

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 7 May 2014

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	PCSO Colin Rider Ashley Lamb David Aylmore Ann Rigby-Jones Sue Harvey 18 Members of the Public	Police Community Support Officer Parish Clerk Community Led Plan Committee & P3 Coordinator Ideford Parish Charities & Ideford Bell Ringers Parochial Church Council

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
036/14	<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, Cllr Mike Walters, Tony Sharland, Enid Vooght and Terry Dore.</p>
037/14	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the 8 May 2013 meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Derrick White</p> <p>Seconded by: Cllr Barry Smith</p>
038/14	<p>REPORT – CHAIRMAN OF IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL.</p> <p>Our Parish continues to evolve and this year we have seen some interesting developments in the future shaping of our community.</p> <p>The Parish Council has work hard to reflect the views of everyone who lives and works here. In November 2013, our Clerk Karen Gardin left us for urgent family reasons and we held a small reception and presentation to thank her for all her hard work on our behalf. It is no easy task for someone to step into a job that takes more time than the actual payment reflects. However, after advertisement and interviews, we welcomed our new Clerk, Ashley Lamb to work with us. Ashley has already shown great commitment to the job and her efficiency and enthusiasm is obvious to everyone in and out of Council. Thank you Ashley, we look forward to the future with you. In December, Councillor Gaskell resigned, leaving a space on the Council for co-option. In April of this year, a new Councillor, Mr Julian Hull was appointed. Julian lives in Ideford Combe and both his Father and Grandfather have served on the Council. We hope that his enthusiasm and forward thinking will serve the Council well as we work together.</p> <p>We are fortunate to have the help and support of our Teignbridge Councillors, Beryl Austen and Mike Walters at almost every meeting. They are always available for advice and take on board Parishioners concerns, reporting back to Council meetings promptly. Thank you both for the efforts you make on our behalf. Unfortunately, our new Devon Councillor, Tony Dempster has only attended one meeting since taking office, I realise that we are a small Parish, however, we do appreciate our DCC Councillor's input and there are many important questions to be asked and reported on.</p> <p>I would also like to thank our PCSO Colin Rider and his team for all their support in our Parish. Thank you Colin for all the unseen visits you make to our more vulnerable parishioners, listening to their concerns and giving help when needed – I'm thinking in particular of one property that you made safe and secure while the owner was away for many weeks recovering from an accident and for looking after and then returning a television – they were delighted. Your presence is most reassuring. Colin holds a regular surgery in Ideford and we would urge people to use it.</p> <p>Although not a Councillor, David Aylmore continues to report and look after our Parish Paths and was instrumental in accessing funding for major works in Watery Lane.</p>

