

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 4 March 2015

Present:	Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Anthony French Cllr Tom Hill Cllr Julian Hull Cllr Dominic Morby Cllr Barry Smith Cllr Derrick White	Chairman Vice Chairman
In Attendance	Cllr Tony Dempster Cllr Mike Walters Mrs Ashley Lamb 8 Members of the Public	County Councillor District Councillor Parish Clerk

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
023/15	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1830 and apologies for absence were received from Cllr Beryl Austen and PCSO Colin Rider.</p>
024/15	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Main & Part II meetings that were held on 4 February be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
025/15	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
026/15	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillor – Cllr Tony Dempster</p> <p>Cllr Dempster gave an update on the ongoing OFSTED inspection of Devon Children’s Services. While having found some areas for improvement the overall inspection feedback has been positive and a great credit to the workload and preparation of everyone involved. Strengths are shown in timely response to the workload allocated Children Services when cases are referred to them and a high quality of understanding and needs.</p> <p>A public consultation is being launched on Monday 2 March on plans to improve the A382 in a scheme to widen and realign the road which connects Newton Abbot with the A38 at Drumbridges. The consultation will also include a series of public exhibitions where preliminary designs will be displayed. These exhibitions will be held at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 11 March, Heathfield Community Centre, 2pm - 8pm • Thursday 12 March, Newton Abbot Library, 2pm - 8pm • Saturday 14 March, Newton Abbot Library, 12pm – 3pm <p>The proposals are to increase the width of the A382 which will provide additional capacity and improve journey times, resilience and reliability on the road. The scheme aims to improve safety along the route, while also encouraging the use of sustainable transport through the provision of a new shared pedestrian/cycle path which will connect to new facilities at Drumbridges and other routes into Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton. It will also improve access to planned development of 2,300 homes and employment development to the west of Newton Abbot, as set out in Teignbridge District Council’s adopted Local Plan, which is likely to add to traffic levels on the A382.</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen (read by the Clerk)</p> <p>Cllr Austen sent written apologies for being unable to attend the meeting and passed on her thanks to the Parish Council for their courtesy and interest over the last term. She will be standing again at the next election. She commented “Ideford has that goodwill and courtesy which is rare when Councils deal with controversial matters and your Council is always a pleasure to attend”.</p> <p>The Last Full Council of the present term was held last week. The final Budget proposals for the coming year were approved. Over the last month I had received several requests from Constituents to oppose the new payments of £35 for garden waste collection. An amendment to the Budget was proposed which abolished this new garden waste payment but it was defeated. So the Budget was approved in its proposed form. The good news is that there is no increase in Council Tax at the District element.</p>

	<p>Some restoration works have been undertaken to stream banks and paths at Hackney Marshes which had become eroded through dog activity and the bank protected by sandbags to prevent further erosion.</p> <p>Any of you who have had cause to visit Forde House in the last week or so will have seen trees felled and space created for more parking as well as space being created for waste provision. These works should be completed within a relatively short time and the resultant space created solves some of the problems.</p> <p>The Council was thanked by the Chairman for their service over the last four years and the usual goodbyes were said to those who are retiring and those who may not know they are retiring, which always causes amusement.</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Mike Walters</p> <p>Budget</p> <p>Council tax in Teignbridge has been frozen for the fifth year running after councillors signed off the 2015/16 budget. Two thirds of the full council voted in favour of the latest budget, which also pledges to continue the popular free Sunday parking scheme in council car parks across the district. The budget also carries forward the scheme to charge residents £35 a year to take away their garden waste, despite concerns about the move from some councillors.</p> <p>It was pointed out by Cllr Stuart Barker, the portfolio holder of assets and resources, that if there was no fee for garden waste removal the Council would lose £5.4million over seven years, which counts as £178,000 a year and that would equate to a council tax increase of about 10 per cent in the current rate.</p> <p>Emphasis was also given to the Local Plan being that which gives a real opportunity to deliver homes and jobs for local people. The concentration of the developments in Kingsteignton has met with opposition from certain quarters of the residents because of the increase in traffic and the loss of green space. I can sympathise with them, particularly in respect of Penns Mount.</p> <p>B3193</p> <p>The B3193 is still suffering somewhat from mud currently being dragged onto the B3193 as a result of the business actions of Viridor waste management and Fosterville landfill business. It can be said however, that there is an improvement in the condition of the road but it still requires constant attention to the problem.</p> <p>Kingsteignton Library</p> <p>Having discussed the prospects of applying for CIL to augment the improvement of the library through an extension it is clear that no funds would be seen before the passage of at least two years. However, I have made contact with the developers to achieve goodwill funding for the library to progress with its plans.</p> <p>Schools</p> <p>Sibelco are re-submitting this week, an application to accommodate a new primary school in Phases 2&3 in the Newcross site. Further considerations are also 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. These are still some way off.</p> <p>Cllr Walters reiterated the comments made by Cllr Austen that Ideford Parish Council Meetings were always a pleasure to attend.</p> <p><i>Cllr Tony Dempster and Cllr Mike Walters left the meeting at 1840</i></p> <p>Police Community Support Officer Report – Read by the Clerk</p> <p>IDEFORD POLICE LOGS for the PERIOD 04/02/15 to 03/03/15</p> <p>A380 incidents:</p> <p>2 concerns for broken down vehicles causing problems.</p> <p>Driver reports a ball of fire in the woods seen from the A380 near the Texaco garage. Turned out to be military training.</p> <p>Report of a dead badger in the road.</p> <p>Other incidents:</p> <p>Report of a trail of blood seen on a trail at Ideford Common. Turned out to be an injured horse.</p> <p>IDEFORD CRIMES for the PERIOD 04/02/15 to 03/03/15</p> <p>None</p>
027/15	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>To receive an update on the latest funding applications</p> <p>Successful applications for £750 towards the replacement of the Village Hall chairs and £400 towards the provision of 2 portable, access ramps for the Lych Gate area and the steps at the main entrance of the church and a community wheelchair have been supported by our County Councillor and approved for payment. The Chairman thanks Cllr Dempster for his continued support of Parish projects.</p>

028/15	<p>MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN</p> <p>Cllr Carter-Woodwark mentioned that as a Parish we were all affected by the sudden and tragic death of a much respected parishioner Ollie Lucas. He will be sorely missed and the Council's thoughts were with his family.</p>
029/15	<p>PARISH MATTERS</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. The design team visited the Village on 12 Feb 15 to consider all the sites that had been put forward. The Village Hall and Ideford Garage have now been confirmed as suitable sites.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk should email the ROSS Team to confirm that BT lines are available and to find out if the Barns at Higher Colleybrook would be considered for inclusion in the project. Councillors should consider how the electrical work and running costs should be funded.</p> <p>To receive a Community Led Plan (CLP) Update – Cllr White</p> <p>Cllr White provided an update on the progress of the CLP process. 173 copies of the questionnaire have now been distributed, one to each of the properties in the Parish with a return date of 9 Mar 15. On return the information will be collated to inform the process going forward.</p> <p>To request approval and adoption of revised Financial Regulations</p> <p>Councillors unanimously approved the adoption of the revised Parish Council Financial Regulations.</p> <p>To request approval and signature of the Statement of Internal Control for year ending 31 Mar 15</p> <p>Councillors unanimously approved the adoption and signature of the Statement of Internal Control for year ending 31 Mar 15.</p>
030/15	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended</p> <p>A parishioner thanked the Clerk for a swift response in getting a drain unblocked in Olchard and for reporting the potholes.</p> <p>A parishioner thanked the Clerk for the response to their question raised at the last meeting regarding the lorries from the Sawmills site that have been seen in central Ideford.</p> <p>Cllr French reported that the bridge inspector has put a temporary handrail at Larcombe Bridge.</p> <p>A parishioner asked how the information from the Community Led Plan would be used once collected. Cllr White and David Aylmore the CLP Steering Group Chairman gave an explanation of how the information would be used by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Standing Orders were re-instated</p>
031/15	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Decision Notice for 14/02725/NPA Higher Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street, Ideford - Application by Mr K Ellis</p> <p>The application for Prior Approval under Part 3 Class MB (a) and (b) and paragraph N of the GPDO for change of use of barn from agricultural use to one dwelling has been refused by Teignbridge District Council.</p> <p>It was unanimously resolved that the Clerk should write to Teignbridge District Council to express the disappointment that this application had been refused for the reasons stated.</p> <p>Devon County Council Reference DCC/3732/2015 - Application by the Clifford Estate Company Babcombe Copse Quarry, Higher Sandygate, Kingsteignton Planning</p> <p>Winning and working of minerals (Sand and Gravel) for a 15 year period and importation of inert material for restoration of quarry voids.</p> <p>It was resolved to comment that that any restoration to the quarry voids and land in this area should be completed on an acre by acre basis and not left until the end of the period of operation. Operation would then be in line with the existing planning permission for this site.</p> <p>15/00439/FUL Rixford Manor, Ideford – Application by Mr Toghill & Miss Barton</p> <p>Two storey extension to the rear, additional window to the front elevation with gable roof feature over and two additional roof lights to first floor level</p> <p>With one abstention from the vote, Councillors unanimously agreed to support this application.</p>

032/15	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</p> <p>Balance of Accounts as at 28 Feb 15</p> <p>Parish Current Account £6004.72</p> <p>Cheques uncashed £ 86.00</p> <p>BAC Authorisation or Cheques for signature £ 901.54</p> <p>Remaining Cash at Bank £5017.18</p> <p>Councillors approved the monthly bank reconciliation and agreed that it could be signed.</p> <p>Cheques for Payment and BACS Authorisations were proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Hill and agreed unanimously</p> <table> <tr> <td>Mrs Ashley Lamb – Parish Clerk Salary & Mileage 1 Oct 14 to 31 Mar 15</td> <td>Cheque</td> <td>000451</td> <td>£700.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post Office Limited – Parish Clerk PAYE Payment</td> <td>Cheque</td> <td>000452</td> <td>£ 28.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ABS Design & Print – Community Led Plan Questionnaire Printing Cost</td> <td>Cheque</td> <td>000453</td> <td>£ 97.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall Hire – Sep 14 to Mar 15</td> <td>BACS</td> <td></td> <td>£ 75.00</td> </tr> </table>	Mrs Ashley Lamb – Parish Clerk Salary & Mileage 1 Oct 14 to 31 Mar 15	Cheque	000451	£700.34	Post Office Limited – Parish Clerk PAYE Payment	Cheque	000452	£ 28.40	ABS Design & Print – Community Led Plan Questionnaire Printing Cost	Cheque	000453	£ 97.80	Village Hall Hire – Sep 14 to Mar 15	BACS		£ 75.00
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033/15	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Ideford Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 1 April 2015 at 6.30pm</p> <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday, 15 April 2015 at 6.30pm</p>																

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1930

Signed: *Angie Carter-Woodwark*

Dated: **1 Apr 15**

Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark