



# Ilsington Parish Council

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## Ilsington Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2022

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Present:** Cllr R Steemson      Cllr M Wills      Cllr R Bainbridge  
Cllr C Germon      Cllr Mrs S Harcourt-Smith      Cllr J Prior  
Cllr M Retallick      Cllr R Winsor

Also in attendance: DNPA Ranger B Allen, Mrs Retallick (Clerk) and 0 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.

**22/270. To accept apologies for absence.**

Received from Cllr Gribble, Patch, Reeve, MJ Wills.

**22/271. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.**

None declared

**22/272. 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 asked about the trees on Old Town Hill, no new comments received this has been reported to DCC Highways.

**22/273 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

These were signed as a true record of that meeting

**22/274. To receive reports from District, County Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Lengthsman and Police.**

DNPA Bill Allen – Informed the councillors of the areas he covers. He reported that the National Parks are facing significant cuts to their budget which will result in major cuts in staffing levels.

Bye laws have been in place since 1985 the DNPA have been reviewing them as habits change since they were first introduced, following the review the results will then be released. It has been a very busy year with lots of Visitors to the moors, some visitors have been challenging.

Other work the ranger have been involved in is repairing the rights of way and recently the bridge at Smallacombe was closed, although access can still be gained via the Ford. Erosion repairs to tracks at the base of Haytor rock have been completed with the help of the Second Sunday volunteers, also in and around Haytor Quarry which now allows Wheelchair Access. The volunteer group was awarded a National Award for the work it has been doing. During lockdown Ramshorn Down suffered damage from off road vehicles and discussions have been had with Bickington PC to seek solutions to stop it happening again. Mr Allen urges anyone seeing any damaged to please report it.

Ranger Ralph club is back after the lockdown with up to 100 members and the club is halfway through a successful year, which usually see members and older members of the family joining in with activities. The Junior and youth members 13-19 yr. old have been helping with environmental projects. There are lots more information in the 'Enjoy Dartmoor' Free magazine, the cost of which is covered by advertisements and are available around from local shops and other outlets. Finally, Mr Allen informed the meeting that the visitor centres have received a Gold Award from the Southwest Visitor.

Cllr Wills asked if portable BBQ are banned in the Park. Mr Allen noted that as the High Fire Risk has now reduced there is not a ban however the Park discourage them as they cause so much damage to the countryside. There will be a section within new Bye Laws that will give

guidance as the local perception is that the Park is so large anything can be done, notices giving guidance will hopefully help with that.

There are signs at every entry point and the rangers do regularly change notices during each season which refreshes the public on topical issues.

Paul Wilson (PCSO 30382) Chudleigh Police Office - The Parish of Ilsington is served by the Neighbourhood Police team working out of Ashburton Police station and Chudleigh Police office.

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 the period 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2022 to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 there were approximately 6 recorded offences across the Parish area.

The offences are listed below

Assaults; 3

Harassment offences; 1

Theft offences; 1

Threat to damage property; 1

There were approximately 27 other incidents reported to the Police in this period, these include road traffic incidents, concerns for welfare, and anti-social behaviour

In this calendar year from 1<sup>st</sup> of January to 21<sup>st</sup> September there has been a total of 39 recorded offences in this area. This is a decrease from 45 (13.3%) for the same period in 2021. I believe this shows the Parish is a very safe area to both live and work.

**22/275. Clerk's report** - an update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only.

- Actioned the Operation London Bridge plan.
- Instructed new lengthsman and made contact.
- External Audit complete with no actions needed
- Dartmoor Devil notification
- Elections next Year and the council needs to start preparing
- Attended the virtual SLCC meeting discussed Operation London Bridge good points and not so good points, receiving information from the Lord lieutenant and the principal authorities were poor.
- Allotments asked volunteer group to check and tidy the plot before releasing

**ACTION – Add elections to next full council.**

**22/276. Business Brought forward by the Chairman.**

Cllr Steemson read from a letter regarding Ilsington village halls problem of finding new committee members and the need to replace the Officers to continue to manage the hall. The meeting agreed that more advertising is needed as a matter of urgency.

**ACTION – Invite Martin Rich and add to the October meeting**

**22/277. Community Minibus** – Discussion led by Cllr Harcourt Smith

Cllr Harcourt Smith explained that she has a meeting arranged with the person who was involved with the project initially. She hopes to have a clearer understanding of the funding behind its purchase and the intended use. The arrangements have changed over the years, and it has become unclear how this is set up now. Cllr Harcourt Smith has found a contact that can advise on community buses. The Link Academy have confirmed that they cannot give away an Asset, so this is a problem that needs to be overcome. She asked if the council would be happy to take the minibus back? The feeling is that the school should still retain the bus and allow the community to use it as a local facility.

**ACTION – Cllr Harcourt Smith will report back to the next meeting with details of the insurance cover and costs.**

**22/278. Basketball pitch** – Report presented by Cllr Harcourt Smith

Nothing new to report, she is looking at some grants to apply for funds

**ACTION – to update as a future meeting**

**22/279. Planting at Shapley Way** – discussion, plan, and decision

Cllrs Steemson and Germon met TDC officers at Shapley way to discuss a plan to tidy up and make a planting plan for the green area. The agreed next step is to design a letter/leaflet to

inform residents of the plan to make a wildflower meadow, which would be on the road front edge. TDC would tidy up the trees. Cllr Steemson informed the meeting that yellow rattle would be planted in year 1 and he will apply for grants for the seed.

**ACTION – Design the letter/leaflet and drop to household in the immediate area. Cllrs Steemson and Germon will work on this and deliver them, then update at next meeting.**

**22/280. Defibrillator and phone box at Haytor – update and discussion**

Cllr Steemson has spoken to the DNPA regarding a grant, who have agreed to offer funds and appropriate signage.

Cllr MJ Wills has raised funds from residents to fund the defibrillator for the Rock Inn and the community will pay for the maintenance on that.

**ACTION – Defibrillator unit in the phone box is being funded by donator. The maintenance plan is needed from local businesses, to cover the cost of running the unit.**

**Clerk to follow up for the repairs to the box.**

**22/281. Finance Committee – to arrange date for a meeting**

To meet after the planning meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Planning meeting at 7pm and finance will follow on from that.

**ACTION – advertise the earlier start for the planning meeting**

**22/282. Grant Application – to consider applications submitted**

The councillors considered the application in front of them and discussed the implications of the proposed work. The Councillors agreed that they would reserve their decision pending the outcome of the Lottery Grant, our budgeted grant funds are not enough to cover this amount. The Councillors would like to see quotes for the proposed work

Given the uncertainty of inflation the approximate costs could fluctuate between now and when the work is carried out.

**ACTION- Unauthorised and reason given will be sent to Ilsington Village Hall committee**

**22/283. To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority.**

a) DNPA 0354/22 **Applicant name:** Mr & Mrs Piedot **Proposal:** Alterations to Curtilage listed outbuilding, including new glazed screen and internal refurbishment **Site address:** East Lounston Farm, Bickington. **Support making good of an old building that maybe at risk**

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c) TDC 22/01553/HOU **Proposal:** Demolish existing conservatory to the rear and replace with a single storey extension and decking. Clad existing render dormer with light grey cladding **Location:** 2 Barn Park Liverton Devon TQ12 6HE **No objection**

Grant of Permission

- TDC 0278/22 -**Applicant name:** Mrs K White. **Proposal:** Replace artificial roof coverings with natural slate; replace plastic rainwater goods with metal; replace Velux window with conservation rooflight. **Site address:** 2 Foundry Cottages, Liverton
- DNPA 0277/22 Proposed: Erection of garage and carport at Portland Villa, Ilsington, Newton Abbot.
- DNPA 0182/22 Proposed: Replacement extension and outbuildings at Ingsdon View, Liverton.
- DNPA 0292/22 Proposed: replacement of existing conservatory with a rear sun lounge extension at 4 Ley Close, Liverton
- TDC 22/01798/TPOE: Rowells Mead and Leat Meadow, Liverton, 2005, Tree T3 of 2/09/16 Location: ILSINGTON - Moors End Chapel Lane Proposal: Remove dead branches from Oak Tree positioned between at Moors End and 7 Leat Meadow

**22/284. To authorise payments of cheques presented see Account's sheet.**

All payments agreed.

**22/285. To received reports from councillors - on outside bodies for information.**

Cllr Prior reported from Ilsington village hall committee that ‘Villages in action’ event is on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, tickets are only available online from the ‘Village in action’ website.

Cllr Harcourt Smith reported that the minibus was blocked in as the hall was being used.

This meant the school was unable to get the bus out for a planned school event. She wondered if the designated parking space could be moved so this doesn’t happen again.

**ACTION – Parking spot for the Community minibus (ask the clerks network if they have a similar problem also ask DALC)**

Cllr Harcourt Smith also noted that a parishioner would like to paint over the graffiti on the ‘great wall of Liverton’ . This council cannot sanction this as it is not the responsibility of Ilsington, the site belongs to DCC Highway, perhaps the parishioner can ask Cllr G Gribble.

Cllr Bainbridge met with the lady who keeps the books tidy in the telephone box in Liverton, the council has already agreed to add ends to the shelving, she has asked for more shelves, and this would not be possible because of the design of the existing shelving.

He also reported that he has seen cars speeding through the speed monitoring devices in Liverton. Cllr Wills noted that the Speed watch group has now been fully trained and will be out monitoring the speed of the vehicles through Liverton.

**To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30 pm in Liverton Village Hall & Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30pm at Ilsington Village Hall.**

Meeting finished at 21.12 pm

Sign..... Date .....