



Ilsington Parish Council

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Ilsington Parish Council Meeting at Liverton Village Hall Tuesday the 28th January 2020

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present:

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

Also in attendance: Cllr G Gribble – Devon County Councillor, Mrs Retallick (Clerk) and 1 member 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 Wills welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone present that the meeting is being recorded for minuting purposes.

20/001. To accept apologies for absence.

Received from Cllr R Winsor

20/002. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

None declared

20/003. 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)

Cllr Patch had noticed a comment on the Ilsington Facebook page (not the PC's) over concerns that after the annual hill climb the route had become difficult to use by walkers. The route is not a tarmacked track and the organisers of the hill climb do regular maintenance to it. Cllr Bainbridge uses this route regularly and drives carefully, he noted that it is a bye way and can be used by everyone. Cllr Retallick noted that it is classified as a highway but very low grade and DCC highways will not maintain it. Cllr Steemson is aware that several years ago it suggested that the route should be downgraded to a bridle path but DNPA objected. He also noted that more people are taking part in this type of sport so the track is being used more frequently.

Cllr Patch thanked Cllr Steemson for the work along the Old Liverton road and asked if it was now complete and Cllr Steemson confirmed that the Highways team is coming back to finish the ploughing of the edges of the road.

Cllr Retallick reported the broken bridge at Langworthy Brook it has still not been repaired.

Cllr Bainbridge noted that the white line on new town hill has been removed and would like to know why? Also believes it should be repainted.

Cllr Gribble noted that Simms Hill does have a public right of way. Cllr Wills noted that the white lines near Blackpool School in the middle of the road are very confusing as the old lines are still there and he has experienced cars following those instead of the new ones.

Cllr Patch asked about the fallen tree Tipley Hill, this has been reported to Highways and Cllr Steemson believes that the 4x4 club will remove it in due course. Cllr Wills has reported the fallen leaves on the hill at Old Town Hill, there had been a road traffic accident there recently which may have been because of the debris on the road.

The member of the public asked the council about the progress of the speed monitoring signs the clerk explained that they have been requested and it is going through a process, once they have been approved the council will be informed.

He also asked about why HGV are still using the old A38 as a cut through, and suggested that signs at the start of Liverton and Bickington may help to reduce that, Cllr Patch confirmed that he did investigate Sat Nav being altered to reduce HGV using the road but this is not possible unless an appropriate restriction, e.g. 'No HGVs Except for Access', is placed on the

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road. Cllr Steemson noted that the old A38 is an official diversion if the A38 has been closed. Finally he asked about Little Liverton Business Park there is a large scaffolding structure and asked if planning permission had been given for this, Cllr Patch offered to investigate this. Cllr Retallick has noticed that the forestry commission has flailed the hedge along old Liverton Road.

Cllr Reece reported that the style along the track at Marley Wood has gone; Cllr Steemson will report it to the DNPA rangers.

20/004. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 26th November 2019.

An amendment was noted by Cllr Harcourt Smith and corrected at 19/167 with regard to a defibrillator at Ilsington Playing field. The minutes were then signed as a true record of that meeting.

20/005. To receive reports from District, County Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Lengthsman and Police.

Cllr Patch report that at TDC the council have been revising the strategy of 2020 to 2030 with more focus on social housing as well as affordable housing. The council have been setting the budget and it will be presented to the full council on 24th February, there have been some cuts which include the Rural Aid grants and the District Councillors allowance however the exact detail is still awaited. There will be new charges for new residential property for their bins of £80 but again the details have not been finalised. There will be a raise in council tax of approx. £5.

Cllr Patch is still monitoring The Little Liverton Business Park application: the earliest it would go before the planning committee is March. He has spoken to TDC housing enabler who has offered to come to the next council meeting to give an update on the housing proposal near Blackpool school. Cllr Patch had asked officers at TDC about the land at Ilsington 'near Old Town Hill' that might be a potential site for social housing (as discussed at the last Ilsington Parish Council meeting) - TDC are unaware of this land and would like further information. Cllr Patch asked Cllr Retallick, who had mentioned the land at the previous meeting, if he had any more details of this land.

Cllr Gribble reported from DCC – he noted that he had help fund the defibrillator at Liverton and understood that it was a mobile unit as that required at Ilsington football club and asked Cllr Harcourt Smith to contact him.

With regard to the comment about HGV's on the old A38 he suggested the clerk write to highways and copy him into the correspondence as a weight restriction maybe something that could be authorised but it is unlike the route is changed as it is a diversion for the closure of the A38.

The Highways department is currently dealing with many drainage issues. Cllr Wills asked Cllr Gribble for advice about the bus shelter on Drumbridges – Cllr Gribble acknowledged that it was well used and would support it staying there as it is useful for local residents.

GG left the meeting

Cllr Steemson reported from DNPA - The rangers are working with the Police in the Rural Crime initiative and were involved with moving the Rave that eventually settled at Cadow bridge. There has been an increase of 4x4 using the moors for joy riding and creating a lot of damage. The 4x4 clubs do help with repairing the damage. The Management Plan is out for consultation via the website and a Climate Change Group has been created that the clerk has already circulated the details.

Lengthsman – All the tasks are up to date. Cllr Wills noted that he has planted daffodil bulbs along the road from Exeter Cross to Drumbridges and would not like the lengthsman to trim them before they have flowered.

20/006. Clerks report an update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only.

- Allotments – the renewals have been sent and two plots came vacant which have now been filled from the waiting list.
- Tender invitations – these have been sent out to several companies
- Website it working, up to date and live. Cllr Patch asked if the link for the July 19 minutes could be checked as it is currently displaying the agenda only.
- Recording of Council meetings – the authority has been confirmed within the standing orders, Cllr Reeve was happier as a sign is now being displayed to inform people present of the fact the meeting is being recorded.

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- Playground inspections have been booked for March
- Litter bin in Ilsington has still not been replaced, TDC are awaiting a permission licence from the service provider to put it back on the telegraph pole within Ilsington village – a sticker will be on the bin when fitted showing that dog waste can also go into it.
- Torbay trail -the trail will be going through the parish in March
- TALC – are carrying out a survey to assess its aims and need this will be circulated once received.

20/007. Business Brought forward by the Chairman.

- Email from parishioner and Recording of meetings – Cllr Wills noted that an email have been received relating to a matter in past minutes which had been quoted incorrectly. The chairman noted that recording of the meeting is helpful in a matter like this. **Action - The matter has now been resolved.**

20/008. To consider grant applications – From Ilsington Village Hall committee.

A representative was not present at this meeting; the hall committee is very small at the moment. Cllr Harcourt Smith has recently taken over the role as bookings clerk and informed the meeting that the past Chairman liked to keep £10,000 within the account as an emergency fund. Cllr Wills had some questions about the amount of chairs the hall requires. Cllr Harcourt Smith confirmed the hall is covered for 100 people under the fire regulations, she also noted that the current stacking chairs are not safe especially around children, the new options are not only safer but practical as when they are on the transport truck all the units fit into the storage cupboard. Cllr Patch was interested in the choices made by Ilsington as Liverton village Hall are also looking for new chairs and they would be able to fund 50% of the cost for their hall. Cllr Bainbridge reminded the meeting of the Dartmoor Fund details have recently been circulated.

Action - Cllr Steemson proposed that the council should grant £3000 towards this project and that proposal was seconded by Cllr Retallick, all present were in favour.

20/009. Telephone Boxes – Updates and plans

The clerk informed the meeting that replacement glass panels for the telephone box that says ‘information’ and ‘defibrillator’ cost £20.30 excludes VAT and delivery a custom panel prices start from £50 for 1 sign £30 each for 2 to 4 signs. A second quote has been received for painting the Haytor box. Cllr Wills asked the meeting if he could instruct the first company which quotes as that was a cheaper quote and the council have already instructed him to paint the Liverton Box.

This was agreed

The Liverton box still needs work in the interior – removing the panel, painting and refitting. Cllr Patch offered to draft an information board, Cllr Bainbridge will quote for the refit of the interior.

The meeting then discussed where the defibrillator should be located and if it was to be put into the bus shelter the council should authorise the village hall committee to work on that as they are funding it.

Summary of ACTION agreed for the Liverton Telephone box

- **Instruct the painter to paint the exterior of Liverton box with a final coat and paint the Haytor box.**
- **Cllr patch draft information board**
- **Cllr Bainbridge quote for refit and report at next meeting**
- **Add to next month’s agenda for authorisation to work on bus shelter by Liverton village hall committee**
- **Order replacement glass panels saying ‘information’ and ‘book swap’**

Summary of ACTION agreed for the Haytor Telephone box

- **Obtain quotes for work on the Haytor box door**
- **Consult with local community for its use**
- **Investigate if there is a defibrillator in the local area**

20/010. Emptying of bins and new charges – discussion and decision

The clerk explained the new charges and all accepted the increased charges.

20/011. Snow Warden Scheme – update information only

The clerk has received confirmation that a parishioner in Ilsington would be willing to help clear snow if required and could store a snow plough if the council decided to purchase one. CP Trees have also been contacted and confirm they do already own a snow plough and would be willing to work for the council under their own insurance.

The route for a gritter had already been agreed with highways and that could be shared with CP Trees operator.

The meeting then discussed what budget has been allocated. The annual budget would only cover approx. 2 days of contractor's charges.

Cllr Steemson confirmed that help for vulnerable people is already covered by other organisations

**Action agreed – Cllr Retallick (snow Warden) would activate CP Trees when necessary
The budgeted amounts for the last 3 years could be used and capped at that.**

Cllr Harcourt Smith to contact local parishioner and thank him for his offer to clear snow if required in Ilsington village.

20/012. Lengthsman – Information only.

The clerk has received requests for extra tasks for the lengthsman, she explained that the areas related to the request have already been investigated and some areas are already covered within the contract including the drainage at the rear of Ley Crescent, the resident is still having issues with flooding and the water not draining away at the rear of Ley Crescent. Cllr Wills has spoken to the parishioner who raised the query and problems with drainage have been reported to DCC highway through the online reporting page.

Cllr Patch noted that since the lengthsman contract started the water on the road has decreased between Lenda and Old Town Hill, Cllr Steemson confirmed the 4x4 club have been working on some of the green lanes clearing blockages. The lengthsman contract has been confirmed for the next 12 months and any changes would be considered next time the contract is reviewed.

20/013. Drumbridges Bus Shelter and Stage Coach Consultation – discussion and decision

Correspondence has been received from DCC asking if the Parish council would take over ownership and arrange the care and maintenance of the bus shelter on the north bound side of Drumbridges, TDC, stagecoach and an advertising company also received the same letter.

TDC have responded and suggest that if a bin is provided TDC will empty it and include a litter pick it. Cllr Retallick recalled that another organisation paid for it with the suggestion the parish council could take interest into it.

Cllr Reeve confirmed that the land is owned by Highways England. Cllr Patch proposed that we write to Highways England, Stagecoach and Mega bus advising them that the land belongs to Highway England and the passengers of those companies use the shelter, therefore the onus should be them to repair and maintain the shelters. At the moment the site is a health and safety risk. Copy the letter to Bovey Tracey and Teigngrace councils. .

The clerk then informed the meeting of the changes to the bus routes that concern this parish within the consultation – The council have no objections to the proposals

20/014. To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District.

Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority.

a) TDC 20/00080/TPO - Fell one oak at 10 Oaklea Park, Liverton **No objection**

b) Discussion regarding new development at Coxsland Bridge, Sigford – there is no planning application put before the PC, it has been reported to the enforcement officer at DNPA it is believed that it is being lived in. That area was a touring caravan site. We have not had any comments PC will write again.

20/015. To receive reports from Parish Councillors on outside bodies.

Cllr Hember has received the risk assessment and asked for the new list of allotment holders.

Cllr Reeve reported the Christmas event at Liverton village hall was well supported. The committee are currently working on improvement to the ladies toilets, storage, the shed and running electricity to the telephone kiosk. The committee are concerned that users are not tidying/cleaning up after bookings so new conditions have been drawn up to help with this and there will be an age limit for future children's party booking. More films nights are planning and improved Wi-Fi now available for hall hirers only on a Pay as you go system.

Cllr Harcourt Smith reminded the meeting to vote for Mrs Adams in the TDC Recycling Award, also Ilsington Primary School will be joining their new academy on 1st February, it is an exciting time for the school. She confirmed that she has taken on the role as Booking clerk for Ilsington village hall. Finally Cllr Harcourt Smith has produced a policy document for Operation London she asked the councillors to look through it, this will be considered at the next full council meeting, but should it be needed in the meantime perhaps the council can use it in an emergency.

Cllr Wills reported that he attended the Carol Service on behalf of the council in Bovey Tracey.

20/016. To authorise payments of cheques presented

Cheques presented for authorisation 28th January 2020

Details of Payments	£
Tanner & Bruce - Telephone Kiosk project	
1 900+180vat=	1080.00
2 RA Wrayford - Grounds Maintenance	1367.50
3 Peplows – Accountants	118.80
4 HMRC - PAYE	47.24
5 C Retallick - December salary	758.11
6 Ilsington Village Hall rental	32.00
CP Trees - Cumming X to Liverton project	
7 1475+295vat=	1752.00
8 C Retallick - January salary	758.11
9 HMRC - PAYE	47.24
10 Liverton VH Rental	30.00
11 Ilsington Village Hall rental	48.00
12 SLCC regional training 70 + 14 vat =	84.00
13 E Fairs - Lengthsman duties December	270.00
14 E Fairs - Lengthsman duties January	270.00
15 SWW at Liverton Allotments	52.24
16 HP Instant ink	17.99
17 TDC - Emptying the bins	246.17
18 Ilsington village hall committee	3000.00
DD BT – December	66.95
DD BT - January	65.53
	10111.88

Bank Reconciliation as at 30th December 2019

Summary

Opening Balance	58032.02	Payment	39704.08
Receipts	44914.00	Closing Balance	63241.94
	102946.02		102946.02

20/017. Correspondence and Emailed correspondence already circulated

Drumbridges - Bus Shelters / Lesley Smith MBE/ Nominate someone you know for the Teignbridge Sports & Community Awards/ Funding available for Dartmoor communities/ Call for nominations | County Committee casual vacancies/ Funding News/ Letter from Lynton & Lynmouth Town Mayor/ Extinction Rebellion.
Book AP on tree /climate change workshop email clerk to book a place

To confirm the next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council on

Tuesday 25th February 2020 in Ilsington Village Hall (meeting room) at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed 9.45pm

Signed Date

Items for next agenda