



Ilsington Parish Council

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Ilsington Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday the 27th of February 2024

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: Cllr C Reeve Cllr R Steemson Cllr M Wills Cllr R Bainbridge
 Cllr C Germon Cllr MJ Wills Cllr J Prior Cllr B Turner

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.

24/029. To accept apologies for absence.

Received from Cllr Retallick, Winsor

24/030. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

None

24/031. 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 noted about the white lines that were painted is now lifting and the contractor needs to come back and repaint them. Overhanging branch from Drumbridges to Liverton still not been cut.

24/032. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 24th January 2023.

Signed as a true record of that meeting.

24/033. To receive reports from District, County Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Lengthsman and Police.

TDC Cllr Steemson – Budget was agreed today for the next year 2.99% increase to Band D

- maintenance the 100% council tax support
- Voluntary grant maintained at current levels.
- Community fund still available.
- 1 mil of pension deficit, the account is not in deficit atm, they are putting money into the account to save on interest for the future.
- Increase of homes in the district

Cllr Steemson on several committees within TDC and asset review today agreed to maintenance the current grounds and maintenance contract.

Cllr Steemson reported that the wildflower area at Shapley has been extended and locally this has been received positive comments.

Cllr Reeve asked what the main issues are between councillors – Cllr Steemson noted is Queen Street development as the plans have been changed over the years since the original plan was set.

Some of the grant funds for the development of the Alexander Cinema has been lost but there is still some funds available but the plans will need to be updated.

Community Power Council attended yesterday.

Lengthsman - All drains and bus stops were visited in December and February. On both visits the drains have needed a good clean out. This is in part due to the continued wet weather but also to the build-up of detritus along the road verges which then washes into the drains when we have heavy rain. There are several locations where the road verges would benefit from a machine to dig the sides back to reduce this - I can provide more information if you think highways can be persuaded to do this.

I have reported some fly tipped litter in the ditch behind the bus stop on Exeter Road 6-8 closed black bin bags and some paint rollers (which has now been picked up).

Finally, it seems there are still persons unknown urinating in the bus stop by the village hall in Liverton.

DNPA - Further to my report, you requested the details relating to the increased levels of fly tipping on / around Ramshorn Down and sadly across the wider area of Teignbridge. Over the past year, we have seen a marked increase in fly tips of roofing and building material as well as green waste and even an old caravan, often in large piles but as mentioned it can also be spread out in multiple laybys and roadside verges in close proximity / succession - These have been reported to TDC via their online system.

The quarry / road chipping landing has become a dumping ground to the point that DCC are intending fencing it off entirely.

As also mentioned, we have experienced a marked increase in 4X4 misuse of Ramshorn Down, to the point where the damage is really detrimental to the ecology and the fabric of the Down – our DNPA Ecologist, Richard Knott, who is now leaving the Authority, has reported that the damage is causing loss of habitat and that the annual cutting of the fire brakes was impeded by the numerous deep wheel ruts.

We are now at the point where, due to the above misuses of Ramshorn Down we are seriously considering prohibiting un authorised vehicle entry up on to the Down, probably by the installation of heavy metal barriers with combination padlocks to enable legitimate entry to adjacent farm land as well as large boulder placement to complete the measures.

Clearly, there are many things to consider:

1. Consultation with all interested parties – Bickington and Ilsington Parish Councils, adjacent landowners (informally discussed with the two who would be affected most) and local users who legitimately use the two Public Footpaths to access and enjoy the site.
2. Cost – These works would not be cheap. I had a site meeting with DNPA Director, Richard Drysdale last week to discuss the issues and funding is clearly a major factor.
3. The impact of the imminent closure of the main quarry, where people have traditionally parked to walk up onto the Down, combined with potential barriers / bouldering could lead to people blocking the access for farm machinery to adjacent fields as well as inconvenience of opening / closing barriers at busy times such as hay making when multiple trips are made.
4. If fly tipped material is dumped in front of the barriers this would clearly be problematic.
5. Whatever measures are implemented, legitimate use of the Public Footpaths needs to be considered.

The councillors discussed this problem and how it should be solved, there are many difficult rules and regulations that need to be considered for catching the culprits.

DCC no information from Cllr G Gribble Cllr Smith

24/034. Clerk's report - an update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only.

- a. **Highways** – We have received several replies from both Scott and Meg Booth's representative explaining the proposed activities at the Gravel Pit, the councillors are still concerned that the activities may affect the community and would like to peruse a clear response from DCC.
- b. **DALC & TDC meeting** – at the Courtney Centre in Tuesday 12th March 4pm-7pm
- c. **ACT – Arts Climate Festival** – running from Saturday 22nd June to 29th June at various locations through Teignbridge.
- d. **Trail info** – will be coming through the parish on Sunday 17th March on Simms and Tipley Hill.

24/035. Council Project for 2024 – update

- a) **New Notice boards and benches** – Cllr Reeve reported that a contractor will visit Sigford and provide a quote for the repair of the notice board. Three benches have been ordered, the deadline for quotes to fit the benches has been set for

1st March if they have not been received by then the councillors authorised the quote that has already been received.

ACTION deadline for 1st March – email other contractors a reminder once received circulate for a decision via email.

- b) **Speed monitoring Devices** – Cllr Wills proposed order and then pressure on Highways for the posts to be sited and this was seconded by Cllr Reeve.

ACTION – order and email Scott for defo date for fitting within this financial year. Cc Rob Steemson

- c) **Defibrillators within Ilsington parish** – we have received manufacturing details the unit at Ilsington village hall, Liverton PO has introduced a donation box for the upkeep of their unit.

24/036. Litter bins/Dog waste bins –

Proposed leave the bins in place. Review next year when we received the invoice for the next financial year.

24/037. TDC Local Plan Review including Bradmore Woods – Update

No update to report. Cllr Turner noted that the feedback from the community received will take TDC a while to prepare a response. Ilsington PC has received a reply from Mel Stride that Cllr Turner has prepared a suggested response to his queries and the councillors support and wish to forward the reply onto him for more action.

ACTION reply to Mel Stride MP

24/038. Neighbourhood Plan - Update

No comments, as yet have been received from councillors, Cllr Turner has scanned the Bovey Tracey's neighbourhood plan, and he asks Ilsington Councillors to comment on aspirations for the parish. Other neighbourhood plan for inspiration is Ipplepen. Cllr Steemson suggested a play area in Liverton, Cllr Turner suggested the plan should be image-based which is more stimulating for readers.

ACTION Cllr Steemson will obtain a template for Councillors to complete to start the process.

24/039. Speed humps in Ilsington – Update from Cllr Bainbridge

Cllr Bainbridge has made enquiries regarding the feasibility and cost of making speed humps a. the costs are very high and b. the starting process would need an inspection from the SACAR group- via DCC. Our highways officer suggests a softer approach by using the community speed watch group. Cllr Wills noted that the group would need permission from the police in the first instance. The road for the proposed speed humps is a 60mph zone and therefore the group would probably not be able to work here anyway.

ACTION - Cllrs thought that speed calming ideas would be more effective ie slow for hedgehogs Clerk will contact wildlife wardens.

24/040. Annual Parish Meeting – to agree a date, venue, and agenda items.

Agreed on Tuesday 9th April after the planning meeting which will be brought forward to 6pm then the Annual Parish meeting starting at 7pm in the meeting room at Ilsington. Agenda items suggested is recruitment. Councillors to bring food.

ACTION contact Village Hall booking to extend the time.

24/041. Grant Application

The councillor agreed to the grant for rewilding the Church yard.

ACTION: Approved

24/042. To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority.

- a) 0063/24 Application at Ludgate Copse, Haytor, TQ13 9XR - Retrospective replacement raised patio and construction of glass open fronted veranda – **No objection.**
- b) 0079/24 Installation of roof mounted solar panels at Smokey field, TQ13 9XU – **No objection.**

Appeals

- W/24/3337658 Refused planning permission for the development Erection of a temporary agricultural workers dwelling Stancombe Farm, Liverton, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 6JA.
- W/24/3337657 Refused planning permission for the development erection of an agricultural building for the storage of agricultural machinery, fodder and livestock accommodation Stancombe View, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6JA.
- W/23/3330483 Refusal of Full Planning Permission New custom-build dwelling for a local person, Cummings, Liverton, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 6HJ.

24/043. To authorise payments of cheques presented see Account's sheet.

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| 1 | C Retallick for February | 924.95 |
| 2 | HMRC - February | 30.60 |
| 3 | Vision ICT - webinar: elevate your web editing skills | 30.00 |
| 4 | Ilsington Village Hall rental Inv Nos: 2511 | 45.00 |
| 5 | Liverton Village Hall rental Inv No 2401 | 26.25 |
| 6 | HP Ink - February | 9.99 |
| 7 | G Partridge Lengthsman 3 mths | 631.23 |
| 8 | Trago Mills - stationery items | 14.40 |
| 9 | DCW Polymers Ltd | 1260.00 |
| 10 | Ilsington PCC - grant application rewinding the graveyard | 200.00 |
| 11 | R Ray - bus shelter cleaning | 12.00 |
| DD | BT - February | 62.99 |
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Bank Reconciliation as of 30th January 2024 - Summary

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| Opening Balance | 60465.86 | Payment | 32617.90 |
| Receipts | <u>60532.79</u> | Closing Balance | <u>88380.67</u> |
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24/044. To received reports from councillors - on outside bodies for information.

Cllr Prior reported that Ilsington village hall committee are planning a party in July they are seeking teenagers to help for 1 hr in morning to set up and 1 hr in the afternoon to clear up. The committee have installed a new PA system. The sink in the toilets has been polished. The bookings for February and March are full. The committee have planned an event for every month from now until December.

Cllr Wills inspected Little Meadow and noted how clean it is at the moment.

Cllr Reeve reported that Liverton Village Hall have planned a quiz night.

To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on 26th March 2024 at 7.30 pm in Liverton Village Hall

Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm at Ilsington Village Hall (subject to receipt of applications).

Meeting finished at 21.25pm

Sign..... Date