	<p>In October 2013, heavy machinery was brought in and extensive repairs carried out. The repairs had been on a list for around two years, but a call to David from DCC informed him that a slot was available and work started. As we had money in our P3 account, we made a goodwill gesture of £400 towards these expensive works. Thank you David for all your knowledge, expertise and time consuming work in the Parish.</p> <p>Our Parish Website is evolving and we would like to pass on our thanks to Lesley Brown for managing it; the Parish news and Council minutes are available for everyone. We would encourage more people to contribute to it with interesting news, memories and events to share. Please get in touch with Lesley; she will be very happy to receive contributions.</p> <p>A total of eight planning applications have been received and discussed to date, some straightforward, while others were not. We discuss every one in detail. Sometimes it is necessary to raise objections and site visits are carried out. If an application is contentious, then we push for a Cat B, together with support from our District Councillors. This involves a meeting of the full Teignbridge Council and a vote is taken. I spoke at two of these meetings, presenting the views of the Council and Parishioners and was accompanied by Councillors Smith and White.</p> <p>On 22 Jun 13, an Open Day, incorporating a proposed Parish/Neighbourhood Plan and Affordable Housing was held in the Village Hall. It was very well attended; Teignbridge provided posters, maps etc. and many post it notes were gathered containing interesting ideas for the future of our Parish. At the end of November, the first informal meeting of Parishioners was held to discuss the outline and way ahead. The Group decided to try and co-opt further members to make a steering committee viable and so flyers were distributed in November 2013. On 8 Jan 14 and 14 Jan 14 meetings were held and a way forward decided. The Parish Council is represented by Councillors White & French. It was decided to proceed with a neighbourhood/Parish Plan. David Aylmore was elected as Chairman. A constitution has been adopted, Cllr Derrick White is Secretary and co-ordinators have been appointed. The Parish Council has been asked to deal with any income and expenditure that might be incurred in producing the plan. These are indeed interesting times for our Parish, and this gives everyone an opportunity to become involved in the future of a community we seek to preserve and develop in a meaningful and relevant way. The dedicated Community Plan Facebook page is now up and running and a separate page on the Parish Website is being developed. Look out for the comment slips in the Parish Newsletters and reply boxes have been placed around the Parish (Village Hall, Pub and entrance to St Mary's Church).</p> <p>An Elector Fund Grant application was submitted, via the Council on 17 Mar 14 towards the cost of new tables for the Village Hall. We believe that this has been successful and are awaiting written confirmation.</p> <p>I apologise for the length of my report but as you can tell, this has been a very busy year for all of us. In conclusion I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support, advice and contributions to the business discussed each month. Last, but certainly not least our thanks to you, parishioners for your attendance at our meetings, your contributions, comments and wise words make our work relevant and enjoyable. Thank you.</p>
<p>039/14-a</p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillor – Cllr Tony Dempster</p> <p>No acknowledgement of invitation to attend or report received.</p>
<p>039/14-b</p>	<p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen</p> <p>The past year has been challenging for Teignbridge with the cuts in Government Grants having to be addressed. Subsequently the Council had no option but to look at possible savings.</p> <p>The Inspector has approved the Local Plan for Teignbridge for the next 20 or so years and the changes affecting our neighbourhood relate to the removal of the industrial and park and ride proposal on the Kingsteignton dual carriage roundabout and the removal of the leisure space from the housing at Penns Mount.</p> <p>Teignbridge was one of the pilot Councils when the first waste disposal policies were introduced and it is now necessary to reconsider the system of waste due to changes which have taken place including the increase to 58,000 houses. The waste collection vehicles have all to be replaced and the Council are looking at new proposals to maximise recycling and separate garden waste from cardboard, which has become a problem because of the large volume of internet shopping and has resulted in an imbalance in the quality of compost. In June 2015 a new plan will be launched to deal with these matters.</p> <p>The year for Ideford in Planning terms has not been always as your Parish Council would wish. Some of the planning applications which you opposed have been granted and there have been concerns about sporadic development of stables and temporary buildings as well as changes from holiday accommodation to permanent dwellings. I join you in doing all we can to protect our countryside environment.</p>

After some 25 years of continuous effort it has been satisfying to see the development of the new road from Penn Inn to Torquay.

The provision of a new educational facility in Newton Abbot for the benefit of all our young people is also welcome.

The Chief Executive and the Corporate Leadership Team are in the process of shaping a set of values and a vision, involving staff, to agree behaviours and shape their approach to the way they go about their work all focused on delivering the services and priorities that the Council set. They see the Council as steering the boat and the staff as rowing! Teignbridge now enters the last year of this Local Government Term and there is still much to achieve.

039/14-c District Councillor – Cllr Mike Walters

It has been, as ever, a pleasure to have been of service to Ideford Parish Council and I wish every success in the ensuing year.

The past year seems to have gone “in a flash”. Much has been achieved in TDC with the holding of Council Tax at a nil increase. The Local Plan is considered fit for adoption subject to it being agreed at TDC Full Council. Housing has been achieving its target of 630 new build in the past year. Planning applications and the acquisition of estate (from TDC) seem to be successful. The floods, particularly those in Dawlish with the disruption of the train service, has proved a mammoth task in reparation, but achieved.

Communications with the two District Councillors for Ideford being kept at a high level and worthy of mention.

The downside has been the loss of the County seat by Mike through a protest vote to UKIP. The replacement has been a loss to the village, inasmuch as representation and knowledge of the manifestations of local government are so new to the incumbent that not a great deal has been achieved.

