



Ilsington Parish Council

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Ilsington Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday the 22nd June 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present:

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

Also in attendance: Cllr G Gribble – Devon County 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 Reeve welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/74 To accept apologies for absence.

Received from Cllr Patch, Winsor

21/75 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

Cllr Retallick declared an interest for a payment being made on tonight's agenda.

21/76 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)

The village shop manager had come to the meeting to make the council aware of the problems the shop has been having. There bins have not been emptied for approx. 6 weeks as the lorry cannot get through the village due to parked cars. The service is still being paid for even though they are not getting the service. There was a discussion about the best way for a lorry to access the village and the trees need cutting back on Old Town Hill, residents could need to be spoken to about parking, changing contractors or asking the lorry to come at a different time of day, use cones to leave the road clear. A lot of these suggestions have been tried and the shop does not want to change contractors due to costs. The councillors suggested that this is added to next month's agenda.

The applicant for a planning application spoke in favour of his plans and explained why he was seeking the permission.

21/77 Co option for 2 parish councillors

- i. Introduction of candidates - Cllr Reeve invited each candidate to give a brief statement to the meeting.
- ii. Q & A session – Cllr Retallick asked where the candidates lived.
- iii. To agree method of voting - the councillors agreed on a paper vote. Cllr Gribble collected the slips. He and the clerk counted the votes and announced the results.
- iv. New councillors to sign the Declaration of office - Mr Mark Wills and Mrs Collette Germon were co-opted, and both signed the declarations.

21/78 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 6th May 2021.

These were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

21/79 To receive reports from District, County Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Lengthsman and Police.

Cllr G Gribble reported that he has been representing the parish with the planning appeals at Little Liverton Business Park and the Trago Mills second entrance. Cllr Wills asked Cllr Gribble to support this parish. The site at North of Old Liverton Road has not been settled but the highways reports, and objections have been removed.

Cllr Retallick noted that the work being carried out by the highway gangs are not being checked and the work is below standard as the repairs to the potholes are breaking down as

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soon as they have been left- this needs to be followed up. Cllr Gribble was asked to contact the Highways officer about the appeals – Cllr Gribble suggested that he will take these matters to the cabinet if necessary.

Cllr Gribble has questioned the second entrance at Trago Mills and was told that it was the original entrance and therefore should still. This council acknowledged that this was before it was before the main store was opened.

Cllr Retallick noted that the vegetation at Ramshorn has still not been cut, surely the hedge trimmer could cut this while on route to its next task.

Cllr Wills reminded Cllr Gribble that the white lines at Blackpool school have still not been painted – Also this parish council has purchased several 20's plenty signs and the Highways officer has taken 3 of the signs down and will not return them as he considers that they are dangerous.

ACTION- Clerk will email Cllr Gribble a reminder about the items discussed.

(Cllrs GG & SHS left the meeting.)

DNPA Cllr Steemson – reported the Park are working towards the stay cation visitors with the police and rangers for the increase of visitors to the area, new signs going up at Haytor.

Farming and Protected landscapes grants will be available soon and DNPA encourage farmer to apply for funds.

TDC Cllr Patch's Emailed report

Planning Issues

1. **Appeal:** *Land beside Little Liverton Business Park*. I have not heard anything regarding the appeal decision, and believe that all participants and interested persons should be informed at the same time when a decision is reached;

2. **Appeal:** *Land Opposite Chapel Lane (Gypsy Site)*. I am not aware that a date has been set;

3. **Appeal:** *Trago Mills Rear Entrance*. I am not aware that a date has been set; I am disappointed to hear that DCC Highways will not be assessing the new Traffic and Highways evidence for the application;

4. **Application for Certificate of Lawfulness:** *Myrtle Cottage (00617)*. The deadline for this decision has been extended to 4th July 2021 by the Case Officer, though it is possible the decision may be announced before then;

5. **TDC Local Plan Review (Part 2) Site Options Consultation.** Public consultation has begun on this document, which includes sites put forward for housing and employment land allocations in and around Liverton. The consultation runs until noon on the 9th August 2021, and there are links on the TDC website to see the draft plans and to submit comments.

