

IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of Ivybridge held in The Watermark, Ivybridge on Monday 10 April 2017 at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance: Cllr R Croad (County Councillor)
 Cllr K Cuthbert (District Councillor)
 2 Police Representatives
 1 Member of the Press
 Mrs L Hughes (Town Clerk)
 Mrs S Hocking (Minute Secretary)

An adjournment followed from 7.00pm to 7.15pm to allow any questions, reports or representations by the Public, the Community Police Officer, District and County Councillors.

**2 Police Representatives left the meeting at 7.04pm*

16/169 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr Bowden.

16/170 **INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members were invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests.

There were no interests declared.

16/171 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Town Council held on 27 February 2017 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.

An amendment to Cllr Croad's report from the previous month would be made in accordance with the information supplied during the Public session.

- 16/172 **PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2017, 27 February 2017 and 13 March 2017 (copies previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 16/173 **POLICY & RESOURCES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2017 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 16/174 **PARKS & OPEN SPACES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 16/175 **PERSONNEL:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2017 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 16/176 **TOWN MAYOR'S & DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S INTERESTS:**
The functions and activities attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor during March were noted and received.
- 16/177 **COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION:** Members noted the formal resignation of Cllr Jamie Baggott (email previously circulated) and considered the process for advertising which has now commenced.

Cllr Parsons reported that Jamie Baggott's work now took him to London and this was not known prior to him being co-opted to the Town Council.

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

- 16/178 **BUTTERPARK:** Consideration was given to the letters from Devon County Council regarding the purchase of land at a discounted rate and a report outlining the process for delivering the project (information previously circulated).

The Town Clerk expanded on the information provided and that following this Council expressing interest in this site for about a year, she was delighted to report that Devon County Council are offering this site to the Town Council. She provided the example of the previous week whereby she had met a parent of an adult child in their thirties who highlighted the desperate need for this project and stated that parents fear the future when the adult children can no longer be supported by parents.

The Town Clerk highlighted that it is innovative in what we are trying to achieve and others would be able to look at it and see how they can deliver similar services in their community.

She then referred to the final paragraph of the report and stressed that the site would be properly valued and throughout professional advice would be sought so that it was not a risk for this Council, and she then commended the project to Cllrs.

Cllr Wilson sought clarity on the grass maintenance and freehold areas in the information of F, G and H and the small garden to the side. The Town Clerk confirmed that this Council would retain freehold of those areas, together with parking.

Cllr Wilson then enquired if there be a set criteria for those people of Ivybridge for assisted living. The Town Clerk confirmed that this is the case and a professional team are involved in the process. He went on to state that the project meets the aims of all tiers of Local Government and asked if the accommodation will be accessible for those with learning and mobility issues. Information relating to the appointed officer at Devon County Council was provided who will take us through the process.

Cllr Parsons then proposed acceptance of the offer from Devon County Council and recommendations in the report.

It was **RESOLVED** to unanimously accept the recommendation in the report to proceed with the purchase of the land and develop the project as outlined

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JOINT LOCAL PLAN – IVYBRIDGE RESPONSE: Consideration was given to the letter from Plymouth City Council inviting comments on the Joint Local Plan by 26 April (previously circulated). A comprehensive response to the plan is proposed as drafted by Lee Bray following meetings and advice as to the most appropriate approach and Members considered approving this document as the Town Council response (previously circulated).

The Town Clerk expanded on the information provided and that at the Policy and Resources Committee, Members had appointed Lee Bray to provide a response to the consultation for the Town Council. She referred to the original consultation to which this Council was invited submit a response and the comments made by this Council. Land South of the A38 was not included in the Plan, however the sites to the East and West of the town remained in the proposals. She emphasised that Lee Bray's excellent response had highlighted that the Plan is unsound.

Since the District Council had not included land south of the A38 into the Plan, only minor modifications could be made. The Plan will be in the hands of the Inspector once the consultation period

has expired, and the Inspector may decide not to call this Council to expand on the comments. As the any significant changes to the plan (as proposed by this Council) would require a further six week consultation at the conclusion of the Examination it is unlikely that as the plan covers the whole of Plymouth and West Devon that the Inspector would support our proposal if no other changes were required - it would seem that Ivybridge is almost dependent on Plymouth making changes.

It was noted that people going to the east of this town are still dependent on access via Western Road and reference was made to the £30k for this area which is arguably insufficient. The road is noted for its congestion and poor air quality.

Cllr Dredge stated that there had been no reference made to rail connections and made the point that there will be changes to timetables in December 2018 although these were currently unknown. He suggested that it needed a conversation with First Great Western as it would be better for the eastern end of the town. The Town Clerk advised that the rail connections are something outside of the planned response and this Council is required to focus on the developments. Individual Councillors are able to provide their own responses to the consultation.

Cllr Fourte stated that Lee Bray's response was excellent but enquired what we need to do to get the voice of this town and the parishes heard as it is them that are aware of the issues, and the feedback being provided is not getting through. The Town Clerk advised that the Consultant was told that the prospect of making the change we had sought was a close decision but ultimately it was not included.

South of the A38 could not be included into the Neighbourhood Plan as it is south of the A38 which is in Ugborough Parish. Cllr Wilson highlighted the different developments in other Parishes and that this Council will continue to receive enquiries from the Public. Cllr Prowse highlighted that developers should advise householders that they are within Ugborough Parish and any enquiries should be directed to them.

Cllr Rutley commented that with the expense of making a Neighbourhood Plan it feels that it is a waste of time. The Town Clerk stated that while these sites are important to us, the amount of development here is relatively small scale (but important to us) and gets lost with the much bigger developments and issues in Plymouth.

The Town Clerk reported that the response will go off by the due date and she then encouraged Members to provide their own response, either on line or in writing.

Cllr Parsons proposed a vote of thanks to Lee Bray for the work he has undertaken on behalf of this Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- i) Wholeheartedly support the response provided by Lee Bray which would be submitted by the due date of 26 April 2017
- ii) thank Lee Bray for the work he has undertaken providing the Ivybridge response on behalf of this Council
- iii) note that Councillors should provide their own responses to the consultation on line or in writing

16/180 **ANNUAL RETURN:** Consideration was given to the Annual Return required by Grant Thornton by 28 June (previously circulated). A brief report summarised the actions being (previously circulated).

Cllr Dredge reported that all financial documentation is up to date.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- i) thank Cllr Dredge for the work undertaken
- ii) note the process for the Annual Return.

16/181 **POLICING MEETING:** Consideration was given to the notes of the meeting held on 21 February 2017 (previously circulated).

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the notes.

16/182 **SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL:** Consideration was given to the recent emails and feedback following consultations being undertaken by South Hams District Council (previously circulated).

Cllr Rutley enquired if the District Council will make a charge when the market is in the lower Leonards Road car park and when Rowlands funfair is in the town for the Christmas Festival. The Town Clerk confirmed that the District Council make a charge for the funfair to use the car park but that they have the ability to waiver a charge or lower it if it is a Charitable event.

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

16/183 **UPDATE AND INFORMATION:** A report outlining events and other information was received (copy previously circulated).

Councillor updates, conferences and events

Cllr Dredge expanded on the information relating to the Travelwatch SW event and stated that the meeting was aimed more at strategic level and there were not really opportunities to ask about anything local.

Cllr Dredge reported that at the Devon Statagic Partnership event that with the Town Clerk, we had been the only local Council representatives and it was other services which were the focus of the meeting. However a couple of issues had been raised of relevance to the local Council.

Cllr Dredge highlighted that at the South West Regional conference that it was an excellent event with sensible questions from a well informed audience. Notes of the event were circulated at the meeting.

Cllr Spencer stated that he was proud of this Council supporting the Street Pastors, was thoroughly committed to it and it had been a privilege to be the representative since its inception. He confirmed he is on the Management Committee for Street Pastors but was now intending to step aside. Cllr Rutley had expressed an interest in taking on the representative role.

Cllr Hladkij reported that the Street Pastors value the Council support and that it appreciates what they do. She advised that on occasions that the Street Pastors do not see many people, or indeed engage with them, however most people now know who they are. Cllr Parsons asked the Press if they would be able to provide an article on this Council's support for Street Pastors as they provide a valuable service to this town and support the Police with crime. Cllr Wilson highlighted that he had seen Street Pastors litter picking whilst out walking around the streets.

Cllr Dredge advised that he had been elected Chairman of the South Hams CVS.

Cllr Dredge reported that IRUG have a new Chairman and Secretary and are involving others in their meetings. He hoped that they would make progress and that he would like to see the station extended. He advised that the Group would need to raise the funds themselves with the idea of extending the platform in order that cross country services could potentially stop in Ivybridge. The Town Clerk advised that there was outline planning permission for the Park and Ride and suggested that the Group writes regarding a case for Section 106 monies from the Hannick development.

Future events and conferences

Cllr Wilson reported that the Youth Venue was put into difficulty a few years ago and that it is now leased out to a Nursery during the day. He advised that local youth workers supported by VOYC had indicated an interest in using the Youth Venue during the evenings, and expanded on the information provided in the report but that feedback is awaited and that it is early days.

Community Safety Partnership event

The Town Mayor and Cllr Dredge will attend the event.

Community Resilience event

The Town Mayor will attend the event, however he advised Cllrs to let him know if they wish to accompany him.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- i) endorse the appointment of Cllr Rutley as the Council's representative to Street Pastors and to re-state the value placed on the Street Pastors in Ivybridge
- ii) endorse the attendance of the Town Mayor and Cllr Dredge at the Community Safety Partnership event
- iii) endorse the attendance of the Town Mayor at the Community Resilience event
- iv) note and receive the remainder of the report and information provided.

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be invited to withdraw.

2 Cllrs and 1 Member of the Press left the meeting at 8.04pm.

IN COMMITTEE

16/184 **ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR:** Consideration was given to the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2017/18. It was noted that this will be formally resolved at the annual meeting in May (previously circulated).

Members received the nomination (previously circulated) of Cllr A Khong for the office of Town Mayor.

Members then received the nomination (previously circulated) of Cllr A Laity for the office of Deputy Mayor.

It was **RESOLVED** that the nominations of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be approved and noted that these will be formally resolved at the annual meeting in May.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm.

Signed Date 8 May 2017

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Report of the discussions during the adjournment of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 10 April 2017

PC Perry provided information on the month of March 2017 as follows:

Total offences	2016	22
	2017	28

Assaults

1 x ABH currently under investigation.

2 x Common Assault, 1 under investigation and 1 no evidence

Burglary Dwelling

Nil

Burglary Non Dwelling

1 x Garage burglary, no evidence

Other

2 x Theft from motor vehicles (insecure vehicles), under investigation

1 x Theft in the dwelling, under investigation

5 x Public Order offence, 3 under investigation and 2 not supported

8 x Criminal Damage, 6 no evidence and 2 under investigation

1 x Harrassment, under investigation

2 x Possession of Class 'B' drugs, 2 warnings issued

1 x Assault on a Police Officer, under investigation

4 x Theft other, 1 not supported and 3 no evidence

Current Issues

Anticipated increase in ASB with the warmer weather. There have been a few egg throwing incidents and foot patrols have been increased in the vulnerable areas.

News

Members of the Neighbourhood Team undertook a drugs warrant in Ivybridge as part of a regional operation OP VENUS. A quantity of Cannabis was located and the occupants dealt with. OP VENUS is a regional drugs operation.

2 Police Representatives left the meeting left at 7.04pm.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Croad

Council Minutes amendment

Cllr Croad asked for an amendment to be made to the March minutes, whereby there were 710 children currently being looked after and not the 317 stated. This amendment will be made.

New Recycling Centre

Cllr Croad reported has received good reports regarding the new Recycling Centre and advised that the shop at the site is busy. Cllr Parsons had recently visited the site and stated that it is fantastic and congratulated Cllr Croad and the team involved. Cllr Dredge highlighted that the staff are particularly helpful.

Fly-tipping

The Town Clerk made enquiries relating to the Government changes to fly-tipping and the suggestion about charges for DIY materials. Cllr Croad reported that the reasons Devon County Council make charges is that Ivybridge is a household recycling centre and if for example a bathroom suite is being tipped there is a charge for this. The Government are being lobbied to have the law changed on fly tipping as far as the Courts are concerned. Currently there is up to a £50k fine or up to 25 years imprisonment. Over 90% of fly tipping can go to the recycling centre at no charge. Cllr Wilson highlighted that those whose waste it is should be targeted. Cllr Croad confirmed that waste carriers must have licences and people should ensure they carry these.

Councillor Cuthbert

Cllr Cuthbert thanked everyone for their good wishes and the card when she had broken her leg.

Joint Local Plan

There has been two sessions held in The Watermark for the consultation on the Joint Local Plan. Cllr Laity and the Town Clerk had liaised with South Hams District Council and a workshop was held for a group of adults with learning difficulties regarding the consultation which had been a success. These adults had highlighted environmental issues, lack of green spaces, pavement issues, facilities they can walk to and transport as part of their response.

It was noted that Cllrs May and Saltern had given their apologies.

GENERAL

There were no general questions raised.

The public participation session ended at 7.15pm.