

- 18/046 **PARKS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2018 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 18/047 **WATERMARK COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2018 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 18/048 **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 18/049 **TOWN MAYOR'S & DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S INTERESTS:** The functions and activities attended by the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor for the period to 31 July 2018 (previously circulated) were noted.
- 18/050 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND WELCOME TO CLLR ROSS JAGO:** Cllr Jago was welcomed by all. Consideration was given to the committees list (previously circulated).

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) Cllr Spencer would step down from the Watermark Committee to allow Cllr Cade to take his place; and
- (ii) Cllr Jago would be welcomed onto the Parks Committee to fill the vacancy.

- 18/051 **TERMS OF REFERENCE:** The Terms of Reference (previously circulated) were received. Cllr Dredge explained that these had been discussed with each committee chairman, and these amendments were shown in red. Further amendments from the Town Clerk had been made in blue.

Cllr Wilson asked if point 9 in the Terms of Reference for the Parks Committee could be amended to read 'personal protective equipment' rather than 'clothing'.

Cllr Rutley queried the deletion of point 5 in the Planning and Infrastructure Executive Action. Cllr Dredge explained that this was now covered by point 7 in the Terms of Reference

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information and accept the Terms of Reference with the amendment requested by Cllr Wilson.

- 18/052 **TOWN HALL, COMMUNITY AND CHILDRENS SERVICES:** Consideration was given to the report (previously circulated). The Town Clerk explained that the tenants are moving out of the large

office space in the Town Hall, and invited members to consider how to use this space going forward.

Cllr Wilson said he is concerned that Chapel Place is underused as a meeting space and commented that it would be better to support them, and use the space at the Town Hall for developing business. He asked what the takeup of Chapel Place is and suggested that if the office was rented to businesses, the income could be used to support Chapel Place and Childrens services taking place here. The Town Clerk indicated that there were limitations with Chapel Place which meant that some groups referred there found it unsuitable.

Cllr Rea attended the meeting with Devon County Council and Action for Children. It was a very disappointing meeting in that they made the case for Ivybridge explaining the lack of childrens and other services, believing that based on the figures available that the need in Totnes was almost twice the level of that in Ivybridge. Unfortunately we do not yet know what the provision will be next term. Last year there were 4 sessions per week in Ivybridge compared to 13 in Totnes. It will probably be even less in September.

He advised that Devon County Council had provided some data (to be circulated after the meeting) showing the difference in numbers of children who are registered as vulnerable. In Totnes (population 7,000) 481 children were referred, compared to 259 in Ivybridge (population 12,000). The availability of services is not in proportion to the number of children referred. Also the concern is that with the lack of services, children in Ivybridge who have needs are not being identified and offered support.

Cllr Dredge commented that some years ago Ivybridge was the second least deprived ward in the area and asked whether this would have some bearing on this.

Cllr Rutley said that from her experience with HomeStart it was apparent that the needs of Ivybridge residents were not being addressed as children weren't being referred, in part it appeared as people don't know where to refer these children.

It was **RESOLVED** to note this information and;

- (i) investigate business use for the office;
- (ii) liaise with Homestart for more information regarding numbers.

18/053 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS:** The amended calendar of meetings (copy previously circulated) was considered. The amendment was to move the May planning meeting to after Full Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to endorse the amended calendar.

18/054 **BUTTERPARK:** Due to the nature of the additional information provided to Councillors at the commencement of the meeting Councillors indicated their wish to consider the matter in confidential session at the end of the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to defer the item to the end of the meeting in view of the confidential nature of the information to be discussed.

18/055 **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting on 16 April 2018 (copy previously circulated) were received and noted.

18/056 **UPDATE AND INFORMATION:** A report outlining events and other information was received (copy previously circulated).

Councillor Updates

Cllr Dredge attended the policing meeting on 26 June. He raised the question about gangs and whether lessons had been learned from other areas that meant they would be better prepared to act should such a situation arise in Ivybridge. The answer he received was that they are better prepared.

Cllr Dredge attended the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner grants panel session on 26 July. He noted that there were a lot of applications for youth work on the basis that youths are more likely to turn to antisocial behaviour, drugs etc if there are not enough facilities for them. They will be meeting again in 6 months to ensure that the grants have been used.

Cllr Kennard referred to the report from Sustrans (previously circulated). He raised a concern about point 1.3 where slowing traffic is not always in the best interest of the town – for example on Western Road. Gary Streeter has asked for a meeting to discuss this to make sure that proposals will not cause unforeseen problems. PL21 and Sustrans are looking into grant funding for studies.

The Town Clerk supported the comments made by Cllr Kennard, agreeing that there were bigger problems in relation to highways and it was important that these were addressed rather than dealing

with the cyclists requirements in isolation, particularly for Western Road and the A38 junction. It was unclear how Sustrans would address this so the involvement of the MP was most welcome.

Forthcoming Training / conferences

Cllr Rea indicated that he found the DALC AGM very useful as a new Councillor last year, and suggested that Cllrs Cade and Jago may find it useful. Unfortunately it is midweek which makes it difficult for those who work to attend. Cllr Rea agreed to attend with Cllr Dredge.

General Information

Cllr Jago agreed to attend the health meetings with Cllr Laity.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the remainder of the report.

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

**Cllr Croad, 1 Member of the Press and 4 Members of the Public left the meeting at 7.57pm.*

IN COMMITTEE

18/054 **BUTTERPARK:** The Town Clerk provided an update on the current situation following the circulation of an email from Foot Anstey Solicitors that resulted from a meeting held earlier in the day. In the light of the changes to the proposals which had been approved by the Council and the hugely uncertain timescale Members considered the advice of the solicitor and felt they were unable to agree to the changes sought by the developer.

It was **RESOLVED** to advise Foot Anstey that this Council rejects the alterations proposed by the developer but to explore within the next three weeks if the original concept could be agreed to deliver the units of accommodation for people with learning disabilities in accordance with the bid or other options would be explored.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed Date 17th September 2018

IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Report of the discussions during the adjournment of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 6 August 2018

FIRE SERVICE REPORT

Mr Radford thanked the Council for accepting his request to attend the meeting and explained his role as risk manager for the South Hams area. He then passed around a handout showing information about the new, smaller fire engines and gave a brief introduction to the integrated risk management plan. They have been trialing the new smaller vehicles which are now to be introduced. Currently there is no plan for one of these vehicles to be introduced to Ivybridge, but it is likely there will be at Modbury.

Cllr Wilson commented that a smaller vehicle would be very useful in Ivybridge due to narrow roads and people parking without due care.

Mr Radford explained that Ivybridge is the backup for any incidents at the Dockyard and high rise buildings in Plymouth, along with a response for the A38 and surrounding roads where the full cutting equipment and larger water tank is more likely to be required. The new vehicle is more manoeuvrable in the lanes but carries less equipment than the 14 ton vehicles, although it has been risk assessed and carries all the equipment and water that will be needed. The required equipment was considered before the vehicle was chosen.

Cllr Bowden asked how the new vehicle compares to the 14 ton vehicle, and whether it would be quicker getting to incidents on the A38.

Mr Radford explained that the new vehicle is 5 inches narrower with a newer engine, better acceleration and is more manoeuvrable, although when traffic is taken into consideration it may not be that much quicker on the A38.

The Town Clerk queried whether the requirements are likely to be reviewed as there are approximately 1,000 new homes being built in the Ivybridge area, and the access through these developments is likely to be tight. Mr Radford explained that the risk is constantly being reviewed, and part of his role is to liaise with local crews and the police to identify these risks.

Cllr Khong asked whether these new vehicles carry less crew. Mr Radford explained that the feedback from the crews was that the same number of crew was required so these vehicles carry 5, the same as the 14 ton vehicles.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

COUNCILLOR CROAD

Cllr Croad advised that he had nothing to report but was happy to take any questions.

Cllr Rutley asked whether Cllr Croad could look into the pothole repairs outside the funeral directors at Costly Street as they have not been done very well. Cllr Croad agreed to investigate.

Cllr Dredge asked whether the speed bumps by the Community College on Harford Road are being reinstated. Cllr Croad advised that they are but he will check.

Apologies were received from District Cllrs Saltern, Cuthbert and Pringle.

GENERAL

Mr Bond asked what is happening with the kissing gate for FP3 at Exeter Road as no one had been in contact with him.

Cllr Croad explained that the District Councillors were involved in this as South Hams District Council is responsible for planning.

The Town Clerk advised that Paul McFadden is looking into a solution. The Town Councillors are keen to see some kind of feature gate but the issue because of the narrow width of the path is making it accessible for wheelchairs and buggies whilst deterring children from running into the road.

Mr Bond commented that a hole has been left in the path where the gate was and the residents of the adjoining property have not stuck to the original plans, putting blockwork down on the drive rather than chippings.

The Town Clerk explained that this was done under permitted development and the Enforcement Team at South Hams District Council would ultimately check that it is delivered in accordance with the plans.

Cllr Croad agreed to speak to Paul McFadden and District Councillor May.

Mr Harris asked what plans the Council have, should Brexit lead to people losing their jobs and therefore their homes, and whether there is enough housing stock, or would people end up being rehomed out of the district.

Cllr Croad advised they would give it some consideration.

The public participation session closed at 7.30pm.