

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF INSTOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
INSTOW PARISH HALL ON
THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30 pm**

Present: - Councillor Moores (Chairman)

Councillors Crombie, Green, Mrs Hackett, Harrison, Johns, Renshaw
and Vandersteen

Mr M Isaac (Clerk) and DCC Councillor Biederman.

In Attendance: 30 parishioners/members of the public.

73 OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was declared open by the Clerk.

74 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Clements.

75 COUNCILLOR DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest announced.

75 AGENDA

Council agreed to consider items 14 The Sands and 10 Dogs on the beach review after item 3 on the agenda.

76 THE SANDS: UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed Mike Kelly, North Devon Council Chief Planning Officer to the meeting.

Mr Kelly briefly outlined the history to the site. He stated that the current application had been received about 5 years ago to convert the premises into 12 apartments. The applicant was unwilling to contribute to any community gain except for off-site open space as it was considered that the scheme was not viable with a contribution. The District Council had approached the District Valuation Service in Taunton who had agreed to review the financial information supplied for a fee. The agent for the applicant had not responded. The District Council has also sought an application to revert the site to 2 independent villas but the applicant is unwilling to withdraw the current application.

He further stated that NDC has 3 options available:

- Refuse the application and wait for an appeal
- Issue a section 215 notice requiring superficial repairs/ a listed buildings repair notice
- Compulsory Purchase Order

The Parish Council supported and urged NDC to take all necessary actions required to provide a solution to the re-development of the site.

77 DOGS ON THE BEACH REVIEW

The Chairman read a statement to clarify his position on the matter in view of the rumours and speculation that had been created. He stated that he had no personal agenda and never advocated a ban of dogs on the beach.

The Council suspended standing orders and allowed 20 minutes for members of the public to express their views on the matter.

The following comments were made:

Allowing people to walk their dogs on the beach was good for tourism and tourist information informs people that Instow is a dog friendly beach. People purposely come to Instow to walk their dogs.

Dog walking is a social occasion and also allows dogs to interact with each other.

Instow beach not suited for families. The beach is not child friendly and any ban could not be enforced.

It was stated that a letter in the ND Gazette from a Lance Green was a person who did not exist. It was alleged that Mike Taylor, a local resident, was writing under the name of Lance Green and Mr Taylor's absence at the meeting was highlighted. The content of the letter was challenged, specifically on the subject of toxicity and danger of dog mess.

The Council noted letters received via e mail that had been passed to Councillors

Following comments from Members of the public Councillors expressed their views.

RESOLVED that the status quo be retained and that a review be undertaken in 18 months time.

78 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police report.

79 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

The Clerk explained that there was 15 minutes set aside for this item with parishioners being given precedence over members of the public.

The following issues were raised:

A Parishioner asked the following:

Have the footpaths been walked as agreed at the February meeting. The Chairman replied that they had not yet been walked.

Have the amendments to previous minutes as reported in March been amended. The Clerk reported that the amendments had been agreed.

It was stated that reference to mileometer in the September minutes should read hours meter and that the 30' life buoy should be 30”.

A Parishioner reported that SWW had completed sewage works from the footpath to Venn Cross and asked if the information provided by him regarding Yelland Quay had been received. The Clerk reported that information from Mr Jeremy had been circulated to all Councillors.

A Parishioner congratulated Councillor Crombie on his thorough beach inspection check reports. It was also stated that NDC Car Parks only operated up to 6.00 p.m.

80 REPORT COUNTY COUNCILLOR F. BIEDERMAN

Councillor Biederman reported that DCC were promoting PREVENT an anti-terrorist awareness campaign and advising people to phone 0800 789 321 of any suspicious activities. DCC were also seeking/supporting legislation to stop unsolicited phone calls.

81 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR B MOORES

Councillor Moores reported that there were no NDC matters to report.

82 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 17th September 2015 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman subject as follows:

The Extra –Ordinary Council minutes being amended to note the following comments

1. Page 2, parishioners' comments, 58606, para 2. Smiths Gore had stated that security was not compromised because there was public access to most of the perimeter fencing. This was challenged as they had omitted to say that there were cameras and lighting covering the fences and that the views from the cameras were monitored 24/7. Mr Gale confirmed this by adding that the Marines had often contacted him when they thought there was something wrong with his horse which was kept in the field.
2. Page 2. Application 58606. there was a discussion about Smith's Gore's proposal to put in place a wide footpath for a short stretch on the north side of Marine Parade and at the end of this wide footpath pedestrians could cross over to the south side and continue their walk. It was stated that whoever wrote those lines had not visited Instow or simply did not take care to observe that the footpath on the south side of Marine Parade expired at the Tarka Trail bridge and resumes outside the toilets and finishes again at the junction of Lane End and Marine Parade by the toilets.
3. Page 3. Recommendations by the Councillors. 58606 iii) A question was asked what the costings were for IPC to take over the lower part of the field. The answer was that no costings had yet been done because there were several questions that needed to be answered.

The applicant will cover the cost of maintaining the field for 10 years

The Ordinary Council minutes being amended to make reference to an hour meter and not a mileometer and the life buoy being 30” and not 30'

83 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Minute 63 Parishioners Questions Can Instow in Bloom archive material be stored in the Village Hall. It was noted that the issue would be discussed at next week's Village Hall Committee meeting
- b) Minute 67(b) Location of a Defibrillator
Councillor Vandersteen reported that various options had been explored and best option was to locate it by Johns's Hut. He stated he would contact the EA for consent to attach it to the wall.
- c) Minute 67(d) Bus Shelter Refurbishment
The Clerk reported that he had received a quote from Pro Weld of £635 +VAT to repair both shelters.

It was agreed to seek a further quote from another company

- d) Minute 67(e) Flood Gates opposite the Boat House
The Clerk reported that he had received a quote from Pro Weld of £590 +VAT for replacement gate.

It was agreed to seek a further quote from another company

- e) Minute 68 Public Conveniences: Tender specification
Councillor Harrison reported that a meeting had not yet been arranged. The Clerk agreed to obtain the current toilet cleaning tender specification from NDC.
- f) Minute 72 Blue Boat responsibility. The Clerk reported that he had no response from NDC to date. Councillors stated that the boat appeared to have disappeared.

84 MARINE PARADE CAR PARK TARIFFS/TIMES OF OPERATION

The Clerk stated the Council needed to consider whether it wished to amend the tariffs and or the charging period of the car park in order to meet NDC deadline for consideration of amendments to the Off Street Parking Order for next year.

RESOLVED that the charging period for the Marine Parade Car Park from 1st April 2016 be from 8.00 am to 6.00 p.m.

85 CORRESPONDENCE**(i)** Matters for discussion/resolution or noting: -

- a) The Council noted an E Mail from Barnstaple Town Council regarding the future of the ND Records Office.
- b) The Council noted an E Mail from Councillor Biederman regarding DCC training for working near a highway
- c) The Council noted an E Mail from Mr Harper regarding the 2nd Sand Dunes.

The Clerk reported that he had reported the issue regarding the electric fence to Smith's Gore who would bring to the attention of the tenant farmer.

Councillor Biederman stated that he and Alan Jones DCC Officer would visit the site to investigate the sand issue.

- d) The Council noted an E Mail from Mr Harper regarding Rubbish at the start of the 30 foot highway/footpath 15. The Clerk reported that Smith' Gore had had the rubbish removed.
- e) The Council noted an E Mail from Mr Poole and Mr Allen regarding damage to the Bus Shelter opposite the Marine Camp.
- f) Council noted an E Mail from Mr Harper regarding the Picnic Site. Councillor Biederman agreed to contact the DCC Officer responsible for the Tarka Trail
- g) The Council noted a letter from Boundary Commission regarding review of DCC Division boundaries for North Devon.

86 FINANCE

The Council agreed/noted the following payments/receipts:

1. INCOME: -

Car Park Takings	Period ending 21 September 2015	£	2,220.40
Car Park Takings	Period ending 2 October 2015	£	1,143.60
Precept/Grant	Second instalment	£	5,054.10
<u>TOTAL :-</u>			<u>£ 8,418.10</u>

2. EXPENDITURE: -

Mr. B Keane	Village Handyman	£	214.23
Mr D Budd	Grass cutting	£	510.00
Mr P Cook	Tractor Service + Derv	£	218.00
North Devon Council	Clerk Salary Recharge + Admin	£	695.77*
EDF Energy	Electric supply to Car Park machine	£	59.28+
M. Isaac	Clerks Expenses	3	58.33
<u>TOTAL: -</u>			<u>£ 1,755.61</u>

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+£2.82 VAT

*£1.29VAT

3. BANK – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS: -

Lloyds Bank Treasurers a/c no. 02348842 as @ 29.9.15 (Statement) = £286.48

Lloyds Bank Business a/c no. 02350065 as @ 2.10.15 (Statement = £38,320.97 +

Key: -

According to Clerk's records this is £262.01) (outstanding cheque 73 £24.47)

+ According to Clerk's records this is £27,432.34 as at 17.9.15.

NB: - IPC to note that £10,000 was invested (7.1.11) and re-invested (18.1.13 until 18.1.16) to a higher interest account within Lloyds TSB – see IPC November 2010 and item 5 (e) hereafter)

4. RESOLUTION REQUIRED: -

Resolved that £1,760 be transferred from Lloyds Bank Business account number 02350065 to Lloyds Bank Treasurers account number 02348842 to cover cheques as at 2 above

87 PLANNING

There were no Planning issues to be considered

88 MATTERS RAISED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

There were no issues raised.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.23 p.m.

Chairman

Dated: -