Potholes continue to be a problem with the roads leading into and out of the village (a DCC matter).

The decision to change the refuse collection system and to introduce charges for the collection of garden waste still is debatable and has yet to be concluded. The new system will improve the returns on recycling and also that of collections of kitchen waste to be on a weekly basis, still has to be considered advantageous to the general public.

CCTV in Newton Abbot has been resolved with the system being taken over by the Town Council and a subsidiary group.

039/14-d Devon & Cornwall Constabulary - Police Community Support Officer Colin Rider

IDEFORD VILLAGE CRIME FIGURES CHART

Including surrounding areas: Olchard, Ideford Combe, Hestow, Higher Sandygate, and Sandygate.

CRIME TYPE	01/05/12 to 30/04/13	01/05/13 to 30/04/14	VARIATION
Harassment, alarm or distress	1	1	Static
Common assault & battery (& ABH)	3	5	2 increase
Malicious communication	0	0	Static
Burglary	2	1	1 down
Theft of motor vehicle	1	0	1 down
Damage to or theft from motor vehicle or vehicle interference	3	7	4 increase
Criminal damage to property etc.	1	0	1 down
Marine crime	0	0	Static
Shoplifting	0	0	Static
Drink/drive	0	0	Static
Drug possession/production	3	0	3 down
False rep. or cheque/card fraud	1	0	1 down
Money laundering	0	0	Static
Going equipped for theft	0	0	Static
General theft	2	2	Static
Cruelty to animals	0	0	Static
Dog attacks to person/animal	2	4	2 increase
TOTAL overall	19	20	1 UP

Crime figure comparison for the last 2 years

What is a Community Led Parish Plan? – Basically it is a process, first developed in the late 1970's whereby people can come together, research local needs and expectations and put together a plan of action for improving their community. To date over 4,000 communities have undertaken the process.

The principles are that the Plan is owned, managed and led by the Community. Everyone should have an opportunity to get involved and have their say. Any agreed actions are based on evidence, and address a range of different issues that are important to the community.

The benefits are that the community will grow stronger and be more cohesive. We, as a Parish, will become more resilient and better able to take actions to meet our own needs. The Parish will be better prepared to take advantage of any new government policies and will be more able to get its voice heard.

The process to produce a Parish Plan for Ideford started in June 2013 when an open meeting was held to canvas opinion from Parishioners. The interest shown at this time led to further meetings over the winter and on the 8th Jan 2014, some 27 Parishioners confirmed their willingness to help with the production of a Parish Plan. A further meeting was held on the 22nd Jan at which a presentation was given by Martin Rich of the Community Council for Devon and this organisation also provided a very comprehensive "Toolkit" to guide the process.

A steering group of 9 Parishioners was formed and at their first meeting on the 6th Feb, a formal constitution was adopted and officers were appointed. Two further meetings have been held and we are progressing well.

A draft overall timetable has been agreed. The aim is to get the initial consultation process completed by mid-September 2014 and to collate responses by mid-November with a view to sending out the main questionnaire to all properties in the Parish in Jan 2015. A draft Parish Plan will follow and this will be widely circulated and consulted upon before the final document is published later in 2015.

Depending on the final content of the plan, various actions will undoubtedly follow, needing further involvement of Parishioners and organisations.

I would like to record my thanks and appreciation to those Parishioners who have volunteered to assist with the Parish Plan and in particular to the members of the Steering Group. The initial phase of the process has, certainly for me at least, been a quite steep learning curve. However, it is clear to us all that this process will provide a unique opportunity for everyone to have a hand in the future of our Parish.

At this stage, I would like to emphasise that no decisions have been made about what will or will not be included in the Plan. The information gathering process has only just begun, and whilst the comments and suggestions made at the initial meeting way back on the 22nd June 2013 will all be collated, they will be considered alongside any other information which is forthcoming over the next few months. So I would like to take this opportunity of giving an open invitation to all Parishioners to make their feelings known by whichever of the methods agreed by the Steering Group suits them best:-

1. A dedicated section of the Parish Website has been set up for the Parish Plan. Minutes of the Steering Group meetings will shortly be added, and there is a dedicated e-mail address for comments to be sent in.
2. An update on the progress of the plan is included in each month's Newsletter and starting in May, a tear off slip has been included for hand written comments. These slips can be handed to members of the Steering Group or left in collection boxes which have now been set up in the Village Hall, Church and Pub.
3. A Facebook page has been set up as another way of communicating details of the Parish Plan and inviting comment or suggestions.
4. Questionnaires will shortly be circulated to all businesses and activity groups in the Parish, seeking information to enable us to build a picture of what may or may not be required by them in the future.
5. All agencies and utility providers who serve the Parish will be contacted to seek information about the level of their involvement so that this detail can also be included in the formation of the Parish Plan.
6. It is hoped to have a presence at many of the Parish events this summer. This will give another opportunity for Parishioners to engage with the Plan and to add their comments or suggestions.

Hopefully, there will be something here to suit everyone, but in the end there is also personal contact and I am sure that any of the members of the Steering Group will be willing to have a chat with you about the Parish Plan.

Please don't sit back and wait in the hope that someone else says what you are thinking – get in touch and say it yourself.

039/14-f	<p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Coordinator – David Aylmore</p> <p>During the year, I have walked the parish paths as often as possible, clearing undergrowth and fallen trees and replacing path markers as and when required.</p> <p>A full annual survey of all the paths was carried out in Jan/Feb with the findings reported to the Devon C.C. Rights Of Way Officer.</p> <p>I am not aware of any major problems on the paths at the present time. One sign is still missing from the path near Larcombe Bridge and I am in touch with Devon CC to try to get this replaced. A “kissing Gate” was taken from the end of the path leading onto the main A380 and this has also been notified to Devon CC for their action.</p> <p>The major repair work carried out last year to Watery Lane has proved to be highly successful with no major erosion of the surface being experienced during the heavy winter rain. Some minor work to the surface drainage at the Olchard end of the path will be required in due course.</p> <p>I am always interested to hear from anyone in the Parish with suggestions or comments about the paths and my contact details are included each month in the Parish Newsletter.</p>
039/14-g	<p>Ideford Parish Charities Ideford Parish Lands and Charity of Humphrey Borrington (Feoffees) – Ann Rigby Jones</p> <p>At the annual meeting of the Trustees last November it was reported that no grants had been made during the year. Members of the Parish Council are asked to keep in mind that there is a small amount of money available and should inform one of the Trustees when cases of hardship are known. A note to this effect is put in the parish newsletter once or twice each year.</p> <p>Ann Rigby-Jones, on behalf of the other Trustees - Chairman, the Vicar, Angie Carter-Woodwark, Jan Hunt, Peter Rice, Gladys Stevens.</p>
039/14-h	<p>Ideford Bell Ringers – Ann Rigby-Jones</p> <p>We have been joined by Ashley Lamb this year and she amazed us all by the way she took to ringing so quickly! We practise on Thursday evenings whenever there are enough of us available and try to get a team together for special services. We rang for a wedding here on April 17 and on Easter Day. An open evening in February did not attract others but we realised it was the wrong time of the year when the church was cold and the weather very depressing. Another date will be tried later in the year as we really do need to attract some more ringers please.</p> <p>Visiting ringers continue to appreciate our fine light ring of bells, these included a special 100th Wedding Anniversary Peal at the end of April arranged by the grandson of a couple who were married in St Mary's in 1914 and who farmed at Coombe Farm.</p> <p>Ideford Ringers – Ann Rigby-Jones, David Aylmore, Mark Bertram, Jenny Dunford, Lyn Edwards, Vicki Gardner, Ashley Lamb, Martin Sampson.</p>
039/14-i	<p>Ideford Social Group – Enid Vooght</p> <p>Ideford Social Group has had a good year with interesting speakers. Membership has fallen due to members leaving the village or passing away. We now hold our meetings on Tuesday afternoon and we hope to attract new members. The monthly lunch club is still popular with husbands joining in.</p> <p>Last year our annual outing was to Minehead via the West Somerset Railway Bishops Lydeard. This year we are going by coach to Rosemoor Gardens in North Devon. Our Christmas Lunch was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn at Dawlish Warren and enjoyed by all.</p> <p>Recently one of our members had her 90th Birthday and we celebrated with a glass of wine and a birthday cake. If anyone is interested in coming to any of our meetings, we advertise our speakers in the monthly village magazine, £2.00 per meeting to include a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.</p>
039/14-j	<p>Ideford Art Group – Angie Carter-Woodwark</p> <p>Since moving our days from Friday to a Thursday, this teaching group has gone from strength to strength. I have a regular attendance each week, children, teenagers and adults. Our age range stretches from 9 to 92! We work in a variety of mediums and the subjects vary. Now the weather is kinder we will spend time in the parish with our sketchbooks, inspired by the countryside and some of the beautiful gardens that parishioners welcome us into. We hope to hold an exhibition on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, 7th and 8th of June, with teas. Proceeds will go to the Village Hall. New faces are always welcome, why not join us for a `taster`. Fees are £5 a session for adults and £3.50 for under16`s. We meet at 6.30pm each Thursday at the Village Hall, unless we are out on our travels around the Parish.</p> <p>After nearly 20 years, I am very proud to work with so many talented individuals. Thank you everyone. If you are interested in joining please contact me on 01626854898.</p>

039/14-k	<p>Parochial Church Council – Sue Harvey</p> <p>Overview of 2013</p> <p>Current PCC (Parochial Church Council) Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Prebendary Graham Stones - Team Rector • Rev. Stephen West - Team Vicar (Ex-officio) • Angie Carter-Woodwark. • Linda Collingwood. • Sue Harvey, Secretary to PCC. • Jane Hill, Ass. Warden- Ideford. • Lee Martin, Fabric Officer, Ideford. • Vanessa Morby -Churchwarden, Ideford, • John Reddaway. Ass Church Warden- Luton. • Mary Reddaway, Treasurer, Luton. • Ann Rigby-Jones. • Frances Tilley- Treasurer, Ideford. • Kathleen Vooght, Churchwarden, Luton. <p>Successful events during 2013</p> <p>2013 saw some really innovative ways to bring the community together, and to generate income for the church. The following activities took place in Ideford; Village Fete, Coffee mornings, concerts, cream teas, the Beetle Drive, Big Breakfast, Car Wash, 100 Club, the Italian Lunch, Open Studios, Christmas Craft Fayre. The Rag Bag income also generates a significant income. Luton had the Harvest supper, the Luton boundary walk, the farmers market, cream teas and the curry evening. We must thank all those people who give freely of their time and energy supporting the Church at these events. The upkeep of both churches relies on revenue being raised by these events. Any new ideas for activities always welcomed.</p> <p>Planning for 2014</p> <p>Church Maintenance for 2014</p> <p>As our churches get older and the weather takes its toll- Lee Martin (Fabric Officer, Ideford) and Kath Vooght (Church Warden, Luton) have a challenging task keeping these buildings in good order, fit for purpose, and compliant with all the regulations relating to places of worship and public gatherings. Jane Hill (Ass. Warden, Ideford) is looking into the possibility of a new boiler and a toilet for the Ideford church. Kath is managing the repair and maintenance of the lych gate and keeping an eye on the fabric of the Luton church with regards to internal plaster and concrete surfacing in the tower. The churchyard in Ideford is now full, and an application has been made for its closure.</p> <p>Fund Raising for 2014.</p> <p>To be able to cover all the outgoings the church has, the PCC are currently planning activities which will generate an income for 2014. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideford Village Lunch on 18th May 2014. Village hall fund raiser. • St John’s Luton - Cream tea and Guided walk on 8th June 2014. • Concert in St Mary’s. On Saturday 24th May. • Fashion Show at St Mary’s • Open Studios at Luton from 21-Sep-2014. • Devon Historic Churches Day Event Saturday 12th September. • Harvest Festival. Luton. 12th October 2014. • Mexican Evening Luton. 29th November 2014. <p>A Summer Fayre might also take place in Ideford- we look forward to hearing about this in due course. Other events are likely to take place during 2014-yet to be confirmed. More details regarding the above events will be provided in the near future and these events will be promoted in the Parish Magazine.</p> <p>Commitment of the PCC to both churches in the Parish.</p> <p>In conclusion, the PCC reiterate their ongoing commitment to the support of the Church and the preaching of the Gospel in this parish during 2014.</p> <p>Report compiled by Sue Harvey – Secretary PCC and Reviewed and approved by Rev Stephen West.</p>
039/14-l	<p>Ideford Short Mat Bowling Club – Terry Dore</p> <p>Club members found it very hard work playing in the Teignbridge League this year. With so few members we had to double up on the games. Our final position was one from the bottom. We all enjoyed playing and had some good games.</p>

