



Ilsington Parish Council

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Ilsington Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 22nd September 2020

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present:

Cllr M Wills	Cllr R Steemson
Cllr S Harcourt-Smith	Cllr S Hember
Cllrs Mrs J Prior	Cllr M Retallick
Cllr R Winsor	

Also in attendance: Cllr G Gribble – Devon County Councillor, Mrs Retallick (Clerk) and 4 members of public (MOP).

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

20/204. To accept apologies for absence.

Received from Cllrs Reeve, Bainbridge and TDC Cllr Patch

20/205 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

None declared

20/206 PUBLIC FORUM & MEMBERS COMMENTS – (this will be at the Chairman discretion)

Cllr Retallick is concerned about the costs for clearing the gravel pit now that the travellers have left and would like to know how much the block wall has cost and 100ton of gravel which. Cllr Wills concerned a true figure must be demanded from DCC.

A MOP noted that fibre broadband is being brought to Ilsington Primary School and originally it was suggested that many local people could also benefit from this service, however he has since found out this is not the case and apart from a few who are very close to the school the greater community will not be able to use the fibre connections. Even though there are other providers in the area the connection is still extremely poor. He enquired if a councillor could look into this problem, Cllr Harcourt Smith confirmed that fibre is coming to the school and the work is in progress and she understood that answer it will available for the wider community eventually.

20/207 To confirm the minutes of the last meetings on 11th and 27th August 2020

These were agreed as correct and will be signed in due course.

20/208 To receive reports from the County and District Councillors, DNPA Ranger, Police and Lengthsman.

Cllr Gribble has spent a considerable time at the gravel pit before and after the legal proceeding to evict the travellers. There has been delays due to the Covid 19 restrictions, the contractors have cleared the site and a block wall has been erected at the entrance. The future of the site is unknown and the costs which have been incurred while the travellers have been there and for the clearance, but Cllr Gribble promised to get an account and report back to this council.

Cllr Gribble has met with the highways officer and is aware of the speed monitoring device project, he has also given a grant to Ilsington Primary school.

Cllr Retallick asked Cllr Gribble to ensure the Chief Executive of DNPA is aware of the difficulties with the Broadband within this parish as the National Park was granted money towards making broadband available within its boundaries. He also asked Cllr Gribble to

chase up the tree and hedge cutting at Ramshorn and Lenda, and the matter of dog waste bags being placed into roadside drains.

Cllr Wills asked if Cllr Gribble can follow up the request this council has made to renew the white lines near Blackpool School Junction off the old A38.

Cllr Steemson reported from DNPA that the events to celebrate the 200 year Templer way have been postponed until 2021, the rangers are busy about their regular duties as well as working in partnership with the Police against rural crime.

Lengthsman – Mr Fairs reported that the penultimate grass cuts were carried out on the A38 towards the Welcome Stranger, the roadside verge on Old Liverton Road to Cummings X-roads and the Benedicts Road bus shelter. The cutting every other month is working well as the grass is long enough to require attention but not so long that it is impeding the footpaths. The Bus shelters were all cleaned and swept, including the bus shelter which is no longer being used as a Covid swap shop.

The village signs were all cleaned and vegetation surrounding them cleared. One of the village signs between Liverton and Ilsington (by the narrow bridge) has been hit by a vehicle and become detached from its posts, which themselves are now no longer standing upright. The sign itself is reusable so the sign was cleaned in case it can be attached back to its posts. Also, the grass was strimmed around the same place so that the posts can be straightened once again and not needing relocating.

All the drains, grips and ditches were cleared of vegetation so that water can reach them and then cleaned so water can flow into the chambers underneath. The buddles were rodded so everything is ready for the winter's storms. Cllr Prior enquired if the drains at Sigford had been visited which they had not but he will visit them in the next few days. The clerk reminded the meeting that highway issues can be reported via the 'Report a problem' through the DCC website.

20/209 Clerks report – for Information only.

I attended a Webinar related to accessibility for Parish Council websites, as we have only just commissioned ours, we are compliant.

DALC AGM is on October 7th this will be via Zoom and places still need to be booked.

Several matters have been reported to Highways – Overgrown tress at Lenda, Broken village sign near Mill Bridge, Liverton and the potholes along Honeywell Lane.

We have received several notifications for road closures within the parish from now until Christmas details have been posted on the new page of the website.

External Audit has been returned and the End of Audit notices are on display.

A local volunteer group have carried out a litter pick of Little Meadow, Liverton and TDC were booked to remove the bags.

No rural Skip for Liverton – this service has been suspended due to Covid 19

A new 'Buy less- Wear more' campaign has been launched within Teignbridge and poster are on the Notice board advertising this which runs until 31st October.

TALC September meeting has been cancelled.

Our membership of ICO is due for renewal 1st November 2020.

The travellers have now left the gravel pit and DCC are working on ways to ensure the site is more secure.

20/210 Business Brought forward by the Chairman

The council will continue with zoom remote meeting for the foreseeable future. There have been several road closures within the parish recently and there are several more to come. The information we receive is posted on the council website and Facebook page. The alternative routes are chosen by the contractors, although a recent diversion had caused a lot of disturbance, this was reported, and the route seems to have been changed.

20/211 Appointment of Internal Auditor

The contract with this year's Internal auditor has finished and 2 quotes have been received for next year. After careful consideration it was agreed to appoint Lee Accounting from Kingsteignton. All were in favour.

ACTION – To appoint Lee Accounting for Internal Auditor

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20/212 Speed monitoring devices – Update

Following the last meeting and decision to go forward with Elan City a quotation has been received which was in line with the information presented at the last meeting. The Chairman and clerk met with the highways engineer at the sites for the proposed devices, these were agreed. The Highways department have agreed to instal the posts for the devices. Cllr Gribble is in favour and offered his support with the project.

20/213 Councillors vacancies - Update.

The council made the decision to hold the co option of new councillors at a face to face meeting. There have been 4 registers of interest to join the council, being that it may be some time before the council can meet in person this decision will be reviewed in December.

ACTION - Once it has been decided when the cop option will take place the candidates will be invited to that meeting.

20/214 Request from Haytor Vale resident to install a notice board.

Following a request made by the residents of Haytor Vale and the evidence of support the councillors voted in favour to provide an Oak notice board.

ACTION – A Notice board ordered and arrange fitting.

(Cllr Gribble left the meeting)

20/215 Lengthsman duties – to review the schedule of works for the next financial year

A small working party of Cllrs Wills, Steemson, Prior and Winsor will meet with the lengthsman to review the contract for the next financial year. (Standing Orders were suspended) to agree a date.

ACTION -The clerks will provide the documents in readiness for that meeting

20/216 Litter bin at Little Meadow – to discuss repositioning and purchase of new bin.

The chairman explained that the current bin at Little Meadow has been damaged, there is always lots of rubbish. Cllr Prior wonders who is using the area and creating so much rubbish. It is believed that local youngsters are using the field, some are drivers, and this should be discouraging. The meeting agreed that the gate should be secured again to stop vehicles parking in the lane. It was also suggested informing the police and ask them to drive past regularly.

ACTION – Fix the gate to restrict access to the field. Ask the police to drive past regularly. Review at next meeting.

20/217 To consider the planning applications received from Teignbridge District.

Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority.

a) *DNPA 0404/20 Proposal: Demolition of outbuilding and erection of ancillary outbuilding At Sigford House, Sigford, Bickington.* **OBJECT due to**

- **There is already 1 ancillary building attached to the main property**
- **Over development of the site**
- **Concerns of enough infrastructure within the area in to support the site particular water supply.**

Grants of Permission

- DNPA 0301/20 New garage and store in existing driveway, Lower Marlpark, Honeywell Lane, Ilsington.
- TDC 20/01566/TPOE Location: 22 Kittersley Drive, Liverton. Proposal: Remove one dead tree

Cllr Retallick enquired if there is an update about the Coxland Bridge development, the clerk confirmed no further information has been received.

20/218 To authorise payments of cheques presented – see Accounts sheet.

1	C Retallick - August	802.00
2	C Retallick - September	802.00
3	HMRC Aug & Sept	39.20
4	HP Instant Ink	7.99

5	E Fairs August	591.60
6	PKF Littlejohns - External Audit	360.00
7	R Ray - window cleaning at bus shelter	10.00
8	Peplows - Accounts fees	118.80
9	RA Wrayford - Grounds maintenance	1500.00
10	IPFARA - Bowling Club grant	3500.00
11	E Fairs September	878.30
DD	BT - August	72.68
DD	BT - September	36.28
		8718.85

Bank Reconciliation as at 25th August 2020

Summary

Opening Balance	54477.33	Payment	20011.88
Receipts	<u>19614.20</u>	Closing Balance	<u>54079.65</u>
	<u>74091.53</u>		<u>74091.53</u>

20/219 To received reports from councillors on outside bodies – For information

Cllr Hember has visited the Allotment field and contacted most of the people on the waiting list. She hopes that all the plots will be filled soon. The Chairman thanked her for all the work regarding the travellers at the gravel pit.

Cllr Prior reported that Ilsington Village Hall committee have been busy getting ready for the hall to reopen, some booking has been cancelled. New cleaners have started, and a workday is planned for 10th October, volunteers are needed for various jobs.

Cllr Harcourt-Smith reported that the Primary school has a new head teacher who has settled in well. She is keen to develop links with the community. Assemblies are held via Microsoft Teams. New maths resources have been provided through a grant of £750 from a local business, all the children are happy to be back at school.

The next meeting of Ilsington Parish Council will be on Tuesday 27th October 2020 at 7.30pm on Zoom.

Ilsington Parish Council Planning Committee on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7.30pm on Zoom, (to be confirmed).

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Signed Date

Items for next agenda

Review the situation at Little Meadow