairman of the hall to noted that DCC highways have agreed to carry out some remedial work on the path.

*Standing orders resumed*

Cllr Harcourt Smith noted that Ilsington Primary School were very grateful to Ilsington Village hall for supporting them through the building work at the school, she confirmed that the staff so ensure the hall is prepared for community use on evening that it is required.

**21/63 Rooks at the Church – discussion**

The trees around the school playground are home to a large family of rooks that are making a mess on the cars and the playground. The staff at the school are concerned as the bird mess does contain harmful bacteria – the clerk suggested the school contact the Environmental Health team.

**To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm on Zoom and this will be the Annual Council Meeting preceded by the Annual Pariah meeting starting at 6.30pm.**

**Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Ilsington Village Main Hall.**

Meeting closed 20.47

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

**Items for next agenda**