IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of Ivybridge held in The Library, The Watermark, Ivybridge on Monday 29 October 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr A Khong (Town Mayor) Cllr K Pringle

Cllr M Cade
Cllr P Dredge
Cllr S Rutley
Cllr S Hladkij
Cllr E Silsbury
Cllr R Jago
Cllr A Spencer
Cllr M Kennard
Cllr H Whiting
Cllr T Parsons
Cllr R Wilson

In Attendance: Cllr R Croad (County Councillor)

Cllr D May (District Councillor)

1 Member of the Press Mrs L Hughes (Town Clerk) Mrs L Lane (Minute Secretary)

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

An adjournment followed from 7.00pm to 7.12pm to allow any questions, reports or representations by the County and District Councillor.

*Cllr May joined the meeting at 7.05pm

18/069 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Bowden and Laity.

18/070 **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. Cllr Cade queried the nature of interests. Cllr Dredge explained that, should a member of the public know of the interest, would they have

concerns that it could prejudice the Councillor in some way.

18/071 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Town Council held on 17 September 2018 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.

18/072 **PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meetings held on 3 September 2018, 17 September 2018 and 1 October 2018 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.

- 18/073 **PARKS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2018 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 18/074 **WATERMARK COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2018 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 18/075 **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2018 (previously circulated) were received and adopted.
- 18/076 **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 23 October 2018 (previously circulated) were noted.

The Mayor thanked everyone who supported his charity quiz, particularly Cllr Wilson and Mrs Wilson. The event was a success and raised over £500 for the Mayor's Charity, The Salvation Army.

18/077 **BUTTERPARK UPDATE:** The report (previously circulated) was considered. The Town Clerk referred to the last Council meeting and the decision to explore other options for development of the site. Due to the comprehensive tender process which had been undertaken, the Council was in position where that didn't need to be repeated. LiveWest had indicated that they were very keen to deliver exactly the kind of site that was originally anticipated. There would be a mix of housing tenures including rent to buy. Currently it was likely that all the housing should be affordable.

It was **RESOLVED** to welcome this information and to support taking forward the proposal from LiveWest to achieve the objectives for the Butterpark site.

18/078 **STOWFORD SCHOOL – PARKING ON EXETER ROAD:** The email from the Head of Stowford School (previously circulated) was considered. Cllr Croad had provided an update on the position in his Councillor update during the adjournment of the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information and support the provision of double yellow lines on the north side of Exeter Road.

18/079 **PLYMOUTH AND SW DEVON JOINT LOCAL PLAN:** The letter and extracts from the plan (previously circulated) were considered. The Town Clerk explained that it was necessary to undertake

consultation for the amendments. The key changes were due to small villages in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty being considered by the Inspectors as being unsuitable for development so there housing allocation had been removed. Lee Bray has been asked to view the document, to assess if a response by this Council would be required.

Cllr Rutley queried whether we know the sizes or populations for the four categories of settlements set out on page 34 of the document. The Town Clerk advised that it is all clearly defined in the documents, the main towns would include lyybridge.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information and to delegate to the Town Clerk the submission of a response based on the recommendations from Lee Bray.

18/080 **TOWN AND PARISH EVENT:** The invitation to the event on 10 December 2018 (previously circulated) was considered. Cllr Dredge advised that he is happy to go but is unable to drive so would require a lift. Cllr Pringle offered to attend as well.

It was **RESOLVED** to nominate Cllr Dredge and Cllr Pringle to attend this event.

18/081 **UPDATE AND INFORMATION**: A report outlining events and other information was received (copy previously circulated).

Councillor Updates

Cllr Dredge attended the DALC AGM on 3 October. He advised that under GDPR, if a Councillor has a .gov email address, and it is used on a computer which others have access to, then this is breaking the rules unless it is password protected. Also any personnel documents should not be stored on personal computers but should be passed back to the Town Hall and deleted from that computer. The Town Clerk advised that the Policy and Resources Committee had been looking at the feasibility of Councillors having password protected tablets which are purely for Council business which would eliminate this issue. One is on order for Cllr Dredge to trial; the Council will then make a decision as to whether to roll it out to all Councillors.

Cllr Cade queried whether the tablet would mean agendas were received as electronic documents instead of paper copies. The Town Clerk advised that should it be decided to go with this option, all agendas would be sent electronically.

Cllr Dredge also attended the Travelwatch meeting on 6 October.

Cllr Khong attended a meeting with health representatives on 24 October. Unfortunately, Cllr Jago was unable to attend as originally planned..

The Town Clerk explained that it was very helpful to understand which services are provided by the different elements of the health service. Cllr Croad's attendance was appreciated. Issues such as parking problems at the practice at Station Road were discussed with Dr Harris. Cllr Croad has offered a piece of land at the Park and Ride, free of charge as an option for a new Health Centre. This would be explored with the key organisations to ascertain if this could be the catalyst for the much needed new health centre. Further discussions would also be held to explore which services can be offered in the town, or if, for example, access in Plymouth to drug and alcohol services would be feasible rather than Newton Abbot.

Cllr Parsons wished to thank Cllr Croad for this offer, then he queried what would happen with the existing premises at Station Road and Highlands. The Town Clerk explained that this was at a very early stage but it would appear sensible to retain Highlands in the town centre.

Forthcoming Training / conferences

Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership are holding an event on 12 November. The Town Clerk and Cllr Dredge offered to attend.

Devon Resilience Forum event on 22 November. Cllr Hladkij is available to attend, will contact Cllr Laity on her return to see whether she can also attend.

General Information

The general information was noted.

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, Cllr May and 1 Member of the Press left the meeting at 7.39pm.

IN COMMITTEE

18/082 **IVYBRIDGE COMMUNITY AWARDS:** Consideration was given to the list of nominations for the Citizen and Group of the Year 2018 (report previously circulated).

A general discussion took place about the nominees and many Councillors had a personal interest in one of the nominees for the Nick Cummins Community Group of the Year so the proposal was discussed taking into account awards that had been made in previous years.

A vote was taken for the David Britton Citizen of the Year Award.

A vote was then taken for the Nick Cummins Community Group of the Year Award.

It was **RESOLVED** to award:

- (i) David Britton Citizen of the Year 2018 to Christine Wroe.
- (ii) Nick Cummins Community Group of the Year to The Lions Club of Ivybridge.

The meeting closed at 7:49pm.		
Signed	Date	3 December 2018

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Report of the discussions during the adjournment of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 29 October 2018

POLICE REPORT

The police were unable to attend in person but had previously provided the report for September 2018 (circulated during the meeting).

IVYBRIDGE CRIME FIGURES September 2018

Total Offences 2017 - 56

2018 - 53

Assaults

- 3 x ABH 1 under investigation, 1 insufficient evidence and 1 not supported.
- 7 x Common assault 1 insufficient evidence, 2 under investigation and 4 not supported.
- 2 x Grievous bodily harm under investigation
- 1 x Assault a police officer under investigation

Burglary Dwelling/Other

- 2 x Burglary dwelling 1 insufficient evidence and 1 under investigation
- 1 x Burglary non dwelling under investigation
- 1 x Attempted burglary insufficient evidence
- 1 x Theft in the dwelling not supported

Other

- 4 x Harassment 2 under investigation and 2 not supported
- 6 x Malicious communications 3 under investigation, 1 not supported and 2 insufficient evidence
- 9 x Sexual offences 1 not supported, 3 charged, 1 words of advice, 3 under investigation and 1 insufficient evidence.
- 5 x Criminal damage 1 insufficient evidence, 1 under investigation and 3 cautions
- 3 x Public order 1 under investigation and 2 insufficient evidence
- 1 x Possession of class C drug community resolution
- 1 x Shoplifting insufficient evidence
- 2 x Theft from a motor vehicle insufficient evidence
- 2 x Theft by finding 1 insufficient evidence and 1 under investigation
- 2 x Breach of court order 1 charged and 1 under investigation

ONGOING ISSUES

There are some ongoing anti-social behaviour issues around the town centre and parks. These issues are being addressed with home visits, SHDC warning letters and extra patrols.

The Town Clerk noted that the anti-social behaviour had been brought up at the policing meeting, and had also been evident at The Watermark that evening.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

COUNCILLOR CROAD

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

A discussion took place regarding the parking at Stowford School which was agenda item **18/078**.

Cllr Croad advised that he has looked at parking on Exeter Road around the time students leave in the afternoon. Parents picking their children up are causing a significant issue by parking on both sides of the road, some arriving more than 40 minutes before school finishes for the day. Cllr Croad witnessed several near misses due to this parking. He will be recommending that double yellow lines should be painted on the north side of the road from the school entrance up to the crossing. Cllr Croad added he is usually reluctant to have double yellows painted as it just moves the problem to other areas, however in this case safety is being compromised.

Cllr Wilson commented that it is difficult for school buses to exit onto Exeter Road due to cars parking on the south side of the road.

Cllr Rutley queried whether it would be better to put the double yellows on the south side of the road.

Cllr Croad advised that residents on the north side of the road have had issues with cars blocking access to their drives and blocking their view so they cannot exit their drives safely.

Cllr Rae commented that he drives down that stretch of road in the mornings and sees the same problems.

Cllr Hladkij said she was glad that the A38 roundabout has been pruned. Cllr Croad explained that he had put an order in for this work to be done 8 months ago. He noted that there is a pavement around the roundabout, he has asked Highways to investigate whether removing this pavement to make the road space around the roundabout wider would be a possibility. Cllr Pringle asked whether the pavement may be there to provide security for people working on the roundabout. Cllr Croad advised not as there is a gap in the wall of the roundabout to allow workers access.

COUNCILLOR MAY

Cllr May advised that he had nothing to report. All officers are back from their holidays so likely to have more to report at the next meeting.

Cllr Parsons raised an issue of trees blocking the lights on Papermakers Lane. Cllr May asked him to email the details over to him. Cllr Wilson noted that a road sign on Marjory Kelly Way is obscured by vegetation. Cllr May advised that this is Devon County Council's responsibility so suggested emailing Cllr Croad.

COUNCILLOR PRINGLE

Cllr Pringle advised she had nothing to report.

GENERAL

There were no members of the public present.

The public participation session closed at 7.12pm.