

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 4 November 2015

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| Present: | Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Anthony French Cllr Helen Bellamy Cllr David Fox Cllr Liz Hill Cllr Tom Hill (arrived at 1900) Cllr Derrick White | Chairman Vice Chairman |
| In Attendance | Cllr Beryl Austen Cllr Mike Walters PCSO Colin Rider Mrs Ashley Lamb 3 Members of the Public | District Councillor District Councillor Police Community Support Officer Parish Clerk |

| Item (a) | Discussion and Decisions (b) |
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| 103/15 | <p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1830 and apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tony Dempster and Cllr Tom Hill. Reasons for absence were accepted.</p> |
| 104/15 | <p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the 7 Oct 15 meeting be signed as a true and accurate record.</p> |
| 105/15 | <p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>Cllr Carter-Woodwark declared her membership of the Village Hall Committee and Cllr French declared his membership of the Millennium Green Committee both of which would be discussed during agenda item 107.4.</p> |
| 106/15 | <p>REPORTS</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen</p> <p>In my last Report I mentioned that discussions were taking place to develop a devolution deal for the Heart of the South West. As time has progressed the Leaders and Chief Executives across Devon and Somerset have met on two occasions to look at devolution possibilities. An expression of interest was sent to the Government in September and it has been invited to submit a detailed bid by 18 December. Cornwall has submitted its independent proposals but Devon has never shown an interest in joining with Cornwall.</p> <p>Phones have been ringing this week because of a Planning Application where it was proposed to build a stable with the normal activities that are consequential from that use within 40 metres of a residential property. The application was granted despite an objection from the Environment Agency to the possibility of air pollution and smells. I have always found it a bit unsatisfactory to allow an applicant to appeal when an application is refused but not to give the same opportunity to an objector when it is allowed despite potential serious consequences to others and authoritative objections.</p> <p>I read with interest your Ideford Parish Plan and found it a good source of information about the Parish and was impressed by the Community led element of the Plan. The Parish history dates back to the 11th Century. It was also interesting to note that many of the concerns and hopes expressed in consultations for the future were the same in 1992 as now, though concerns about Broadband and signal problems were not so relevant then. I wish you well with the implementation of your Parish Plan.</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Mike Walters</p> <p>Primary School on the Newcross site.</p> <p>The EFA is still processing the final agreement on the development of the primary school. According to the officer from the Agency the matter is now in the hands of the lawyers and therefore we are close to a settlement. I am constantly reminding the EFA that time is not on our side and that agreement is now becoming imperative to ensure the building programme is kept to within the final date for completion.</p> <p>Visit of the Prime Minister</p> <p>The PM made a visit to TDC on 15th October to view the housing development on Penns Mount. The visit was kept a confidential matter and was not made public much to the chagrin of certain members of TDC. The Executive Committee was invited to meet the PM and as I had been on the Executive during the period of the development of the Local Plan I was given an invite to attend. The visit was made with very short notice for security reasons. The PM wished to congratulate TDC for its efforts in providing housing beyond that of its target of 300 homes in the last year. This compared with the fact that although 82% of Councils had published Local Plans only 65% have fully adopted them.</p> |

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| | <p>He held TDC up as an example to councils of the requirement to produce more homes in order to meet the needs of local people. The National Planning Policy Framework states that councils are required to produce an annual trajectory of the number of houses they intend to build over the next 15 years.</p> <p>The PM spent a great deal of his time visiting the Linden Homes site and speaking to the workers on the building site. He concluded his visit by meeting the members of the Executive before leaving the area.</p> <p>A new government website was launched on Monday www.ownyourhome.gov.uk which describes the range of options to make home ownership more affordable for first time buyers. I note that although the visit was veiled in confidentiality ITV and BBC TV were present as were members of the local press.</p> <p>Free car parking on Sundays Free Sunday off-street parking over the winter months is to be continued in Teignbridge.</p> <p>Shared ICT Service with Strata. The partnership with Exeter City Council and East Devon DC continues and is celebrating its first anniversary this November. Strata won £970,000 in government funding to support the councils ambitions to reduce costs, improve services, giving a secure backup process, thereby reducing the level of risk in running the ever increasingly complex system and has transformed the way they work.</p> <p>The Chairman suspended standing orders to give Parishioners the opportunity to direct any questions to the District Councillors. As a member of the District Council Planning Committee Cllr Austen was asked if it would be possible to provide an update on the status of Planning Appeal APP/P1133/W/15/3030427 (TDC 15/00024/REF) relating to Higher Colleybrook Farm that was started on 19 Jun 15. It was believed that a site visit had been planned for 10 Nov 15. Cllr Austen committed to investigate the current status of the appeal and report back to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Standing orders were reinstated and Cllr Austen & Cllr Walters left the meeting at 1840</p> <p>Police Community Support Officer Report IDEFORD POLICE LOGS for the PERIOD 7 Oct 15 to 03 Nov 15 Incidents on the A380 3 incidents of broken down vehicles causing problems. Report of plastic in the road. Report of male in dark clothing walking in the road. Report of a vehicle on fire.</p> <p>Other incidents Concern for the welfare of a resident requiring police attention. Nuisance anti-social behaviour report following dispute.</p> <p>IDEFORD CRIMES for the PERIOD 7 Oct 15 to 03 Nov 15 Common assault. Later made a no-crime following agreement between parties. Theft from a motor vehicle (at Ideford Combe) - vehicle entered and garden equipment stolen. Criminal damage to car window - No attempt to enter vehicle through broken window, so possibly an accident.</p> <p>The Chairman suspended standing orders to give the opportunity to direct any questions to PCSO Rider. A Parishioner raised a concern about the exceedingly loud bad language and arguing that could often be heard emanating from land adjacent to the Millennium Green. It was resolved that the Chairman would speak to PCSO Rider regarding this area of Ideford and a possible connection to issue for discussion at item 107.6/15.</p> <p>Standing orders were reinstated and PCSO Rider left the meeting at 1845</p> |
| 107/15 | <p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>107.1 To discuss update on actions and matters arising from meeting held on 7 Oct Councillors received an update on the actions from the meeting that was held on 7 Oct 15. The majority of actions are now complete. It was resolved that Cllr French would arrange to prune the Glebe Land Tree that is currently obscuring the Streetlight, would place the new Parish Map on the main notice board and provide a quote for the new 6 x 3 ft Bus Shelter Notice board as soon as possible. It was further resolved that the quotation and work to maintain and refurbish the Parish Benches would be deferred until next year and all work carried out when the weather was drier. For budgeting purposes Cllr French commented that work could cost in the region of £600.</p> <p>107.2 To discuss progress and next steps of Superfast Broadband A formal request from the Parish Council to commence the initial survey to inform a potential gap funded solution to provide Superfast Broadband to properties covered by Chudleigh 3 (138 in Ideford and 9 in Olchard) has now been submitted to BT. A ball park figure should be available in 3 – 4 weeks prior to the commencement of a full solution survey that would take 3 to 4 months to complete. On receipt of the initial costings, several funding options would be considered.</p> |

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| | <p>107.3 - To provide update and lessons learned following Parish Tidy Up Day</p> <p>Cllr Liz Hill thanked everyone that was involved on the Parish Tidy Up Day that was held on 31 Oct 15. 20 volunteers collected many bags of rubbish from central Ideford, Olchard and Ideford Combe. A suggestion had been made that the Parish start a scheme for people to adopt a piece of land or road outside their house which they commit to keep clear of rubbish and weeds.</p> <p>It was resolved that the tidy up day should be an annual event and the adoption idea is aligned to the comments of the Parish Plan and publicised in the Newsletter. It was further resolved that Cllr Hill send a photograph and written paragraph about the event to the local newspaper. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hill for her hard work and coordination of this event.</p> <p>107.4 - To discuss the first draft of the Budget for 2016/2017 (Cllr Tom Hill joined the meeting at 1900)</p> <p>Councillors discussed the first draft of the budget for 2016/17 that was circulated on 19 Oct 15. The Council has yet to receive the proposed annual precept information and estimates of council tax support (CTS) grant from Teignbridge District Council so the figures from 15/16 had been used. Councillors discussed the budget line by line and the following additions or comments on the draft were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The increase in the Salary line was noted following the increase in Clerks hours from 3 to 4 hours per week. • It was unanimously agreed that the funding for the Parish Website remain at £200 to allow for hosting and additional work by the Webmaster to ensure compliance with the Transparency Regulations. • It was agreed unanimously that the contribution to the Millennium Green insurance remain at £540 to cover the insurance for the Play Equipment element of the total cost. • Following a written request from the Village Hall Committee for support with annual insurance costs it was proposed to consider the affordability of a contribution of £200. Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Tom Hill and agreed unanimously. • Cllr French commented that maintenance work to Parish Assets could cost in the region of £600. It was unanimously agreed that this should be reflected in the revised draft for 16/17. <p>It was resolved that all comments and amendments be included in a revised draft document that would be considered for ratification at the next Parish Council Meeting (2 Dec 15).</p> <p>107.5 - To discuss, endorse and adopt the Ideford Parish Plan</p> <p>Councillors discussed the Draft Community Led Plan and thanks were given to the Steering Group Members and many volunteers who had been involved in the process that started in early 2014. It was proposed that if adopted the actions are taken forward by the Council or appropriate community working groups. It was further proposed that progress against the action plan should be reviewed at appropriate interval throughout the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed and resolved that the Plan be adopted and distributed to all properties within the Parish. • It was resolved that the 170 gsm quote from ABS Printing be accepted and that the Clerk should provide A4 envelopes and associated labels for distribution. • It was resolved to transfer the Election Budget underspend of £551.80 to the Stationery and Admin Line of the 15/16 Budget to allow for printing and any remaining FY expenditure. <p>107.6 - To discuss concerns raised by Parishioners</p> <p>School Bus Pick Up and Drop Off</p> <p>After an initial trial of alternate pick up location, collection has reverted to the original place. Cars are still insisting on squeezing passed the bus when it is in Fore Street. It was resolved that yet another note is placed in the Parish Newsletter regarding the safety of the children and that the situation is monitored.</p> <p>Report of Path 21 Overgrowth & Nettles</p> <p>It was resolved that the P3 Co-ordinator look at this area with a view to clearing the overgrowth.</p> <p>Concern regarding use of land at Lower Colleybrook</p> <p>The Chairman has already spoken with the Teignbridge District Council Planning and Enforcement Department about the appearance of additional cars and a caravan.</p> |
| 108/15 | <p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended</p> <p>A Parishioner commented that on 31 Oct 15 the Broadband and Telephone lines from Chudleigh to Ideford had been shot and damaged. Service to several properties had been unavailable for 3 days while the damage was repaired. It was resolved that the Clerk write to The Clifford Estate to ask for their assistance in preventing any further recurrence of this issue.</p> <p>Standing Orders were re-instated</p> |

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| 109/15 | PLANNING - No Applications or Decision Notices had been received. |
| 110/15 | <p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</p> <p>Balance of Accounts as at 31 Oct 15</p> <p>Parish Current Account £7985.61</p> <p>Request for BACS Authorisation £623.00</p> <p>Remaining Cash at Bank £7362.61</p> <p>It was resolved that the monthly bank reconciliation for October was a true and accurate record of the accounts and should be signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed and resolved that the following payments could be made via BACS transfer:</p> <p>£48.00 Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) DALC AGM (Clerk & Chairman)</p> <p>£540 Millennium Green Committee Contribution to Insurance Costs (Play Equipment)</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed and resolved that the following payments could be made by Direct Debit:</p> <p>£35 Information Commissioners Office Annual Subscription</p> <p>It was resolved that a maximum of £25 could be spent towards the refreshments for the Nostalgia and Sharing Event that will take place in the Village Hall on 14 Nov 15.</p> <p>It was resolved that in the absence of the Chairman on annual holiday, Cllr White would lay the Parish Council Wreath at the Remembrance Service on Sunday, 8 Nov 15.</p> |
| 111/15 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monthly Meeting of Ideford Parish Council, Wednesday 2 December 2015 at 6.30pm |

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2015

Signed:

Angie Carter-Woodwark

Dated:

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