



Ilsington Parish Council

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Ilsington Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday the 22nd of March 2022

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: Cllr R Steemson Cllr M Wills Cllr R Bainbridge
Cllr C Germon Cllr Mrs S Harcourt-Smith Cllr MJ Wills

Also in attendance: Cllr G Gribble DCC, Cllr A Patch TDC, Mrs Retallick (Clerk) and 2 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 Steemson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He wished Cllr Reeve a speedy recovery.

22/184. To accept apologies for absence.

Received from Cllrs Hember, Prior, Reeve, Retallick, Winsor.

22/185. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

None recorded

22/186. 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 Wills reported that Cllr Winsor has recently had an eye operation. He also reminded the meeting that he did not take part in the decision to appoint the lengthsman contract.

A member of the Ilsington Art Show Committee informed the meeting that the group have folded through lack of interest there were only 3 members left and 1 of those is moving away. The balance of funds from the group will be donated to Bovey Tracey Art Society. There are a few Art display boards which are in a bad state or repair, the reminding members of the committee will advertise them for sale or again donate to another group. These stands have been stored at Liverton Village Hall and Cllr Patch will confirm with the village hall committee if they wish to continue to store them at their AGM is on 22nd April.

22/187. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 22nd February 2022.

These were signed as a true record of that meeting.

22/188. To receive reports from District, County Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Lengthsman and Police.

Cllr Gribble DCC- There have been lots of Scrutiny committee meetings. The Council Tax has been increased this is a result of underfunding from central Government.

The road from Thorns Cross to Cumming Cross has been closed for a long time due to a land slip, it has been a complicated problem but there will be some development be seen soon, and competition is hoped for September or early next spring.

Cllr Steemson asked again about the road between Old Liverton to Cumming Cross could be ploughed to extend the width of the road making it safer for pedestrians. Cllr Steemson is aware that other parishes have had road ploughed and we would like to understand how decisions are made. Cllr Gribble promised to visit the location with the Highway Engineer to assess the problem.

Cllr A Patch TDC - Reported Council tax will increase by £5. The Government have introduced a tax rebate of £150 for people who pay their council tax through Direct Debit. Those who pay in a different way can claim the rebate by 30th September.

As from 4th April all visitors to Forde House must be done through a pre booked appointment. Cllr Patch's locality fund from the last financial year helped Ilsington school, Ilsington Bowls Club and Ilsington Cricket Club. The new financial year begins from 1st April.

As regard to Planning matters there have been various reviews. The Part 3 Local planning Review has passed to the working group and the councillors will be receiving a presentation regarding housing target, He will report back to this meeting in due course.

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Queens jubilee – Liverton Village Hall committee have agreed to make the hall available free of charge to a group who wishes to organise a community event.

Cllr Wills asked how much this year locality fund is? £1200 from April 2022 onwards to mid-March 2023.

Cllr Patch confirmed that he will pass on this councils concerns over lack of infrastructure and services being provided within the community due to the increased housing development in Teignbridge.

Cllr Wills asked about swaling on Dartmoor National Park – the bird nesting is from 1st March and swaling is allowed from 31st March why? Cllr Steemson replied that sites for swaling are planned on a cycle plan. DNPA and the fire services are notified of when and where swaling will take place, if there is burning in any other area the fire service will attend.

During bird nesting period and lambing the Public are asked to keep dogs on leads, there have been lots more dog attacked this year.

Hunts are given permission by landowners.

Police report - The team is led by Sgt Seth Saunders, PC Dave Gibson and PCSO's Tina Jordan and Paul Wilson complete the members of the team. The Parish area includes the Villages of Ilsington, Liverton and Haytor. It also includes Trago Mills and the road network around it
In **February 2022** there were **6** recorded crimes across the Parish area

Burglary (non dwelling); 1

Vehicle offences; 2

Theft offences; 2

Possession of Cannabis; 1

Police responded to approx. **7** other incidents in the same period in this area. These incidents include Road related incidents and concerns for welfare.

Overall, in January and February 2022, the number of recorded crimes in comparison to the same period in 2021 has increased by 2 from 6 to 8 (**33.3%**) The fact we were in lockdown through this period in 2021 may explain at least some of the slight increase.

In March 2022 up to 15th there has been a further 2 crimes recorded and 5 other incidents. We are looking for venues in the Parish to hold Police surgeries. This is where members of the community can speak to members of the Neighbourhood team to discuss local Policing issues. These meetings can be reasonably regular, possibly quarterly if this would suffice the needs of the community. It is important that the Police work with all parts of the Community to find innovative ways to ease some of the issues that affect daily lives.

Paul Wilson (PCSO 30382) Chudleigh Police Office Offer the police surgery in the meeting room at Ilsington.

Lengthsman - This report covers the final two months of the contract where I have only been required to visit and clean the bus shelters of the parish once a month. On each visit, other than a little litter, they have all been fine.

This concludes the work programme for 2021-2022. From my records everything has been completed on time and invoiced as per the contract. I hope it has been to the required standard set by the Parish and appreciated by the parishioners.

22/192. Ilsington Fibre Broadband Formal quote / final offer - discussion

Standing Orders were suspended a Member of the Broadband committee gave an update of the current situation with regard to an offer made by Open reach to provide service to a limited number of households in Ilsington. The group had tried to get all the households connected to cabinet 1 ultra-fast Broad band, but the cost was impractical. The group had chosen to use the voucher scheme to progress the project but on 97 households can be included within the current offer. To continue with this offer the group needs a legal entity to sign the contract (this being the Parish Council).

The committee have assessed the risks and can confirm that

- The project would not carry on if enough houses did not register
- Connecting Devon and Somerset may cover a limited amount of short fall funds
- Open reach has never had to apply for shortfall costs from a community

They committee hope to minimise the risk by getting enough households to apply which would more than cover the amount of funds to complete the project.

Another member of the committee then gave further details of the process, how it will achieve and confirmed how the risks can be avoided. 48 properties are needed to go forward and that would cover the costs for the 97 households within the village.

Cllr Wills noted that he and the clerk were part of the committee, information and applications forms will be delivered to the 97 homes. Two drop-in sessions in the village hall have been planned for anyone wishing to seek more information.

Cllr Harcourt Smith how long is it thought before the project is completed? The Committee are unsure exactly but possible 2 years.

Cllr Patch asked if outside about funding or grants could be used to help with the shortfall if there were any? The committee are hoping to avoid that by encouraging enough household to commit and this would offset any risk to the Parish Council.

Standing Orders were resumed The Chair asked the council if they were willing to become the 'Legal entity' so the project can continue Cllr Harcourt Smith proposed that we should commit to this. Cllr Steemson seconded the proposal as the council supported the project initially and should continue to do so. All agreed

ACTION – Agreed to support the Broadband project.

22/194. Queen Jubilee and tree planting – update and feedback from Community

Cllr Steemson was able to confirm that the Dartmoor Rescue Group would not be able to help at the Beacon. Cllr Retallick is away at the moment, so no more information is available about the Beacon plans at the moment. The Carpenter Arms is keen to be part of the village celebrations. Cllr Steemson was approached by a member of the public who asked if there was a piece of land which could be donated to the parish as a memorial tree planting space, if this was possible, he suggested the first tree could be planted to celebrate the jubilee this year.

Cllr Germon asked if the green space at Shapley Way could be used, the councillors agree this could be a good idea in theory, but an approach would need to be made to TDC

Standing Orders were suspended – the council asked Cllr Patch if he would support the idea, he noted that residents around the green at Shapley Way have varying idea of what the space should be used for. He agreed planting a tree for the Jubilee was a good idea but to use Shapely Way would need public consultation. It was suggested asking Liverton FC or DCC for the verge by the Star?

Standing Orders Resumed – The Council supported the idea of a memorial area for planting trees, Cllr Wills reminded the meeting that the council has agreed to plant a rose bush at Ilsington Village Hall

ACTION- Cllr Steemson will contact John Nutley and seek advice about trees for planting.

Cllr SHS left the meeting

22/189. Clerk's report - an update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only.

- Following last month's meeting the owner of Lenda has been in contact and assures the council she is looking into the problem with the trees on Old Town Hill
- The damaged school sign in Ilsington village has been reported to DCC highways
- The police have confirmed that they will be attending the annual Parish meeting
- Torbay trail on Sunday 24th April coming through the parish
- Art show closing due to lack of interest and poor condition of the display boards. These funds will be donated to the BT Society of Artists.
- New guidance has been given on the death of a senior royal I have printed them off and will amend our protocol accordingly.
- Service X38 (Exeter - Plymouth via Totnes) the changes from mid-April are :-
1820 Monday to Saturday journey from Exeter to South Brent will be extended through to Plymouth.
1922 Monday to Saturday journey from South Brent to Exeter.

- TDC have confirmed the costs for the emptying of the bins for the 2022-23 financial year. The cost per empty for a litter bin will be £11.90. They empty 1 litter bin at the skate park weekly and 1 litter bin in the playing field fortnightly. The total cost for the next financial year is £928.20 plus a £27.00 administration fee.
The invoice in advance and so we will send the invoice for the 2022-23 financial year in May/June 2023.
- Tree surgeons attended the allotment on Thursday.

