

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 5 November 2014

Present:	Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Anthony French Cllr Julian Hull Cllr Dominic Morby Cllr Barry Smith Cllr Derrick White	Chairman Vice Chairman
In Attendance	Cllr Tony Dempster Cllr Beryl Austen Cllr Mike Walters Mrs Ashley Lamb 7 Members of the Public	County Councillor District Councillor District Councillor Parish Clerk

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
123/14	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1830 and apologies for absence were received from PCSO Colin Rider and Cllr Tom Hill.</p>
124/14	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 Oct 14 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
125/14	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
126/14	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillor – Tony Dempster</p> <p>A Local Government Association Peer Review to provide an independent assessment of safeguarding services and to look at child protection arrangements in the council and across their partnerships took place during 13-17 Oct 14. The review was arranged to give an assessment of progress made and areas for improvement. The review team was really impressed by the commitment, energy and enthusiasm of staff and managers. There has been good performance improvement since the last Ofsted Inspection. To provide clear guidance on the next steps required, a plan of actions has been developed to address the areas identified for improvement ahead of any future Ofsted inspection.</p> <p>Devon County Council is now set to ask for 10 communities to come forward and act as pathfinders to establish new ways of working with Devon Library Service. Plans for a new operating model for the entire library service are currently being considered. This could include converting to a mutual society or trust as a way of saving money and generating more income. The closing date for applications is 1 Dec 14.</p> <p>Kingsteignton Library will be getting a new storage shed and the new patio has been well received.</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen</p> <p>East Devon, Exeter and Teignbridge Authorities have formed a company, Strata Service Solutions Ltd that was incorporated as a private company limited by shares on 15 May 2014. The object of the Company is to set up an in house mutual trading local authority to assist in the provision and management of Information Communications Technology (ICT provision). The intention is to operate a proficient and cost effective system of ICT for each authority through co-operation and cost sharing. A business plan will be agreed and the service provision started on 1 November.</p> <p>The Planning application for access for the building of 80 additional houses at Penns Mount was refused by the Committee. The reason was the already serious traffic problems affecting Kingsteignton at the Ware Cross Roundabout and beyond to Tesco's and the addition of another exit onto an already congested road. The developer may decide to appeal but it was recommended that they find a more co-operative arrangement with the neighbouring developer to lessen the impact on Vicarage Hill.</p> <p>Negotiations have progressed with Devon County Council with regard to the termination of the Agreement signed in 2007 for County to run the Youth Service until 2017. A financial settlement has been agreed and the Trustees now await the official documentation to hand the Centre back to them with the agreed payment.</p>

It was hoped that the Centre could reopen before Christmas but County are not acting with the expedition requested and the Trustees will do their best to re-open the Centre as soon as practicable. The building has been handed over with no staff, no volunteers and no programme. Disappointedly, although the Centre in 2007 had bookings bringing in a total of £15,000 per annum, it now has no bookings. It will be appreciated, therefore, that it will be like starting the whole venture all over again. Since the Youth Centre Trust has been in operation since 1968, having been run for two years previously in the Church Hall, and has been run successfully for almost 50 years by the Trustees this is well within the abilities of the Trust which is keen to get the Youth Club running again on a sustainable basis.

District Councillor – Cllr Mike Walters

STRATA

It has been announced that the role of Chief Operating Officer of Strata Service Solutions Ltd has been offered to Chris Powell, who was standing in as a temporary role, until interviews were conducted. This was a rigorous and demanding external selection process and the panel's decision was entirely unanimous

The Strata Board agreed last night, at the Go/No Go meeting that we will recommend that we are ready to Go Live on 1 November. Also time was spent on going through the final draft of the legal docs, making final adjustments as deemed necessary.

Kingsteignton Library

At the Friends AGM on Saturday the 25th October and new committee was selected. Chairman is Elizabeth Thomson with Treasurer/ Vice Chairman, Miriam Perrin. The meeting was well attended. The promised Bingo session took place on the Saturday evening in the Community Centre and over twenty people attended. It was an enjoyable evening with a raffle and many prizes. The next Bingo evening will be in November and it is hoped that more people will come to make it a more viable event, which can then continue in the New Year.

Penns Mount

At the last Planning meeting in TDC the Codex application outline permission and access to the site was refused by the committee by a narrow margin of one vote. I was able to speak as dispensation had been granted to me as a non-member of the committee. The town Council representatives spoke well and I believe assisted in getting the vote. It remains to be seen as to what further developments, if any, take place.

Waste and Cleansing Services

Recommendations were made at the Executive in respect of Tenders for the Contract Hire and maintenance arrangements of the new Waste and Cleansing Fleet.

B3193

The B3193 opened on Monday 3rd November. The name selected from the many entries came from a pupil of St Michael's School and will be known as "Clay Pit Way". The MP, Anne Marie Morris, and the pupil from the school cut the tape.

Bin and Recycling Changes

From summer 2015 Teignbridge is changing its waste and recycling service so that it can collect even more recycling and food waste from your homes every week.

There will be a phased arrival of the new fleet of vehicles in April 2015, and it is anticipated that the system phase 1 roll out will take place in July 2015.

Tracy Key of Teignbridge is prepared to visit Kingsteignton and give a presentation to the community on the proposed new system. I suggest the Town Clerk makes contact should the idea be acceptable and to liaise with Ideford of the details of the presentation. The next issue of "Connect" will also include details of the scheme in its publication. "Connect" will be delivered to all residences in the town.

Standing Orders were suspended to give members of the public an opportunity to ask the County and District Councillors' any questions - no questions were asked.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Dempster for his help in providing the funding to procure a hand rail for an elderly parishioner.

Cllr Tony Dempster, Cllr Beryl Austen and Cllr Mike Walters left the meeting at 1845

	<p>Police Community Support Officer Report – Read by the Parish Clerk</p> <p>IDEFORD POLICE LOGS for the PERIOD 01/10/14 to 02/11/14</p> <p>Concern for welfare. Elderly male found wandering on Hestow Road and had become tired & confused. Police brought his wife and they went home.</p> <p>A380 Road Logs</p> <p>5 broken down vehicles causing problems during the period.</p> <p>Single vehicle left the road and ended up in the wooded area.</p> <p>Scooter rider reported for carrying a large board.</p> <p>Driver stopped for being under the influence of alcohol.</p> <p>Report of a pallet in the carriageway.</p> <p>Report of bales in the carriageway.</p> <p>Report of timber in the carriageway.</p> <p>IDEFORD CRIMES for the PERIOD 01/10/14 to 02/11/14</p> <p>None</p>
127/14	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Electoral Fund Grant Applications</p> <p>Potential ideas for funding include: a swing for the Millennium Green, new chairs for the Village Hall and maintenance work on the village benches (or possibly just those on the Millennium Green). Councillors agreed to consider all options for funding at the meeting on 3 Dec 14.</p> <p>Update on Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal Application</p> <p>The application has been submitted and receipt acknowledged by Vodafone.</p>
128/14	<p>MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN</p> <p>Village Celebration Event</p> <p>The Chairman spoke of the hope of holding a “Village Tea Party” on a Sunday afternoon in the New Year to celebrate the 100th Birthday of a Parishioner. Further details of the event and requests for assistance would be sent out in due course. It was also hoped that the event would raise some money for MacMillan Cancer Support.</p>
129/14	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>Community Led Plan Update following 11 Oct 14 Workshop and 29 Oct 14 Meeting</p> <p>A workshop/open event was held on Saturday, 11 Oct 14 that was attended by members of the Steering Group and a few parishioners. The aim of the workshop was to look at all the points raised at a previous open day and to start to formulate potential questions that could be included in the questionnaire that will be delivered to all households in the New Year.</p> <p>All the information gathered was then considered by the Steering Group at their meeting on 29 Oct 14. Group members are currently working on selecting or writing potential questions for inclusion in the final document that would eventually be distributed to all household in the Parish.</p> <p>All Community Led Plan Meetings are open to the public and details of the date and agenda are posted on the Parish Noticeboards.</p> <p>Highways Services Budget Consultation</p> <p>Councillors considered Devon County Council (DCC) Budget Review and the possible impact and reduction of staff & services provided on gritting and snow clearing fleet & routes, provision and refilling of grit for bins, closure of Picnic Sites, reduction in grass cutting and weed treatment, remodelling of Parish Lengths man service and overall DCC Highways Department staff reduction. Councillors comments on the proposals should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 28 Nov 14 to inform a consolidated Parish response.</p> <p>Waste Management Budget Review</p> <p>Councillors considered the Teignbridge District Council Budget Review to reduce costs and potentially charge additional fees for disposing of certain “DIY” waste products at local recycling centres. Councillors comments on the proposals should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 14 Nov 14 to inform a consolidated Parish response.</p> <p>Road Signage & Street Lighting</p> <p>Concerns had been raised relating to exit speed of vehicles from A380 onto B3195 at Eagle Farm Junction and lack of Horse & Rider awareness or warning signage. Following discussion with DCC Highway Authority and Area South Highway Management it is with regret that additional signage and speed reduction will not be possible. The DCC reasons for this response have been relayed to the Parishioner concerned.</p>

	DCC contacted the Clerk following a complaint about a street light in Fore Street being obstructed by tree branches. Details of the Land Agent for the Diocese of Exeter have been provided and DCC will now liaise with them to clear the vegetation from around the light.						
130/14	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended</p> <p>A member of the public commented that several of the drains in Olchard appear to be blocked. The Clerk will liaise with the individual to ensure that all blockages are reported for rectification.</p> <p>Having listened to the discussion about potential Highways Services cutbacks, concern was raised about the potential removal of the grit box filling. The Parish Council will ensure that these concerns are raised when submitting their response.</p> <p>Standing Orders were re-instated</p>						
131/14	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Application:14/02685/LBC - Underhays, Olchard, Sandygate, Devon, TQ12 3GX - Mr J Baker Installation of flue on south elevation, partition walling at first floor Mr Baker was in attendance at the meeting and the application was unanimously supported.</p> <p>Refused - Decision Notice: 14/02455/VAR – OLCHARD - Watery Lane Cottage, TQ12 3GX - Alan Tolley Removal of conditions 4, 5, & 6 of 2009/02787/COU to allow full residential use</p> <p>Approved - Decision Notice: 14/02510/FUL – IDEFORD – Plot 2, Higher Colleybrook Farm – Mr I Williams Agricultural Store</p> <p>Approved - Decision Notice: 14/01513/FUL - IDEFORD - Land off Church Road, Ideford – Mr T Sharland Demolition of existing garage/store and erection of new two storey garage/workshop/store amended to Demolition of existing garage/store and erection of new agricultural storage building.</p>						
132/14	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE – Covered by the Chairman from notes provided.</p> <p>Balance of Accounts as at 31 Oct 14</p> <table> <tr> <td>Parish Current Account</td> <td>£7391.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Uncashed Cheques</td> <td>£ 80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining Cash at Bank</td> <td>£7311.36</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cheques for Payment Proposed: Cllr French Seconded: Cllr White Agreed: Unanimously</p> <p>DALC Training Course – Society of Local Council Clerks Cheque 000443 £30.00</p> <p>Grant & Funding Update</p> <p>During the Financial Year the Parish has been pursuing and trying to find funding for various projects within the community. To date nearly £10,500 had been sourced and granted and would be used towards projects such as: new wall heaters at St Mary's Church, to provide hedge cutting and associated safety equipment for the Millennium Green and to contribute towards a major upgrade of the Village Hall facilities. Cllr French proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for her help in completing all the funding applications.</p> <p>Should any club or committee require additional funding for a project they should contact a Councillor or the Parish Clerk for assistance or to discuss their requirements.</p>	Parish Current Account	£7391.36	Uncashed Cheques	£ 80.00	Remaining Cash at Bank	£7311.36
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133/14	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Ideford Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 3 December 2014 at 6.30pm						
	The Chairman thanked members of the public for their attendance and explained that the Council would remain to hold a Part II (Private) meeting.						

The Chairman closed the meeting to members of the public at 1920

Signed: Angie Carter-Woodwark

Dated: 3 Dec 14

Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark