

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 4 February 2015

Present:	Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Tom Hill Cllr Julian Hull Cllr Dominic Morby Cllr Barry Smith	Chairman
In Attendance	Cllr Tony Dempster Cllr Beryl Austen Cllr Mike Walters Mrs Ashley Lamb 4Members of the Public	County Councillor District Councillor District Councillor Parish Clerk

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
009/15	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1830 and apologies for absence were received from Cllr Anthony French & Cllr Derrick White. It was also noted that Cllr Morby would be delayed.</p>
010/15	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2015 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
011/15	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
012/15	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillor – Cllr Tony Dempster</p> <p>Cllr Dempster had no specific items to raise or report to give.</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen</p> <p>Teignbridge has been shortlisted for two National Awards in a field of 663 entries. The first place as finalist is for the sustainable, authorised travellers’ site at Haldon and the second is Teignbridge’s Active Mums initiative in the category of Public Health. Active Mums bike rides are the first of their kind and help postnatal mums get more active with their baby through subsidised fun, sociable weekly bike rides. Following this initial programme is being rolled out nationally in co-operation with British Cycling and other local authorities. Winners will be announced at the LGC Awards on the 11th March.</p> <p>This week the Council will be considering a proposed budget with a council tax freeze at the current rate of £150.17 for the fifth year. Proposals include significant investment in recycling and food waste from homes each week, no increase in car parking charges, continuing the free Sunday scheme across the district, supporting businesses including tourism with ongoing funding to provide jobs and homes.</p> <p>The 2.2% pay increase for staff has been agreed between Local Government Employers and Trade Unions from Jan 2015 to March 2016 and there will be continuing staff reductions and restructuring to compensate.</p> <p>The Council will continue to fund Rural Aid at £40,000 with the remaining £15,000 going to the Dartmoor Grant Fund for villages in the National Park.</p> <p>The Council will retain its reserves at £1.36 M.</p> <p>These proposals will be considered at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 9th February and if the recommendations are approved with go to the next Full Council to be implemented.</p> <p>Efforts are continuing to re-open the Youth Centre in Kingsteignton and the transfer back to the Trustees has taken place with a financial settlement paid as County had an obligation under a legal agreement to run the Centre until 2017. Redecoration of the premises is proposed and the Centre will be reopened as soon as staff are in place and it is ready.</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Mike Walters</p> <p>Bollards on Hackney Lane Junction</p> <p>Bollards surrounding the green space at the junction of Hackney Lane and Greenhill Way have been installed as a preventative measure for illegal vehicular entry onto the area. It is not intrusive but should be effective.</p>

Police cuts

I am concerned with the prospects of further cuts in staffing the police force in Devon and Cornwall, in particular the cutting of PCSO's. I intend raising the matter at district level in order to make protest to Central Government of the inequalities of funding associated with the staffing of the police force in our County. We may have a low crime rate but that is no excuse to reduce the coverage of PCSO's and regular police in Devon and Cornwall Constabularies.

B3193

The B3193 is now operating well and proves to be well used. It is an improvement on the entrance to Kingsteignton which is more than could be said for the entrance into the town from the A380 and the Ware Cross roundabout. As a result of my observations, the mud being brought onto the road at the entrance to Viridor and the Fosterville quarry (on the B3193) is being addressed by DCC. It is the opinion of Devon County Council that the mud currently being dragged onto the B3193 a public highway is as a result of the business actions of the following parties: Viridor waste management and Fosterville/Lord Clifford's estate management department's landfill business. Sibelco reiterated that the mud on the road is not of their actions and or the firm's responsibility. However traffic management instructed the traffic management contractor to clean the advisory cones and speed limit signs, which had been provided at the request of Devon County Council & Sibelco UK to aid motorists through this hazard. Sibelco do not now have a direct haulage access to this road with their access remaining at Preston Manor joining the public highway near the Preston Village turning.

Kingsteignton Library

CIL can be brought into play and thereby augmenting the possibility of creating an extension to the Library on site. This will be of benefit to the community and to the library in particular, from the viewpoint of extra space for further development of groups using the library. I intend placing a bid for this to TDC.

Schools

St Michaels School is to extend its classroom space by a further 90 places. The planning progress is underway. This is to accommodate the increased demand on school places. Sibelco are re-submitting an application to accommodate a new primary school in Phases 2&3 in the Newcross site. This will mean that CIL will be coming into effect. Here will be a need to apply for infrastructure developments in the town, particularly that of an extension to the library. Further consideration is being given to the possible creation of a medical surgery extension on the Broadway piece of land which lies adjacent to the current Newcross development. This will be in addition to sports facilities that have been suggested on the Broadway site as well.

Newton Abbot Leisure Centre

Latest update on Newton Abbot Leisure Centre's swimming pool, I'd like to inform you that the pool is reopening tomorrow for its usual business. This has come after engineers got the pumps reinstalled, working and that the water is back to its usual temperatures. The leisure centre is putting on a 'Free Swim Sunday' as a thank you to customers for their support and patience while the pool was closed. All swim sessions between 8.30am – 2pm will be free to all.

Standing Orders were suspended to give members of the public an opportunity to ask the County and District Councillors' any questions.

A member of the public asked if anything could be done to stop the large articulated or construction lorries working with the Sawmills Solar Park development accessing the village of Ideford.

It was resolved that the Parish Clerk would speak with the Ashcombe Estate and DCC about these concerns.

Cllr Morby arrived at 1840***Cllr Tony Dempster, Cllr Beryl Austen and Cllr Mike Walters left the meeting at 1842*****Police Community Support Officer Report****IDEFORD POLICE LOGS for the PERIOD 03/12/14 to 03/02/15**

Concerns about a badly parked lorry near Ideford Common.

Concern for welfare of a resident requiring police attention.

Report of a suspicious male in a vehicle.

Single vehicle road collision with a vehicle on its side-Injuries reported.

Report of a missing person.-Found in good order.

2 HGVs stuck in Longthorn Road. They had to reverse back to the Olchard turning.

A380 incidents.

4 incidents of broken down vehicles causing problems.

Car stopped in lane 1 causing obstruction.

Report of deer on the road.

Report of child's cycle on the road. Report of a tarpaulin on the road. Report of an exhaust on the road.

	<p>IDEFORD CRIMES for the PERIOD 03/12/14 to 03/02/15</p> <p>Threats to kill from a male sent electronically. Garage burglary at a farm with tools stolen. Assault causing actual bodily harm. Theft of an adults pedal go-kart PCSO Rider left the meeting at 1850</p>
013/15	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>To receive an update on the 3 Elector Fund Grant Applications £212 for the Parish Council & Millennium Green to refurbish and maintain all the village benches and seating. Application declined by TDC due to lack of innovation. £190 for the PCC to purchase a PA System & 2 lightweight tables – Application granted by TDC £212 for the Village Hall towards the cost of replacing the current chairs. Application increased to £424 and granted by TDC</p>
014/15	<p>MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN</p> <p>To receive an update following the recent Election Training Course at DALC The Chairman gave an overview of the Preparing for Election Course that she and the Parish Clerk had attended on 13 Jan 15 at DALC in Exeter. Prior to the Election on 7 May 15 information on how to become a Councillor, the election timetable and other informative and useful information will be place on noticeboards, on the Facebook and website pages and in the Parish Newsletter. To receive an update following the 100th Birthday Celebration Event. The Chairman reported that the “Village Tea Party” on a Sunday 4 Jan 15 to celebrate the 100th Birthday of a Parishioner had been a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of people attending only £27 of the original Parish Council contribution had been required to help stage the event. On the day £325 was raised for MacMillan Cancer Support.</p>
015/15	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>To review, approve and sign the Annual Asset Risk Assessment Councillors unanimously approved the Annual Risk Assessment and agreed that it should be signed. Following a brief discussion Councillors also unanimously agreed that any required maintenance or refurbishment work to the notice boards or benches should be undertaken on a self-help or Village Working Party basis once the weather was a little warmer. To review, approve and sign the Annual Internal Audit Risk Assessment Councillors unanimously approved the Annual Internal Audit Risk Assessment and agreed that it should be signed. To receive an update following the 29 Jan 15 Teignbridge Association of Local Councils Meeting In the absence of Cllr French (who attended the TALC) the Clerk gave an overview of the talk that was given by Mr Tony Hogg, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon & Cornwall. D & CC need to deliver £45M savings over the next 4 years. £20M will come from reserve funds, there is a potential for £12M to come from strategic alliance with Dorset delivering 30 projects such as HR, Call Centres, and Payroll etc. but there is still £10M still to find and there are new tasks coming such as Cyber Crime, Immigration, Fire Arms, Child exploitation. Mr Hogg had no doubt that there be will impact on the way that Devon and Cornwall is policed over the coming years and it is clear that they cannot lose 5% off the budget every year, for the next four years, without policing in the future being significantly changed. Lots of difficult choices to me to protect as much front line service as possible but these continued Government cuts leave no choice but to explore issues such as reducing officer numbers, closing police stations and finding new ways for the public to deal with the police, including more automated systems. To consider request for donation from Teignbridge Homeless Action Today (THAT) Charity 1146610 Councillors agreed unanimously to support the charity by publicising their work and by encouraging people to support the newly established Food & Toiletry Collection Point that has been set up in St Mary’s Church. In addition to the annual Harvest Festival collection of food, donations of tins, boxes, packets, jars and toiletries could now be left at any time. To approve the NJC Salary Award for 2015 The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached agreement on the new pay scales for 2014- 2016 that should be implemented from 1 January 2015. The Parish Clerk is currently paid on SCP 15 at a rate of £8.43 per hour. The new rate is £8.613 per hour. This would equate to an increase of £0.54 per week or £28.55 per year. A non-consolidated (one off) payment for employees on SCPs 5 - 49 was due for payment in December 2014; for SCP 15 a payment of £100 was due however, pro-rated to 3 hrs per week would equal a payment of £8.11. Acceptance of the new rates was proposed by Cllr Morby, Seconded by Cllr Hull and agreed unanimously.</p>

	<p>To approve pursuance of funding for 2 new projects</p> <p>The Clerk requested approval to pursue two more funding opportunities: Additional money towards the replacement of the Village Hall chairs and the provision of 2 portable, wheeled disabled access ramps for the Lych Gate area and the steps at the main entrance of the church and a community wheelchair.</p> <p>Approval to pursue the projects was proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Hull and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Councillors were also asked to consider other projects in the Parish that may benefit from funding, for example the gates at the Millennium Green.</p> <p>To receive an update on the Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal (ROSS) Project</p> <p>Cllr Smith gave an update on the current progress of the ROSS Project. Following the “advertising” in the Parish Magazine potential sites had been put forward by two parishioners. Now that 7 potential sites have been identified Councillors should consider how the Council supported elements of this project should be funded. This may require some assistance from our District Councillors. The Clerk is to draft a response to Vodafone following the receipt of the initial Village Plan and to seek clarification on the availability of sufficient BT telephone lines to support the proposed number of units.</p>																						
016/15	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended</p> <p>A parishioner sought clarification on the range of each ROSS unit.</p> <p>A parishioner commented that the Village Hall should consider using Solar Panels on its roof.</p> <p>Standing Orders were re-instated</p>																						
017/15	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>There were no planning applications on the agenda for consideration. The Chairman commented that a DCC application for land at Babcombe Copse had been received earlier that day and would be added to the agenda for the next meeting. The decision notice for application 14/02725/NPA had also just been received and would also be discussed at the next meeting.</p>																						
018/15	<p>CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCE</p> <p>Balance of Accounts as at 31 Jan 15</p> <table> <tr> <td>Parish Current Account</td> <td>£6565.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheques for signature</td> <td>£ 646.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining Cash at Bank</td> <td>£5918.72</td> </tr> </table> <table> <tr> <td>Cheques for Payment</td> <td>Proposed: Cllr Hill</td> <td>Seconded: Cllr Hull</td> <td>Agreed: Unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Campaign for Rural England – Annual Subscription</td> <td>Cheque</td> <td>000448</td> <td>£36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Devon Association of Local Councils – Election Training</td> <td>Cheque</td> <td>000449</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs Ashley Lamb – Parish Council Expenditure</td> <td>Cheque</td> <td>000450</td> <td>£560.64</td> </tr> </table> <p>To request approval to vire money from general reserve to main Council Budget</p> <p>Having committed to additional training and administration costs at minute reference 143/14 the Clerk requested approval to vire £500 from the general reserves to be split equally between the training and administration budget lines. Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded: Cllr Hull and agreed unanimously.</p>	Parish Current Account	£6565.36	Cheques for signature	£ 646.64	Remaining Cash at Bank	£5918.72	Cheques for Payment	Proposed: Cllr Hill	Seconded: Cllr Hull	Agreed: Unanimously	Campaign for Rural England – Annual Subscription	Cheque	000448	£36.00	Devon Association of Local Councils – Election Training	Cheque	000449	£50.00	Mrs Ashley Lamb – Parish Council Expenditure	Cheque	000450	£560.64
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019/15	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Ideford Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 4 March 2015 at 6.30pm</p>																						
	<p>The Chairman thanked members of the public for their attendance and explained that the Council would remain to hold a Part II (Private) meeting.</p>																						

The Chairman closed the meeting to members of the public at 1940

Signed: Angie Carter-Woodwark

Dated: 4 Mar 15

Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark