



# Ilsington Parish Council

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## Ilsington Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2023

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Present:** Cllr C Reeve      Cllr R Steemson      Cllr M Wills      Cllr R Bainbridge  
Cllr C Germon      Cllr MJ Wills      Cllr B Turner      Cllr M Retallick

Also in attendance: 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 Reeve welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **23/104. To accept apologies for absence.**

Received from Cllr Prior, Winsor

#### **23/105. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.**

Cllr Bainbridge declared an interest in the first planning application on the agenda this evening.

#### **23/106. PUBLIC FORUM & MEMBERS COMMENTS – (limited to 10 minutes)**

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

None raised.

#### **23/107. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

Signed as a true record of that meeting.

#### **23/108. To receive reports from District, County Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Lengthsman and Police.**

TDC Cllr Steemson – Reported that TDC is committed to the 20's plenty campaign as it is becoming more positive nationally and the council have agreed to implement the 20mph around Newton Abbot schools. The Market Hall which was temporarily closed because the roof needed repair is now open.

The council are looking at developing and improving the cycle ways and other routes into Newton Abbot.

The Queen streets improvements are making slow progress and work will potentially start in 2024.

TDC are holding an extra meeting to carry out a 6 monthly review of charges and fees (car parking, leisure centre's etc)

The Greens manager from TDC has confirmed that more work will take place on Shapely Way in November

Cllr Steemson is meeting with an officer this week to review the area of Ilsington included in the Local Plan to seek clarity of the proposed plans especially

the clearance allowance around the electricity pylons for any future planning proposals. The Local Plan consultation continues, and he is seeking more information about the process.

Land opposite Chapel Lane – the work is on hold at the moment as enforcement are still dealing with the matters that have been reported on site. He then reminded the meeting that he has not received any applications for his community fund

#### **23/109. Clerk's report –**

- Overgrown Vegetation, Overgrown Vegetation - W231649232 at Smokey Cross. - The owner's of this property have been letter dropped asking them to cut it back.
- W231649233 Overgrown Vegetation, Location: Old Town Hill, Ilsington
- W231649234 Overgrown Vegetation Location: Lane East of Cross Parks, Ilsington - site assessed. This private growth had been cut back.

- W231649235 Overgrown Vegetation  
Location: Road from Exeter Cross to Drumbridges Roundabout, Heathfield -  
This has been assessed and this does not meet DCC's criteria for intervention.
- invitation to parish/town councils in Teignbridge – Cllr Reeve & Cllr M Wills will attend. 12<sup>th</sup> October at Forde house.
- Defibrillator – now fitted and working.
- The Dartmoor Devil cycle ride - 29th October 2023
- Registered to attend training sessions that will cover Register of Interests and Code of Conduct and be facilitated by Gill Sinclair who works with [Governance Training by Bethan Evans](#). They will be hosted on teams on Thursday 9 November at 9am and repeated on Wednesday 15 November at 5.30pm and will last approx. two and half hours which will include a short break.

**23/110. Business Brought forward by the Chairman.**

Cllr Reeve allotment visit arrange a visit.

**23/111 20's Plenty Scheme and 20mph default speed limit in residential areas. Including discussion and decision for erection of new poles on Old Liverton road for speed monitoring devices**

Clerk informed the meeting that during the summer the Highway Officer had been in contact regarding an enquiry and confirmed that this council still has the approval to erect extra poles along Old Liverton Road for the speed device monitors. Cllr Steemson confirmed he had also spoke to the highways officer to ask for more 30mph signs along Old Liverton Road. Councillors propose the council purchase 30mph signs and put them up along the Old Liverton Road.

20's Plenty webinar attended by Cllr Reeve and the clerk, the information from the 20mph community survey was circulated. Cllr Reeve asked the council if they wanted to support this campaign. It was queried if an area does not have streetlights would the 20mph speed limit be enforceable?

To be accepted by DCC and to be included within their scheme meant our area was surveyed and we did not receive enough point to be included. Only a few parishes were, and this is because the funds are very limited. The National campaign however urges parishes to join and enrol this would save on subscription fees.

Councillors would be happy to register an interest in the campaign. Cllrs Steemson will investigate fund which may be useful to help progress this project.

**ACTION: Purchase 4 new 30mph signs plus brackets. Register interest in the 20's Plenty Campaign.**

**23/112 Rural Affordable Homes in Teignbridge Survey - Closing date 29 September 2023 –**

Discussion by councillors for completion of survey.

Councillors thought Ilsington does need more homes and will complete the survey.

**ACTION: Complete Survey online**

**23/113. Neighbourhood Plan - Discussion and decision**

Neighbourhood planning was discussed at the planning committee meeting as something this council would be interested in find out more information and should Ilsington create its own Neighbourhood Plan.

The clerk noted that it does take a team to work on it, and Cllr Turner noted that a plan could be as complicated or as simple as required.

Public consultation must be included. There is a workshop at the DALC AGM for Neighbourhood Plans and the Clerk will attend the workshop to get information and seek contacts of neighbouring parishes which have already created one.

**ACTION: clerk gain informs add to next meeting and create a subcommittee, then include this as a regular item on all agendas in the future.**

**23/114. Parish Village Halls and expectations from Parish Council – Discussion**

During the summer and in response to queries raised at Ilsington village halls meeting, the councillors discussed several of the issues.

Ilsington village hall are asking who is responsible for the play area there. The clerk explained that the village hall committee planned, paid for and insulated the area. Over the years the Parish Council have arranged the required annual inspectin via Palysafety (RoSPA) the report has always been forwarded onto the committee along with the invoice. This year

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the report was forwarded but the PC paid the invoice ( this was a one off payment). IPC have 3 other play areas and DO NOT take responsibility for equipment etc at the Ilsington village hall site.

Mini Bus – while Cllr Harcourt-Smith was in office due to the fact she worked at the local Primary school she raised the matter of parking the bus within the village at council meetings. While the bus clearly says ‘Community’ mini bus on it over the years this is not the case. The South Dartmoor academy first took over ownership and added the vehicle to their assess register, the bus is now under the management of The Link academy. Again, this is not a matter of responsibility of the parish council nor has it ever been. However, the councillors do believe that for the safety of our younger community a way forward should be found to park the bus in the safest place possible. But this should be negotiated directly with Ilsington Primary School.

Defibrillator – Again the village hall committee raised the funds ordered and installed the unit, at no time were the parish council asked to maintain it. However, in recent years the hall committee did ask for a grant to help with replacing some of the consumable and at the time we were able to do so. But Ilsington Parish Council are not responsible for the unit at the village hall nor are they at Liverton village hall. It was noted that for any organisation with responsibility for a defibrillator should have a funding plan to maintain and replace consumables. Cllr R Steemson was aware of a grant fund become available however the information has not been released yet as soon as it is it will be published on the council’s website

**23/115. Lengthsman duties – Discussion and decision**

Cllr M Wills noted that the contract was reduced from the original document. He noted that the Lengthsman was initially employed to keep the entrance to the village tidy and this has now been reduced to once every three years.

The trees which are overgrown between Drumbridges to Exeter Cross have been reported to DCC who do not recognise this as an issue. Cllr Wills promised to note this at the DALC/TDC meeting in October.

Cllr MJ Wills noted that the verge from Exeter Cross to Drumbridges could be cut by a tractor and cutter which would not be as expensive. The councillors discussed getting this work completed as a single task once yearly by a local contractor to keep this area tidy.

Cllr Prior is dissatisfied with the Lengthsman, she reported the work to clear drains both in Hooks Lane and in the vicinity of Sigford Bridge according to the contract is very sub-standard. She asked if there is a dedicated Councillor responsible for checking contracts are carried out satisfactorily? Cllr Retallick noted that even if the contractor did clear the buddle holes, but they would have silted up again very quickly due to the current weather conditions.

**ACTION: Seek a contractor to cut back the verge from Exeter Cross to Drumbridges. Ask Lengthsman to add dates to the tasks when submitting his monthly reports.**

**23/116. Update from current approved developments in Liverton**

a. 23/00278/ENF - Land adjacent to Little Liverton Business Park, Liverton. The enforcement officers reported that he can confirm that the works that were carried out last year were in connection with the archaeological works. In addition, some works have been carried out recently to maintain the site but following correspondence with the owner it was confirmed that none of the works are in relation to commencing any of the proposals to redevelop the site. It appears that the owner is waiting for the decision of the current Reserved Matters application (reference 22/02132/MAJ). Providing this remains the case then no planning breach is occurring.

Although at this time there does not appear to be a planning breach if you have any evidence to show extensive works are being carried out then please submit the details and further investigations can be carried out.

The councillors are not satisfied with this reply and feel that the developer is covering up activities within the field which do not comply with the conditions of the appeal by allowing the hedges to grow up high.

**ACTIONS: We would like evidence that TDC office has checked the activities have been carried out with accordance to conditions. And explain why the owners need a screeding machine to deal with archaeological remains?**

b. 17/03070 Teignbridge application for 4 mobile homes Liverton Newton Abbot - This site appears to be on hold and TDC have not updated us further.

**ACTION: No further action**

**23/117. Trees at Bradmore woods. Application no. E2/09/21**

The clerk received the order from TDC and circulated it to the councillors, the actual woods have not been included, only the trees on hedge rows along the roads. Cllr Turner suggested the council could ask for preservation order on the entire woodlands. Cllr Steemson has asked the planning officer to clarify the area which is being protected.

**ACTION: IPC to submit a request for the entire woods and All the trees for TPO's Clerk and Cllr Turner to work together to achieve this and add to planning committee agenda**

**23/118. To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority.**

- a) TDC 23/01495/HOU Side and rear single storey extension at 27 Summerhill Crescent, Liverton. **No objection**
- b) TDC 23/01522/FUL Replacement dwelling at Rogues Roost, Exeter Cross, Liverton. **No objection**

Split decision Refusal of Planning

- TDC 23/01412/TPO – T1 Oak – Reduce canopy by removing 2m of growth from lateral spread at 6 Taylors Newtake, Liverton
- DNPA 0318/23 – Cummings, Liverton proposed new custom-build dwelling for a local person.

**23/119. To authorise payments of cheques presented see Account's sheet.**

1	C Retallick for August	925.15
2	C Retallick for September	925.15
3	HMRC	30.40
4	SoS Consultancy - new desktop computer	660.00
5	AKA Mechanical - Fixing Defib	749.65
6	RA Wrayford Grass cutting	1500.00
7	TDC - Election charges	319.90
8	Liverton VH rental Inv No 2307	26.25
9	Ilsington Village Hall rental Inv Nos: 2421/2396	22.50
10	HP Instant Ink July & Aug	9.99
11	R Ray - cleaning bus shelter	12.00
12	Peplows	138.60
13	Lengthsman Invoice for Tasks 1 & 2 as agreed February 2023	1157.00
14	SW Water for allotment field	115.75
15	HP Instant Ink Aug & Sept	9.99
16	G Partridge duties during August	210.41
17	PKF Littlejohn - External Audit	252.00
DD	BT - August	62.99
DD	BT - September	63.34
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**Bank Reconciliation as of 1st August 2023**

Summary

Opening Balance	60465.86	Payment	10205.90
Receipts	34071.91	Closing Balance	84331.87
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**23/120. To received reports from councillors - on outside bodies for information.**

Cllr Prior reported from the village hall meeting

- The play area needs some attention. The ROSPA report noted damage to the fence, and the committee wanted to know who is responsible for maintaining the equipment? Is it the PC?  
There are very slippery areas because of moss. Need some form of permitted moss remover or pressure washing but would require a bowser.  
This remedial work is urgent with Autumn here and the danger of injury.
- The Minibus parking permanently at the Village Hall was discussed. The school being linked with other schools and ideally, to get another parking place. The playing field was mentioned as an alternative site. Can the Parish Council offer any advice or have an opinion on this matter.
- Is there a Register of defibrillators in the Parish? Can the one at the village hall be removed? The Committee don't think they should be responsible for it. Its a community benefit.
- There has been extensive work done in bringing up to date the rules and regulations in running a village hall. Updating of contracts and seeking cost effective methods using technology with bookings etc. has been a massive undertaking. More Solar panels with batteries are planned. A 'green grant' from Teignbridge of £25k is being sought. Car charging points for the future is an option being investigated.
- Surrounding areas of the Hall have been enhanced with the aid of several volunteers with more works planned. Hopefully also getting the school children involved in some gardening activities.
- The finances look healthy but could always be improved. The hall and shop have formed a symbiotic relationship helping each other whenever possible.
- On a lighter note, I can report there is going to be a Christmas Get Together on Saturday, 2nd December 2-4pm at the IVH. Low key affair. Tea and cakes.  
(Drinks/cakes supplied by the shop) Piped Xmas music.

Cllr Retallick reported that the Commers Council have agreed a Management Agreement for Haytor Down for 5 years.

Cllr Reeve reports from Liverton VH – The hall needs a new roof. The Committee have organised a quiz night this Saturday to raise funds for a Christmas Event which they are planning to be a free event for the community.

**To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30 pm in Liverton Village Hall.**

**Also, Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm at Ilsington Village Hall.**

Meeting finished at 21.42pm

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