

## IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of Ivybridge held in The Watermark, Ivybridge on Monday 8 August 2016 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr D Gray-Taylor (Town Mayor)                      Cllr A Laity  
                 Cllr T Bowden                                                              Cllr T Parsons  
                 Cllr P Dredge                                                              Cllr S Rutley  
                 Cllr S Fourte                                                                      Cllr E Silsbury  
                 Cllr S Hladkij                                                                      Cllr A Spencer  
                 Cllr M Kennard                                                                      Cllr H Whiting  
                 Cllr A Khong

**In Attendance:**        Cllr M Saltern (District Councillor)  
                                  1 Police Representative (PCSO J Serpell)  
                                  1 Member of the Press  
                                  Mrs L Hughes (Town Clerk)  
                                  Mrs S Hocking (Minute Secretary)

The Town Mayor welcomed Lee Bray to the meeting who provided a presentation and summary of the response on the Joint Local Plan for Ivybridge (background paperwork part of agenda item 16/069).

Cllr Dredge stated that in his opinion that Ivybridge will become a longer distance station and that with the new town, Sherford, people would travel to Ivybridge rather than Plymouth due to traffic. This would be the preference by Travel Watch SW, however it depended upon the level of service and roads access.

Cllr Rutley sought clarification on the map information provided in the agenda and the highlighted part on Exeter Road area, towards St Peters Way, where she stated that housing is already in this area. She enquired why it was marked as 'green'. Mr Bray advised that it is a complex map and it is due to the fact that it is a policy area protected.

Cllr Saltern thanked Mr Bray for his strong presentation and reported that he supported the way forward outlined and had already made these representations at South Hams District Council.

Cllr Silsbury enquired about the South of the A38 being in Ugborough Parish and not our area to comment. Mr Bray advised that it is a process of challenge not dissimilar to Plymouth growth and as far as the Local Plan is concerned it makes no difference. There are implications for the Neighbourhood Plan as there is no strategic information available before this for them to be able to respond.

Mr Bray hoped that Ugborough's Plan would reflect Ivybridge recommendations and that if the Local Plan proposes land to the south, that they would have to begin to engage and respond. He stated that this is the first stage of the Consultation.

Cllr Parsons enquired if there was a timescale for this Consultation and the Town Clerk confirmed that this phase of it was until 12 August, that the formal Consultation would take place during the Autumn and the Joint Local Plan would be considered by Government in 2017. It was noted that South Hams District Council are working to tight timescales along with others.

Cllr Hladkij made enquiries relating to planning for building to the eastern end of the town. Mr Bray advised that areas proposed in 2011 will stand and referred to the maps and that the areas in blue are those already proposed and those highlighted in brown are additional.

Cllr Parsons referred to Cllr Saltern and welcomed his support for the proposal but enquired if there was any opposition at the District Council. Cllr Saltern advised that there will be others will undoubtedly have different views and opinions and these will be taken into account in the Consultation feedback. He went on to state that it is reassuring that a 20 year plan is being looked at, however, there is time pressure which is significant from Central Government. In his opinion he suggested that the key issue is why not development to the south of the town as there might be a misapprehension that it is more expensive, and highlighted that it cannot be forgotten that the town needs a link road to relieve pressure on the air quality in Western Road.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr Bray for his presentation to the Council.

*\*Mr Bray left the meeting following his presentation.*

***An adjournment followed from 7.33pm to 7.59pm to allow any questions, reports or representations by the Public, the Community Police Officer, District and County Councillors.***

*\*PCSO Serpell left the meeting at 7.43pm.*

16/058      **APOLOGIES:**      Apologies were received from Cllrs Lloyd and Wilson.

16/059      **INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members were invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests.

16/060      **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Town Council held on 27 June 2016 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.

- 16/061 **PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June, 27<sup>th</sup> June and 11 July 2016 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 16/062 **POLICY AND RESOURCES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2016 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 16/063 **PERSONNEL:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2016 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 16/064 **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2016 (previously circulated) were received and adopted with an amendment to PA16/15, paragraph 3 which should state 'months' and not 'years'.
- 16/065 **WATERMARK COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2016 (previously circulated by email) were received and adopted.
- 16/066 **TOWN MAYOR'S & DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S INTERESTS:**  
The functions and activities attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor during the month of July 2016 were noted and received.
- Cllr Khong reported that the Ivybridge Community Association continues to be operational.
- 16/067 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR TO IVYBRIDGE WEST WARD:**  
Members noted that no election was called for the vacancy and an information stand about becoming a Councillor will be in The Watermark, as part of the community day, on Saturday 13 August.
- It was noted that it is hoped that the panel will then hold interviews in early September.
- It was **RESOLVED** to receive and note the information.
- 16/068 **GOVERNANCE:**
- i) **STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:**  
Consideration was given to the updated documents and Members noted that these will be endorsed at the meeting in September (copy previously circulated).
- Cllr Dredge reported that Cllrs had emailed him and he had responded.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information.

**ii) PROTOCOL FOR DEATH OF A NATIONAL FIGURE**  
**iii) MEDIA POLICY**

Items ii and iii were recommended to Council for approval as Policy and Resources Committee had already endorsed them (circulated previously by email).

Cllr Dredge reported that the Council will need to purchase black armbands to be worn on the sad occasion of the death of a National Figure.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve items ii and iii and note the email.

16/069

**PLYMOUTH AND SW DEVON JOINT LOCAL PLAN: PLANNING FOR THRIVING TOWNS AND VILLAGES:** Consideration was given to a newsletter, proposals for Ivybridge and the recommended response (copy previously circulated).

The Town Clerk expanded on the information provided, and stated that the presentation was very comprehensive and that the Council took the decision to retain Mr Bray to ensure a comprehensive, professional response in view of his excellent work on the Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan.

She highlighted the Chamber of Commerce who had mentioned at a recent meeting that people were already parking to the south of the A38 and walking through to the town, as well as the new Recycling Centre being built there. There was already development and infrastructure in place and this land would require a new sewerage system rather than increasing the demand on the existing system by extending east and west of the town.

Cllr Whiting advised that some members of the public visit the Co-Op where she works who have commented and enquired if information relating to this has been available. The Town Clerk confirmed that there was a large article in the Ivybridge Magazine recently.

Cllr Khong made an enquiry relating to the car parking situation at the western end and the Town Clerk advised that if nothing is done, the situation would get worse.

Cllr Rutley congratulated the Town Clerk for the response.

The Town Clerk recommended that Mr Bray's response is submitted by the end of this week.

It was **RESOLVED** to welcome and support sending the response to the Local Plan as explained by Mr Bray and attached to the agenda.

16/070

**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW FOR IVYBRIDGE:**

Consideration was given to responding to Stage 4 of the review welcoming the proposal to bring the Ivybridge Parish boundary into line with those of the District and County ward boundaries for Ivybridge (background information previously circulated).

The Town Clerk expanded on the information provided and emphasised the important of responding to Stage 4 of the Review. She advised that there were a total of four representations last time, which included the Town Council and three residents. She suggested that individuals should provide their own responses for the Review.

The imminent Parliamentary boundary review could have the potential to leave 800 houses in the Ugborough Parish, and hence in a different Parliamentary constituency to Ivybridge, yet represented by Ivybridge District and County Councillors. The Town Clerk stated that the railway station and Ivybridge Rugby Club need to be part of the town as the Council had always dealt with any issues relating to those areas.

She highlighted that Ugborough Parish contained 834 dwellings yet the Ivybridge extension to the east showed up to 800 new dwellings which would completely skew the Parish. The Council's comments need to be clear, factual and logical to resolve the boundary.