	<p>Two teams went to Christow to play in the Teignbridge Fours. We did not win but it was a good afternoon that ended with a lovely cream tea. We will soon be starting our Club Competition Matches against each other. This would be a good night for anyone to come and watch to see if they would like to join us.</p> <p>We now have 12 members; three new members have joined this year. We play every Tuesday and Sunday evenings at 7.30pm. We had a good Christmas Party at the Royal Oak for members and their families.</p> <p>I would like to thank all our members for making it fun evenings, and also the Committee Members.</p>
039/14-m	<p>Ideford Millennium Green – Anthony French</p> <p>The only event held on the Green last year was the Summer Fayre on Saturday, 7 Sep 13. This was a very successful event despite the weather, raising money for the Church, Village Hall and the Green. The Dog Show was well attended and the children’s games were successful.</p> <p>Unfortunately no evening games were arranged this year due to bad weather and the lack of interest in arranging them.</p> <p>The Cherry tree donated by Miss Osbourne had died and was replaced by a Holly tree, which was paid for by the late Mrs Simpson.</p> <p>The hedges were cut off low to allow vision from neighbouring properties. The grass was cut by Chris and Bev who I would like to thank very much for their help. I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported throughout the year and thank you to Sue for all her help with the paperwork.</p> <p>After nearly sixteen years of being involved with the purchase, construction and maintenance of the Green, I am looking for someone to take on the responsibility of Chairman this coming year, who will hopefully continue with the same commitment for the foreseeable future.</p>
039/14-n	<p>Ideford Village Hall – Tony Sharland, Chairman, Ideford Village Hall Management Committee</p> <p>Report of the Management Committee (the Trustees) – Charity Number 269695</p> <p>Governing document and objects - the charity is constituted by a Trust Deed</p> <p>The village hall is held on trust by the Trustees for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Ideford without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes. The charity provides public benefit by making the hall available for meetings, lectures, classes and private functions and by organising social events on a regular basis for the village and surrounding area. The committee is responsible for keeping the village hall insured and in good repair.</p> <p>Management committee and structure:</p> <p>Mr A J Sharland Chairman</p> <p>Ms A M Carter-Woodwark Deputy Chair</p> <p>Mr L D F Hill Treasurer</p> <p>Mrs J Sharland Secretary</p> <p>Mr M Hobson Booking Clerk</p> <p>Mr R J G Helmore</p> <p>The management committee will ordinarily consist of up to 12 members, who are either elected or representatives of village organisations or co-opted, and who are subject to reappointment and/or re-election. The committee meets regularly and elects one of their number as chairperson and may elect one as vice chairperson.</p> <p>Chairman’s Report</p> <p>I am pleased to report that in the last year the Village Hall trustees have been able to meet their responsibilities and financial commitments to enable the hall to be insured and maintained for the use of the community.</p> <p>Thanks to the regular use by the established Ideford Art Group, Short Mat Bowling Club and the monthly Parish Council and Social Group meetings, the Hall has remained a busy place, and has also been used for a number of private parties and family events. Teignbridge Council also booked the hall for use as the Polling Station for the election of local Councillors in May last year.</p> <p>This multitude of varied uses demonstrates the versatility of the hall a resource for the local community, and has been fundamental in ensuring that we have generated the essential income necessary to ensure the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall as a central facility for the Village.</p> <p>The Hall’s sustainability cannot be ensured without the hard work and commitment of the Management Committee, and others who have provided additional help and support when this has been required, and I would like to record my thanks to them for their efforts, and to all those from within and from outside the village, who have come along to our fundraising events.</p>

