

IDDESLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman invited the following people to address the meeting: Mr I Davidson, Mr R Harper, Mr W Harper, Mr A Bassett and Mrs J Bassett

The discussion that followed was about concerns over Planning Application 00600/2015 Barwick Downs [Roadman Units]. See appendix note to the Minutes of this meeting.

Minutes of the Iddesleigh Parish Council Meeting that took place on Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Chairman Councillor E Sweet, Vice Chairman Councillor J Moore, Councillor J Davidson, Councillor G Ward, Councillor B Down, Councillor G Reddaway.

Also present: Borough Councillor B Ratcliff

- 1. To receive apologise for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be formally approved by the council:** none
- 2. To receive any Declarations of Interest from members:**
Councillors are reminded to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any agenda items: none declared
- 3. To receive the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Monday October 14th 2019:**
Copies of which have been previously circulated to members and are to be agreed and signed as a true record of the previous meeting held on October 14th 2019. It was agreed that the minutes be signed.
- 4. Report by West Devon Borough Councillor:** the discussion as per Appendix was expanded upon and Borough Councillor Ratcliffe will contact the Planning Officer for more and updated information. The clerk was asked to update the full history of the case and send him a copy.
- 5. Past Subject Matters for further discussion:**
 - 5.1 [6.2] Museum of Dartmoor Life: the clerk has been in touch with the museum and they are happy for the funeral bier to move to the War Horse Museum. A letter is required to give authorisation and this will be sent. Councillor Ward will need to take a copy as proof that the council give him the permission to rehouse the funeral bier.
 - 5.2 [6.5] Citizens Advice: a letter received thanking the council for their donation.
 - 5.3 [5.2] Highways: the road near Councillor Ward has still not been repaired and the drains near Councillor Moore have also not been seen to properly. The clerk will report them again. It was reported that the area near Lickwith and the bridge has a lot of water and lays quite deep there, this comes under Hatherleigh Parish Council.
- 6. Clerks Report and Correspondence received:**
 - 6.1 Monitoring officer WDBC: reminder over the Code of Conduct procedures.
 - 6.2 Councillor J McInnes: email received reminding the council that he is always happy to attend council meetings.
 - 6.3 Airband [ref: Tony Watkins who will give a brief introduction before the start of business]: He did not attend so the clerk will email him as several members of the public wanted to find out more about Airband.

Signed:



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- 6.4 DCC Traffic Management Permit Scheme Order: this describes the types of works or activities on roads which permits will be required. DCC has identified the case for the permit scheme for better control and planning works on the highway.
- 6.5 West Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee [HATOC]: they discussed the permit scheme and the signage and speed limit on the B215 from Crediton the Okehampton by Sampford Courtenay with a blind junction and a sharp turn. The scene of many accidents.
- 6.6 Devon Climate Emergency Response Group: the Task Force are calling for residents to submit ideas about how Devon can reduce carbon emissions. It was reported that cattle plodding on good grassland do help the land as the grass absorbs the water which drains away and the carbon is also absorbed. Coppicing carefully in ancient woodland leads to sustainable rotation.

The following correspondence is contained within the Councillors folder:

- 6.7 DCC Highways Newsletter
- 6.8 WDBC News Release November 4th
- 6.9 DALC Newsletter November
- 6.10 Okehampton District Community Transport Newsletter
- 6.11 Sports for all ages North Tawton proposal
- 6.12 Clerks & Councils Direct

7. Planning:

7.1 00600/2015 Barwick Downs [roadman units]: the council need to know what is going on. Initially these units were refused so it would follow they would be refused again. The clerk was asked to update the history of the case. The area is not fit for holiday units i.e. as it is now a nature area. Also of concern is the electric, water and sewage supply.

8. Finance:

- 8.1 Statement of Accounts: C/A £3,266.50 R/A £6,039.61
- 8.2 Precept: the clerk passed around the finance sheet showing expenditure from last year and this year; so far, and the predicted expenditure next year. The Clerk informed the council that there would be no council tax grant and they have a recharge fee from the election earlier in the year to pay. This was discussed and it was agreed that the increase would be £244 making the new precept £4,776. That is 3% increase plus the cost of the tax grant and the recharge fee.
- 8.3 Grass cutting: Invoice received and it was agreed to pay.
- 8.4 Clerks Salary & Expenses: the clerk submitted these and it was agreed to pay.
- 8.5 Clerks Yearly time sheet: the clerk circulated her yearly time sheet and it was agreed to pay the extra time.

9. Matters for further reporting:

- 9.1 Old Northcote Arms 3718/19/FUL and 3719/19/LBC: after discussion there was no objection as they have to abide by LBC rules.
- 9.2 The clerk asked the Council if they would approve an expenses cheque for the Chairman as it was submitted late to the clerk. They were happy for it to be written.
- 9.3 Item added to the Councillors folder: Devon Countryside Access Forum.

10. Confidential Discussion:

10.1 there are four enforcement notices currently under investigation by the planners.

11. Date of next meeting:

February 3rd 2020 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed:



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Appendix Notes to Meeting December 2nd 2019

The roadman units have been resubmitted to the Planners now that the enforcement notice regarding the mobile home being used as a home has been resolved. According to the Enforcement Team the building has been emptied and not lived in since March. It is just a storage area.

When these roadman units were first submitted to the planners no decision was made and the owners preferred to leave this planning in limbo until after the mobile home issues had been resolved.

Now these roadman units have been resubmitted to the planners.

We have a copy of the Planning Application Report which recommends refusal because the development would result in tourism accommodation in an unsustainable rural location with restricted access to services and amenities reliant on the private car. It goes on to state why it is contrary to various policies of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

The applicants have created a lovely tranquil site, a nature haven. By converting these roadman units into holiday lets defies the natural haven created once occupied.

If these are converted to holiday lets then the applicant could be required to live on site so the mobile home will become occupied again.

Signed:



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