It was **RESOLVED** to respond to Stage 4 of the review welcoming the proposal to bring the Ivybridge Parish boundary into line with those of District and County ward boundaries for Ivybridge

16/071

**BUTTERPARK:** Consideration was given to the submission of a bid to Devon County Council in respect of the development of the Butterpark site, and supporting an application for grant funding as well as further investigation into the ownership of the site to ensure that the community benefits are retained for as long as they are needed (report previously circulated).

The Town Clerk expanded on the information provided in the report and stated that there is huge potential in this project for the town.

She advised that there are ways the Town Council can be involved to develop the site with no costs.

Cllr Laity advised that there is a meeting tomorrow to put names on the housing waiting list. Cllr Rutley highlighted that there are only six assisted housing places and enquired if this is sufficient for need. Cllr Laity clarified that this is not enough, however the others are required for income generation.

Cllr Hladkij enquired how do people get on the waiting list as she was aware of two people. Cllr Laity confirmed the details and that there will be help for people to complete necessary forms.

One of the properties is a training house for people with learning disabilities to help them make the transition to more independent living and the Town Clerk advised that it was important that the site was mixed community and private housing. The Town Clerk stated that if unmet need for the town can be identified that we can move forward.

It was **RESOLVED** to welcome the report, endorse the resolution from June as provided in the summary of the report and submit a bid by 31 August 2016.

16/072 **LEISURE SERVICE PROCUREMENT:** Consideration was given to the press release and extracts from the report to South Hams District Council (copy previously circulated by email) indicating that Fusion Lifestyle are the appointed contractor and their plans to transform Ivybridge Leisure Centre will commence in November 2017.

The Town Mayor thanked Cllr Saltern and South Hams District Council for this welcomed development of the Leisure Centre.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the press release and extracts.

16/073 **ENDSLEIGH GARDEN CENTRE:** Subsequent to resolved item 16/047, consideration was given to the exchange of correspondence between Gary Streeter MP and South Hams District Council (copy previously circulated).

The Town Clerk expanded on the information provided and stated that whilst it is not a surprise, it raises questions if there is anything in Schedule 4 that can be enforced and suggested that there is still a need to go back and ask this question. If Members support the suggestion, the Town Clerk will make an enquiry asking which of the list in Schedule 4 can be enforced.

Cllr Fourte stated that it implies that national precedent can override the Planning Authority.

The Town Clerk advised that she would be able to meet with Gary Streeter, MP again regarding this matter. Cllr Spencer enquired if this is a battle worth pursuing and the Town Clerk clarified that it is only a question to understand the situation.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk refer the question relating to enforcement of schedule four items to the MP.

16/074 **SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATES:** Consideration was given to the two news releases on a sports and leisure consultation plus the Local Authority controlled company progress. Members were made aware of the report to the South Hams Executive on the Devolution Bid (copy previously circulated).

Cllr Dredge made reference to the newsletter regarding the private company being set up and the Town Clerk stated that a Joint Steering Group had been announced to explore this further.

*It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr Saltern to take part in the agenda item.*

Cllr Saltern advised that confusion arose setting up the Steering Group and that there were various representations made and adaptations to the wording, but that it resulted in the Steering Group being set up to examine the details.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information.

16/075 **MERCHANT NAVY DAY:** Consideration was given to the information for Merchant Navy Day on 3 September (copy previously circulated). It was noted that Mr McKenny donated a Red Ensign for this Council to fly in 2015 and he would be pleased to see it flown from Harrys Patch in 2016.

The Town Mayor advised that he had not yet been in touch with the Royal British Legion however, if it is not possible to fly the flag at Harry's Patch that it will be flown from the Town Hall.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information.

16/076 **UPDATE AND INFORMATION:** A report outlining events and other information was received (copy previously circulated).

The Town Mayor thanked Cllr Dredge for the work he had undertaken with Ivybridge Caring.

Cllr Dredge reported that it is hoped that the Chief Executive of South Hams Voluntary Service will talk at the next IDALC group meeting on 15 September 2016.

The Town Clerk will attend the DALC AGM conference on 11 October with Cllr Dredge.

The signage continues to be confusing for car parking arrangements in Erme Court. The Town Clerk confirmed that the new signage will shortly arrive and that there are no changes to parking. Cllr Khong enquired if there are any changes to the disabled parking and the Town Clerk also clarified that everything will remain as it was previously.

A discussion took place with regard to the bins in Erme Court and reference was made to the email in which removing the bins altogether was suggested. The Town Clerk explained that the new managing agents had identified that the bins are often full and that there are fast food outlets in the vicinity, although not in Erme Court. This Council pays a service charge, along with other tenants of Erme Court, and the question was should it subsidise commercial businesses for disposing of their litter? Cllr Fourte stated that without bins Erme Court could look unsightly to visitors.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- i) to recommend to Day and Bell that larger black bins in Erme Court and emptied more often at no extra cost be installed
- ii) note the remainder of the report.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm.

Signed ..... Date 19 September 2016



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### Report of the discussions during the adjournment of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 8 August 2016

PCSO Serpell provided information on the month of July 2016 as follows:

<b>Total offences</b>	2016	25
	2015	39

Arrests	1
Offenders dealt with by other means	8
Offences still under investigation	2
Known offender still to be arrested	1

#### Assaults

6 x offences (1 x ABH, 5 x Common Assault)

- \*1 x ABH, Domestic related during relationship break up, under investigation)
- \*1 x Common Assault, dealt with by means of restorative justice
- \*1 x Common Assault, domestic violence, police action not supported by victim
- \*1 x Common Assault, no further police action
- \*1 x Common assault, dealt with by means of restorative justice
- \*1 x Common assault, dealt with by means of restorative justice

#### Burglary Dwelling

1 x Attempted dwelling, no viable lines of enquiry

#### Burglary other

Nil

#### Other

3 x Theft from motor vehicle, items stolen from vehicles that were left insecure

#### Police staff

Due to recent promotion process held within the force there will be some management changes within South Devon. Inspector Dave Hammond has moved from his post as the Ivybridge Sector Inspector, into a role at Headquarters. Inspector Chris Tapley has been appointed as the new area Inspector covering Ivybridge and should be in post by late August.

NLT PS John Livingstone is being posted to Plymouth into the role of Custody Sergeant in early September. They process to select a replacement for PS Livingstone has already started.

### August 2016 Roads Policing Thematic

Excess and inappropriate speed.

Cllr Bowden raised concerns regarding access for emergency vehicles in areas during the day. PCSO Serpell suggested the Police crew up with Fire vehicles to see the situation.

Cllr Parsons reported that there was a debate on emergency vehicle access at the last Council meeting. People's lives are a stake due to irresponsible parking and suggested that the September Thematic Police campaign should be to prosecute people and make an example of them. He suggested that the Police have a responsibility to prosecute people. PCSO Serpell agreed.

Cllr Hladkij raised concerns about the Police changes which will have an impact on Policing the streets in the town. She provided the example an event that took place on 7 July whereby Street Pastors were out with Officers. PCSO Serpell advised that the rest of the Neighbourhood Team remain in situ and cover weekends.

Cllr Hladkij stated that Sergeant Livingstone has been supportive and invaluable to the Street Pastors during his time in Ivybridge.

The Town Clerk highlighted the obvious change in Policing and until this announcement, Ivybridge and Kingsbridge were provided with a Police Inspector, however now there appears to be limited senior cover. She stated that Sergeant Livingstone had been extremely helpful in the town and that he had been involved setting up the Street Pastors, where there use to be briefings with them on Fridays. Police are being stretched to other communities and she suggested that Cllrs would want to support writing a letter at a level to express the Council's concerns.

Cllr Dredge referred to the Police and Crime Commissioner questionnaire and enquired of PCSO Serpell if as a serving Police Officer she was able to have an opinion, presumably giving an informed point of view. PCSO Serpell advised that she is not the best person to ask. Cllr Dredge stated that the point being made provided opportunities to put forward replies as professionals to respond and this was clearly not the case.

*\*PCSO Serpell left the meeting at 7:43pm.*

## **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

### **Councillor Saltern**

Leisure Contract – Cllr Saltern reported that Fusion Lifestyle has been appointed and there is a commitment to a 6 lane, 25 metre pool. £5.7 million of investment will be made. Cllr Saltern had attended a presentation and there is commitment to Ivybridge and work is due to start November 2017 and completed in 2019. The new facility will be a huge boost to the town. He advised that the Swimming Club are delighted with the news as the new Centre enables leisure and keen swimmers. It is positive news on the footfall and economy of the town.

Cllr Rutley advised that when the Life Centre was built in Plymouth that there was insufficient viewing seats which prevented it going National and enquired if Ivybridge will have these to enable it to do so. Cllr Saltern agreed to raise this matter and he then advised that the view of the river will be included in the final design.

The Town Clerk reported that the Council works with Youth Leisure Nights with Tone Leisure and that she was hopeful that more can be done now. Young Devon are appointing a Youth Worker for evenings from September. Cllr Saltern will discuss this with Fusion Lifestyle.

Cllr Saltern thanked Tone Leisure and all the staff for the work they had undertaken on behalf of the town.

Cllr Fourte enquired about the commercial activities and that Fusion Lifestyle are more of a Charity. Cllr Saltern advised that there are lots options including if the site should change with community development. The favoured option is to redevelop the site as it stands but that does not preclude anything coming forward. It was noted that South Hams District Council have a Prudential Loan for the Leisure Centre and the Contract decides how it needs to be paid back.

An enquiry relating to parking when the new Leisure Centre is operational was made if no parking was available can people park in the short stay. Cllr Saltern advised that this can be reviewed if it was deemed necessary. He advised that with the revised parking charges in the town there is a lot more take up, however, the Glanvilles Mill car park may be looked at in due course.

Boundary/Governance Review – Cllr Saltern advised that Cllrs have this item in their agenda for consideration and referred to the area around the railway station becoming part of the Parish of Ivybridge. Responses have been sought from the Public and further consideration will be given to this matter and a report to Council in October, date to be determined. Cllr Saltern reported that he hopes it is successful as it brings in it line with District boundaries.

Cllr Saltern referred to the Police and Crime Panel Webcast and the review of the Police assets including the Police Station in Ivybridge is shown as 2019/2020 being reviewed. This matter was raised at the Panel and the new Crime Commissioner was to visit Ivybridge to discuss it. As a result a meeting took place and attended by both the Town Clerk and Cllr Saltern to discuss bringing it forward and being prepared to include land in the current proposals. Cllr Saltern stated it was an opportunity which has been taken up.

The Town Clerk advised that what has been emphasised is that is vital that a Police Station is retained but potentially looking at shared working/space and not losing a Station in this town.

### Cllr Croad

Due to the fact that Cllr Croad had provided his apologies, the Town Clerk read out an email updating on the Ivybridge Recycling Centre in which he confirmed that the work is on schedule.

*\*Cllr Croad and May had sent their apologies.*

### **GENERAL**

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Silsbury provided information on the Chamber of Trade initiatives and the 'Ivybridge Top Shopper' draw posters in the shop windows. It is hoped there will be a good turn out at the Summer Fete, with the first draw taking place at this event.

Cllr Whiting provided information on the Co-Operative Store 'Hunt around the Town' with the theme 'Olympic Symbols'. She advised that she had emailed the information to Members. There is a small 50 pence entry and the proceeds will be donated to 'More Vision' Charity.

Cllr Laity reported that The Watermark staff are not aware of these initiatives and Cllr Parsons proposed that the Council supports them.

The public participation session closed at 7:59pm.