	<p>Following on from the refurbishment of the halls bell tower in 2012, further improvement works have been undertaken during the last year to repair and redecorate the exterior of the building to ensure that it remains in good repair and weather tight.</p> <p>The main events held during the year were:</p> <p>The Annual Village Quiz which took place in March. This was also very well supported by Ideford residents and the wider community, and was as usual a fun but competitive evening.</p> <p>In September we worked in collaboration with the Millennium Green Trustees and Ideford Church to host a Village Fayre on the Millennium Green with a variety of stalls refreshments and games for families and children. Whilst the weather was not kind to us for this event, we received excellent support from the local community and beyond.</p> <p>The Annual Christmas Supper, held in December. This was an excellent evening enjoyed by all who attended, the hall was again filled to capacity, and this remains by far our most popular annual event.</p> <p>Priorities for 2014</p> <p>Our fundraising activities in the coming year will focus primarily on raising the necessary funds to purchase new tables and chairs for the hall, and to complete redecorations of the interior along with new blinds for the windows. We will be submitting an application to Teignbridge District Council for a grant from the Rural Aid Fund towards the cost of these projects, and hope that we may be successful in securing part of the necessary funds required.</p>
<p>040/14</p>	<p>REPORT – PARISH CLERK</p> <p>Well it is not quite an annual report – but I have been in post for about five months now. I’d like to thank the Parish Councillors for their advice, experience and patience and I hope I haven’t been too administratively tough on them since taking post at the very end of last year. I still need to be kind and careful as I’m not quite at the end of my probationary period. I’d also like to thank our local Parishioners for making my family and I so welcome when we moved to the Parish last year and for bearing with me as I learn to be your Clerk.</p> <p>I have started to meet and learn from other Society of Local Council Clerks and other professionals from the Devon Association and have been lucky enough to attend a couple of courses on Local Council Administration and a on how to be the Responsible Finance Officer to the Parish. Many people comment “is it quite quiet being in such a small parish?” – well having just listened to the many reports from clubs, groups and organisations within the Parish I can confidently respond – life is never dull in Ideford and we could give many larger parishes a good run for their money.</p> <p>Many of you will have heard of the Localism Act, the aim of which was to devolve more decision making powers from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils. The act covers a wide range of issues related to local public services, with a particularly focus on the general power of competence, community rights, neighbourhood planning and housing. The key measures of the act are grouped under four main headings;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedoms and flexibilities for local government • Rights and powers for communities and individuals • Reform to make the planning system more democratic and more effective • Reform to ensure decisions about housing are taken locally <p>Since the introduction of this act, laws and statutes have been changing and continue to do so. Financial regulations will be tighter and we may soon be able to use internet banking; smaller councils may soon be exempt from expensive external audit if their precept falls below a certain threshold; transparency and openness will be and should be the order of the day.</p> <p>This year we managed to secure a slightly increased precept, without an increase or adverse impact on local Parish Council Tax Bills. This was achieved by the addition of a small Council Tax Support Grant of £140.</p> <p>I will try and advise the Council to spend the precept wisely, making savings or efficiencies whenever possible and always for the benefit of the Parish and the people who live here. In return I ask that as Parishioners please support the Community Led Plan Team, have your say and get involved and if you need help or have a concern – please use your Parish Council – they really do care about our Community, our Ideford.</p>

041/14	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no further items for discussion and nothing was raised by the members of the public that were present.</p>
042/14	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Wednesday 6 May 2015 at 6.30pm followed by the Annual General Meeting of Ideford Parish Council.</p> <p><i>Note: Annual Parish Meeting date amended to 15 Apr 15 due to General Election Date</i></p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:18

Signed:

Angie Carter-Woodwark

Dated:

15 April 2015

Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark