



# Ilsington Parish Council

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## Ilsington Parish Council Remote Meeting on Zoom on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Present:**

Cllr M Wills	Cllr S Harcourt-Smith
Cllr S Hember	Cllr Mrs J Prior
Cllr C Reeve	Cllr M Retallick
Cllr R Winsor	

Also in attendance: Cllr G Gribble – Devon County Councillor, Cllr A Patch - Teignbridge District Councillor, 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.*

**20/45 To accept apologies for absence.**

Received from Cllr R Steemson and Cllr R Bainbridge, Cllr R Winsor was having difficulties joining the meeting but may join later.

**20/46 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.**

None declared

**20/47 PUBLIC FORUM & MEMBERS COMMENTS – (this will be at the Chairman discretion)**

None

**20/48 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

These were approved as a true record of that meeting and will be signed at a later date.

**20/49 To receive reports from the County and District Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Police and Lengthsman.**

DCC – Cllr Gribble has visited the gravel pit on several occasions however he is not very welcome there, he confirmed that DCC will not be actively looking to evict the occupants during Covid-19 restrictions. Cllr Gribble will continue to support this council object to the rear entrance at Trago Mills, the Chairman thanked him and noted that the traffic survey lined with the application is out of date and should not be used.

*(Cllr S Harcourt Smith joined the meeting)*

Bickington PC has not commented and Cllr Hember suggested an article in the local paper may highlight the problems a new entrance may cause.

TDC – Cllr Patch has contacted the District councillors for Bickington who support the application going before the planning committee. Cllr Patch is also concerned about the occupation of the gravel pit and feels that DCC's action is more likely to be linked to toleration of travellers using the site and more pressure should be asserted to obtaining an order to secure the site from this continually occurring.

TDC offices will remain closed to the public until at least 1<sup>st</sup> July, the officers are working from home and the council are holding Zoom meetings which are then being released onto YouTube.

One of the Liverton planning applications should go to the committee this month. TDC has received grants from government to help towards Covid-19 issues however there will be pressure on TDC budget in the future.

The Local Plan consultation deadline has been extended till 13<sup>th</sup> July.

The Chairman thanks Cllrs Gribble and Patch for their support for action at the Gravel Pit, and noted that costs will be occurring while the site is occupied by the travellers, councillors are keen to know the long term plans for the gravel pit as it seems that DCC do not have the

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will to apply for the legal order to keep the site secure. Cllr Patch had received messages from Liverton residents concerned about incidents with the police and car thefts there have been reports on social media supporting these concerns and although Cllr Patch has tried to get further information the Police cannot confirm if the occupants of the Gravel pit were involved. Police presence has been confirmed and portaloos and bins have been delivered to the site and reports of anti-social behaviour.

The Chairman reminded both councillors that this council would like a face to face meeting with the officers once restrictions have been lifted.

DNPA Ranger – The current information and advice re COVID and public access etc. has just been updated on Friday evening, it has been noted that the Car Parks on the moors have been getting busier.

Lengthsman Report

- Cummings crossroads had been completed by somebody else by the time I got around to doing it so I have not invoiced for this.
- You will probably be aware that the Bus Shelter in Ilsington has been turned into a community bring and share stall (which is a brilliant idea). As a result I could only really sweep the floor due to the amount of items in there.
- At both Welcome Stranger road junction and Staples Road Triangle, there are patches of Common Spotted Orchids coming through. I strimmed all of the site lines but have left the areas where the orchids were growing so that they can seed over the next month before I come to cut them next time.
- There is a campaign running in May to try to encourage Local Authorities to reduce or stop their verge mowing so that flowers can fully bloom and then set seed, it is called NoMowMay, and is being orchestrated by National Trust. On all of the areas strimmed there were some lovely patches of wildflowers in full bloom. Rather than just cut them for the sake of it, if they were not impeding a site line or access on a footpath, I left them. This means there is the odd small block of flowers left in areas which would have otherwise been strimmed. I am saying this in case you get any enquiries about why patches have been left. I am hoping that you will in fact get some comments saying how nice it looks, but that may be wishful thinking.

**20/50 Grant Applications – To consider grant applications received** (*The Chairman moved this item from the agenda*)

Three applications to consider and Standing Orders ceased to allow the applicant to speak

i. Rora – The application is to provide a Defibrillator within an old telephone kiosk at Rora House. It was explained that local fundraising will contribute to the costs and the application is for £500. The defibrillator would be available for the neighbouring riding school, local visitors and walkers using the public right of way footpaths.

ii. Ilsington Village Hall – This application is a contribution towards replacing the battery and pressure pads for the defibrillator for £213.60. The defibrillator has been at the hall for 5 years and recently used. There is an on-going cost for the unit and the local shop has agreed to set up a fund for continuing maintenance but the grant is needed in the meantime to ensure the unit is still available for the greater community.

(*Cllr Winsor joined the meeting*)

iii. Twiglets Pre-school – This application is to cover half the annual hall hiring fees for the new group to meet weekly. The group has moved from the primary school. The application is for £250, it is planned to fund raise to provide the remainder of costs required to make the group successful.

Standing Orders were resumed and Cllr Steemson proposed approval for all applications.

Cllr Retallick and Reeve wanted the council to agree a policy for providing grants for the maintenance of defibrillators within the parish, they suggested the council should not pay for the on-going costs in the future but the organisation installing the units must make plans for their maintenance.

**ACTION – All grants were approved**

(*Cllr Harcourt-Smith, Gribble and M'sOP left the meeting*)

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**20/51 Clerks report – for Information only.**

Travellers at the Gravel pit - Sgt Saunders responded to an emails, although he was sympathetic he explained that there is no further action that can be taken at the moment. PC Watkins is making regular visits and keeping a close eye on the occupants at the Gravel pit.

A notice of ownership and guidance has been displayed in the bus shelter at Liverton Council vacancies – Following the resignation of Cllr Patch and Cllrs Hodge disqualification the casual vacancies have been advertised, these positions cannot be filled until after June 5<sup>th</sup> giving parishioners time to call an election if desired.

Coxsland Bridge – The enforcement officer has been contacted and he is awaiting further information from the owner.

**20/52 Business Brought forward by the Chairman**

The chairman thanked Cllr Patch for his time with this council especially the work he committed to the travellers at the gravel along with other projects and will welcome him back to the parish meetings at our District Councillor.

**20/53 Unauthorised encampment at the Gravel Pit, Liverton – Update**

This topic has already been covered at this meeting

**20/54 Liverton Link Path – Update**

Withdrawn until next meeting

**20/55 Shed at Allotment field – to consider a request to erect a shed.**

This has been received from an allotment holder. Cllr Wills asked if the plots have been tided, Cllr Hember has been consulting with the plot holders and most of the concerns have been addressed.

**ACTION - Approve shed request and display a Covid-19 guidance notice on allotment field gates**

**20/56 To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority.**

- a) 0204/20 Proposal Erection of Garden Shed at Highgrove, Ilsington. **No objection**
- b) 0219/20 Proposal: Remove external timber cladding from dwelling house and replace with insulation and render Site address: Haytor House, Haytor. **No objection**
- c) 0220/20 Proposal: Conversion of ground floor storeroom of cottage to additional ancillary accommodation Site address: Sigford Cottage, Sigford House, Bickington. **No objection**
- d) TDC 20/00771/VAR Proposal Variation of condition 2 and removal of conditions 4 & 5 on planning permission 11/00413/COU (change of use and conversion of redundant barn to dwelling) to change design and agree details of external features and roof slate detail at Mallands, Ingsdon, Devon TQ12 6NN. **No objection**

**20/57 Teignbridge District Council – Local Plan 2013 – 2033 - Five-year Review & Teignbridge Local Plan Part 1 (2020 – 2040) Consultation – to discuss and consider a response.**

Cllr Prior reported that the Draft is very informative and comprehensive. Covering all aspects of the progress to be made within the Teignbridge area over the next 20 years. However with building domestic, commercial/ industrial developments on the scale predicted is it not inevitably going to result in an increased pressure on local resources, most of all open green spaces for recreation i.e. cricket pitches, football/rugby fields. Teignbridge is going ahead with an extensive house building programme, hopefully ensuring another school, leisure facilities (indoor or outdoor?) Improved road network and more parking to facilitate the increase in car numbers and population. There is no mention of the provision for dentists, doctors' surgeries, or nurseries for working mothers, and parking for cars and bicycles - for instance at the station for commuters. Police numbers are down but drug and anti-social behaviour is on the increase and with many more vulnerable children and young adults congregating in the town centre, provision should be considered to combat this.

With regard to climate change going forward a suggestion might be that any new industrial or farm buildings have photovoltaic panels on their roofs rather than taking up green spaces similar to that adopted in France.

With the increase in the prospect of many working from home, this is only going to be viable with better broadband speeds in some rural areas of Teignbridge.

Newton Abbot is heralded as a market town. With no recognizable cattle market and only the indoor market hall and stall traders in the pedestrian area today, perhaps this might be invigorated with many more interesting stalls on a Wednesday and Saturday selling locally produced food and merchandise to encourage new life in the town centre.

Councillors also agreed that plan was weak on enforcement of illegal developments, concerns that business developments are engulfing villages and changing the character of the rural villages.

No provision for traveller transit sites has been included although 24 pitches have been mentioned but this is for permanent sites.

**ACTION – Clerk to complete online survey and send our agreed comments to planning officer and copy to District Councillor**

**20/58 Dartmoor National Park Management Plan consultation – Final opportunity to discuss and consider a response.**

There seems to be a conflict of interest between Teignbridge on the one hand with an extensive building programme encouraging an ever increasing population in, and to, the area, and the Dartmoor National Park trying to protect and maintain one of the most beautiful fragile natural open spaces. It is an area for everyone to enjoy but most importantly to respect and not to damage its infrastructure to destruction which is inevitable where you have a substantial increase in both traffic and a lack of understanding of the countryside in people visiting it. It will not be there in its present state if it is not respected by those who visit it, and recognition of the work carried out to those who are dedicated to its preservation.

**ACTION – send these comments to DNPA**

**20/59 To authorise payments of cheques presented – see Accounts sheet.**

1	C Retaillick	816.13
2	HMRC - PAYE	21.72
3	Ilington Village Hall rental	16.00
4	HP Instant Ink	7.99
5	SJB Signs (Allotment nos.)	25.00
6	E Fairs	948.60
7	Zurich Insurance	715.61
8	Grant - Rora Defib?	500.00
9	Grant - IVH Defib supplies?	213.60
10	Grant – Toddler Group	250.00
11	A Marshall - Internal Audit	175.00
DD	BT - May	76.80
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**Bank Reconciliation as at 27th April 2020**

Summary

Opening Balance	54477.33	Payment	3128.99
Receipts	19582.69	Closing Balance	70931.03
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	74060.02		74060.02

**ACTION - All the payments were approved and the Bank reconciliation agreed**

- 20/60 Finance** a) Review the End of year accounts and approve for publication  
b) Internal Audit report  
c) Approve the Annual Governance Statement

d) Approve the Accounting statements

**ACTION – Items a-d were reviewed and agreed as correct and signed**

**20/61. To received reports from councillors on outside bodies – For information**

Cllr Prior has attended an Ilsington VH zoom meeting and reported on the current tasks the committee are undertaking. The hall committee confirm that the hall will survive the Covid-19 with careful management. All the appliances will require PAC testing prior to re-opening and new cleaners will be employed. At the AGM the outgoing chairman was thanked and new hire charges will start in September 2020. She also reported that the Shop have asked for a separate electricity meter.

Cllr Hember has been visiting the allotment field and identifying ownership of the sheds, she has also chased up plot holders who had been neglecting their plots.

**20/62 Future council meeting dates – To agree dates for the next 12months**

May 26 <sup>th</sup>	at Liverton Village Hall – Annual council meeting – Cancelled Due to Covid19
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	at Ilsington Village Hall
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	at Liverton Village Hall
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	at Ilsington Village Hall
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	at Liverton Village Hall
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	at Ilsington Village Hall
January 26 <sup>th</sup> 2021	at Liverton Village Hall
February 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2021	at Ilsington Village Hall
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2021	at Liverton Village Hall
April 27 <sup>th</sup> 2021	at Ilsington Village Hall
May 25 <sup>th</sup> 2021	at Liverton Village Hall – Annual Council Meeting

**Planning Committee meetings**

9<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> July, August 11<sup>th</sup> but only if applications have been received and this meeting will be confirmed. 8<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November, December 8<sup>th</sup> but only if applications have been received and this meeting will be confirmed.

12<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**ACTION – All agreed**

**The next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at 7.30pm on Zoom.  
Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm on Zoom**

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Signed ..... Date .....

**Items for next agenda**