22/190. Business Brought forward by the Chairman - Maintenance of footpath.

Cllr Steemson visited the path between Exeter cross to Drumbridges the vegetation has grown over the path if this was taken back to the edge of the footpath there is enough space to allow people to pass comfortably. Also, the footpath from Benedict garage to Blackpool School has become heavy overgrown and this also limits the space for people to pass safely on the footpath.

22/191. Liverton Kiosk Shelving and Bus Shelter Information Board

A request from the volunteer who looks after the books within the old phone box in Liverton for improvements to the shelving. *Standing Orders were suspended*, and Cllr Patch was able to explain the details, and asked if the original contractor may help with the improvements? Also, the volunteer would like more shelves, but this would cover the new information sign which has been recently fitted. The sign could be removed and displayed within the village hall?

Cllr Wills did raise a concern the shelves may be too high and cause a risk if they were used to climb on.

Standing Orders resumed

ACTION – Remove the information map from the kiosk and give to the Village Hall. Cllr Bainbridge will contact the volunteer and get a clear understanding of what improvements are needed.

22/193. To consider grant applications – discussion and decision

Applications for grants have been received from Ilsington Parish Magazine grant for £200. The Ilsington Jubilee Concert for £331.70 and the Twiglets toddler group, however the amount of grant was not given. Last year this group was granted £200, and it was proposed the same amount could be awarded this year. In the future we would return the application and ask for the amount of grant to be made clear.

ACTION grants to the parish magazine, and Jubilee concert were supported and £200 was granted to the Twiglets toddler group.

22/195. To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District.

Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority.

- a) DNPA 0078/22 Applicant name: Mr D Green Proposal: Replacement windows
Site address: Apple Tree Cottage, Higher Brimley, Bovey Tracey. **No objection**

Refusal of Permission

- DNPA 0023/22 Change of use of annex to holiday let, Violet House, Haytor.

Certificate of Lawful Use or Development

- DNPA 0663/21 Proposed Use of building as a single dwellinghouse at The Granary, Lower East Lounston, Bickington, TQ12 6LB.

Grant of Permission

- DNPA 0015/22 Proposed Variation of conditions 2, 3 and 4 of approved planning permission ref 0609/21, Wimstone, Green Lane, Ilsington.

Split decision Part Approval and Part Refusal

- 22/00193/TPO Location: ILSINGTON - Heatherbank Proposal: Crown reduce two oak trees (T1 & T2) by 2m TPO Name: E2/09/16 - ROWELLS MEAD & LEAT MEADOW LIVERTON 2005

22/196. To authorise payments of cheques presented see Account's sheet.

1	C Retaillick	818.60
2	HMRC - December	14.73

3	HP Instant Ink		19.98
4	Peplows - PAYE Accountant	22	132.00
5	E Fairs - lengthsman contract		124.84
6	R Wrayford - Grounds contractor		1500
7	Ilsington VH - hall rentalx2		28
8	SLCC - Annual training seminar	17	102
9	Clerks Expenses and overheads		500
10	Chairmans Allowance		65
11	Methodist circuit grass cutting at Burial ground		450
12	Ilsington PCC Grass cutting at burials ground+green bin		2240
13	Clerks travel expenses		112.5
14	Play safety Inspection		336.00
DD	BT - February		50.65
			<u>6484.31</u>

Bank Reconciliation as at 23rd February 2022

Summary

Opening Balance	44139.91	Payment	32625.60
Receipts	<u>45924.48</u>	Closing Balance	<u>57438.79</u>
	<u>90064.39</u>		<u>90064.39</u>

22/197. To received reports from councillors - on outside bodies for information.

Cllr Wills attended the Broadband committee meeting, he reported there is still a lot of work ahead, but the other members of the committee are very well informed and have kept up the pressure on Open reach to progress the project.

Cllr Will also noted that Ilsington FC are doing well at the moment and won their latest game against a team in a higher league.

Cllr Germon informed the meeting that there are new tenants in the Star Inn, Liverton.

Cllr MJ Wills has spoken to residents in Haytor Vale regarding the defibrillator. There has been a proposal to put a unit close to the Rock Inn. The residents have been reminded to seek funds and grants for other organisations as well as locally.

To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on 26th April 2022 at 7.30 pm in Ilsington Village Hall & Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.00pm at Ilsington Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting also on Tuesday 12th April following the planning committee at Ilsington Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 21.07 pm

Sign..... Date

Haytor Phone box on next agenda