Standards Case

For the past 12 months or so I have been under investigation by TDC following a complaint by the applicant that I was 'predetermined' while participating in the TDC *Planning Committee* decision to refuse the application for *Trago Mills' Rear Entrance*. This is contrary to advice I received from TDC Officers and the Chair of the Planning Committee at the time of the application's determination; I have denied predetermination and defended myself robustly. My hearing by a TDC *Standards Sub- Committee* is currently scheduled for 6th July. There are several aspects of the way that this case has been handled by TDC that dismay me, and I plan to release several relevant documents for public scrutiny after the hearing.

Liverton Village Hall

DCC Highways have, I believe, completed their work on the footpath around Liverton Village Hall and in the immediate vicinity. It is difficult to discern any improvement to the state of the footpath around the hall; there are a great many holes/uneven parts along the railings – if anything, these might have been dug out so as to be deeper by the contractors? Perhaps the Parish Council can write to *DCC Highways* to ask if the work has been completed – or perhaps George can be asked to enquire? It will be a pity if the railings are newly painted, but the footpath remains in its current state to let the area down. As previously mentioned, I believe it may eventually be left to the Parish Council to arrange for improvements to the footpath, subject to funding and cooperation from *DCC Highways*.

A local resident has informed me that there may be interest from another local resident in painting a Toby Jug mural (or similar) on the side of the bus shelter outside the hall – to recognise the Pottery’s heritage across the road. I informed the resident who raised this with me that the bus shelter is owned by IPC and that now would be a good time to raise the issue since the painting of the shelter is currently being considered.

I would like to remind IPC Members that they can contact me by email at any time if they want to raise or discuss any District Council matters (adrian.patch@teignbridge.gov.uk). I look forward to seeing IPC Members at the July Meeting.

Lengthsman – During May I have cleaned and tidied up the bus shelters which is all that is down on the programme for this month. The only thing to report is that the bus timetable holder has been smashed at the Benedict Road Bus Shelter. This month had me cutting the verges along the road from Drumbridges to Exeter X, Cummings Road X-Road and the Staples Hill triangle.

Having litter pick the road from Drumbridges there was noticeably less litter than the last time I carried out this task, although there was still a black bin bag. I separated out the rubbish so those items that can be recycled can be done so at home. It was mainly drink cans again along with crisp packets.

The grass at Staples Hill Triangle had clearly been cut by a tractor a few weeks ago as there were wheel ruts all over it. These ruts make it difficult to trim and make it unsightly, in my opinion. There was also a limb damaged from the tree on the triangle that is still partly attached to the trunk but certainly dead.

The grass at Cummings X – Road was trimmed with nothing to report.

The bus shelters were all inspected and cleaned and some damage to the one near the post office was identified. It appears as though some of the wooden featheredge timber has been vandalised, leaving a hole in the side of the bus shelter. I tidied up the broken timber and made safe the rest of the structure.

If you would like me to remedy both, or either of the tree limb and bus shelter timber, I would be more than happy to do so when I come back to do July’s Lengthsman work which should be on week beginning 12th July. This additional work would just be charged at our agreed hourly rate.

21/80 To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District.

Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority.

- a) DNPA 0289/21 **Proposal:** Partial change of use of paddock and annex building (first floor) to holiday let and amenity area plus new balcony **Site address:** Five Cross Cottages, Bickington – **No objection all in favour.**

(Standing Orders were suspended) MOP asked if the issues within the latest highways report have been considered regarding the Trago Mill planning appeal. The actions this council have taken about this application was explained.

Applications Withdrawn

DNPA 0127/21 - Application at land adj to Rora Farm, Liverton.

Grant of Conditional Consent

- 0168/21 Partial change of use of paddock and annex building (first floor) to holiday let and amenity area plus new porch and balcony, Five Cross Cottage, Five Cross Lane, Bickington.
- DNPA 0178/21 Erection of conservatory, High Orchard, Haytor.

21/81 Clerk’s report - an update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only.

- Landscape Review – correspondence received from Bovey Tracey – not heard back from all councillors yet – I cannot see a deadline, but could councillors respond even if they agree with BT’s comments and letter.
- Basketball pitch request will be added to July agenda.
- DALC have a new website and councillors can register to use it
- New training events have been added to the DALC website.

- Old Finger post, new town hill, Ilsington – I have taken photos and informed the Highways engineer that the PC would like to renovate it – I will seek quotations to represent in July meeting.
- Haytor Telephone box will be discussed in July.
- Email from Cllr Parker re TALC – please may I have your emailed responses asap.
- Flooding issues at Liverton and contacted the Highways engineer to request urgent work on the back road to Bovey – he has created a ticket of work???
- Complaint re contractors working at a home on Smokey Lane damaging the road surface.
- DNPA Forum Cancelled and a statement will be circulated soon.

21/82 Business Brought forward by the Chairman.

The Ilsington Summer show has been cancelled due to the restrictions not being lifted. Cllr Patch has submitted a report regarding the Trago Mills second access application. Highways are refusing to scrutinise the highways report, the councillors would like to seek help to get this reviewed by an independent specialist.

Cllr Prior noted that the traffic has increased since 2015 since the report was written. A next step after appeal would be a judicial review – Cllr S Hughes should be made aware of our disappointment and worries. Ilsington Parish Council would like to help Cllr Patch for his support and work on this matter.

ACTION – Contact TDC solicitor and DALC for advice on how to get the highways report securitised.

21/83 Finance a) Review the End of year accounts and approve for publication. These have been circulated and agreed.

b) Internal Audit report - Circulated and noted there were not issues of concern

c) Approve the Annual Governance Statement - Read and agreed

d) Approve the Accounting statements - Reviewed and agreed.

e) Councillors' expenses explained new process. - clerk explained the new process in which paper will be provided for each councillor and the cost of ink cartridges will be reimbursed up to £30 providing councillors submit the receipts.

ACTION – AGAR was signed by Chairman and Clerk.

21/84 Bus Shelters – a) to consider the quotes for painting the bus shelters and railing at Liverton. village hall and painting the bus shelter at Exeter Cross.

Cllr Wills noted that this item was added to the agenda this evening to conclude the refurbishment of the telephone box project and bus shelter at Liverton. Although the clerk has asked approx. 4 contractors to quote on one quote was received. Another quote was submitted by the village hall committee, along with a request for a Toby Jug to be painted on the side of the bus shelter to mark the history of the local pottery.

ACTION – Councillors agreed to accept the quote from Matt Pearce's quote. They also agreed to the mural of a Toby Jug and Cllr Reeve will make further enquires with the village hall committee about organising this, what materials are needed and if any costs will be incurred.

b) Repair to Exeter Cross bus shelter – to agree what action is needed.

Cllr Retallick noted that he has screwed one of the boards back, the clerk informed the meeting that our lengthsman can make the repairs at his hourly rate.

ACTION – The councillors authorised the lengthsman to carry out this work. Then Matt Pearce will paint the shelter.

21/85 Local Plan – to raise awareness, Councillors' observations to the clerk by 9th July for the planning committee to prepare response for submission.

Cllr Steemson attended a meeting and has given a report which covered some points within the local plan. The clerk explained the local plan process, also explained the sections that are relevant to our parish. Cllr Reeve asked the councillors to look at the document.

ACTION – Councillor's review and send comments to the clerk by 9th July.

21/86 To authorise payments of cheques presented see Account's sheet.

1	Dartmoor PC - network and printer issues	18.83	113.00
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2	DALC	6.00	36.00
3	Devon Communities Together HNS		500.00
4	E Fairs Lengthsman duties Inv 114 & 120		1872.71
5	HP Instant Ink		9.99
6	Peplows - PAYE Accountant	20.90	125.4
7	TDC - Bin emptying	178.26	1069.56
8	IVH rental Inv 2081		11.00
9	C Retallick -salary for May		818.60
10	HMRC		14.73
11	R A Wrayford – Grounds Maintenance		1500.00
12	C Retallick -salary for June		816.60
13	HMRC		16.73
14	Allotment refund		7.50
15	Common Players Grant		1300.00
16	Viking Direct – stationery		60.97
17	E Fairs Invoice 124		603.42
18	HP Instant Ink		9.99
19	H&M Retallick	190.00	1140.00
DD	BT - May		52.65
DD	BT - June		50.35
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Bank Reconciliation as at 1st June 2021

Summary

Opening Balance	44139.91	Payment	113.90
Receipts	<u>21841.80</u>	Closing Balance	<u>65867.81</u>
	<u>65981.71</u>		<u>65981.71</u>

Current Acc balance as per bank st'mt 9,123.76

Unpresented cheques

2452	HMRC	14.73
2454	DALC	569.15
2455	E Fairs	122.4
2456	Zurich Insurance	739.72
2458	Teign Signs	<u>260.00</u>
		1706.00

Plus Deposit Acc Balance 56,530.92

Plus Savings Acc Balance 213.13

Net Balance 65,867.81

Cllr Retallick did not take part in the authorisation of the payments.

ACTION - However, the cheques were authorised by the other councillors.

21/87 To received reports from councillors - on outside bodies for information.

- Broadband committee – recent correspondence has been circulated to the members of this committee but there is not significant news now.
- Cllr Steemson attended the Town & Parish Covid Recovery meeting and reports - Phil Shears Chaired the meeting and there were around 20 participants. The presentations used last night will be sent out to Clerks asap.

Supporting business to work safely – speaker Paul Nicholls - Teignbridge work closely with Devon County Council to oversee COVID outbreak management, encouragement of workplace testing & a risk assessment toolkit. There is lots of information available and links will be provided via the presentation slides.

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- Welcome back fund – speaker Louisa Britton – basically only relevant to town high streets with a priority to coastal areas. I specifically asked a question about this regarding hard pressed rural Parish's but there is no scope within it for IPC area (typical neglect!)
- Local plan – speaker Alex Lessware – very much the `hot potato` of the evening particularly from those Councils surrounding Exeter. Without being specific (but guess both Alex and Phil would twig) I asked about our Exception site battle in regard of it now being shown in Draft Local Plan as potential development site. **The positive response was that any inspector should not take any credence to a recently published DRAFT plan that has had not yet started its consultation process.** So good news which supports our response just agreed. He also reiterated that with any planning issue it is also best to speak to the officers concerned which will be particularly relevant to the contentious Local Plan where lots of speculators have offered up land, but they did remind everyone about the Government driven housing requirement.
- Rural Broadband – speaker Matt Barrow from Connecting Devon & Somerset – due to time running on from both speakers and my timetable and to be honest I struggled to completely grasp the presentation however I did specifically ask about Rural area connection being a priority over topping up towns etc. Response was that there had been contractual and funding issues however things are now being addressed, but I am not convinced from what I hear via my employers who are consistently applying pressure for Dartmoor to be prioritised and supported better.
- Cllr Prior will attend the Village Shop AGM on zoom on the 7th of July. She did attend the Ilsington village hall meeting on the 26th of May. There is a new booking clerk, the hall committee have completed all the test for the hall to be Covid compliant. The mice have all gone now. The school is still using hall and the hall has received a grant from TDC of £10,000 this will be used to replace the curtains and paid for new chairs, some remedial work outside and replace the bench that was stolen. The play area has been repaired and several new trees planned the garden tidied up and a new fence. The committee are looking at ways to improve the acoustics in the main hall.
- Cllr Hember has leased a vacant plot to a new tenant at the allotment field, there is 1 plot that requires attention, and she is monitoring that.
- Cllr Retallick attended the DALC meeting and reported that many parishes have complaints about highway matters and potholes – there is a suggestion that all single-track roads should have a 40mph limit.
- Cllr Wills reported that the Summer Show has been cancelled. He and the clerk attended the planning appeals meeting. He also attended a final football match at Halford, Liverton and Liverton FC won in front of a large crowd of spectators.

To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on 27th July 2021 at 7.30 pm in Liverton Village Hall & Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7.30pm in Liverton Village Hall.

Meeting closed 21.15pm

Signed Date

JP apologies for July meeting.

Items for next agenda

Finger post New Town Hill, Ilsington/Basketball pitch/ Haytor Telephone box/Dustbin lorry gaining access.

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