

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 15 April 2015

Present:	Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Anthony French	Chairman Vice Chairman
In Attendance	Cllr Tony Dempster Cllr Beryl Austen Cllr Mike Walters PCSO Colin Rider Ashley Lamb David Aylmore Sue Harvey Julie Sharland 8 Members of the Public	County Councillor District Councillor District Councillor Police Community Support Officer Parish Clerk Community Led Plan Committee & P3 Coordinator Secretary, Parochial Church Council Secretary, Village Hall Management Committee

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
044/15	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1830 and apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dominic Morby, Cllr Derrick White, Terry Dore, Ann Rigby-Jones, Tony Sharland and Enid Vooght.</p>
045/15	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the 7 May 2014 meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
046/15	<p>REPORT – CHAIRMAN OF IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL.</p> <p>Welcome everyone. First of all I would like to thank our District Councillors, Beryl Austen and Mike Walters, together with Tony Dempster, our Devon County Councillor for their attendance, advice and support of our Parish. Through them we have been able to help fund and source grants for our village organisations. They have busy schedules, but always take time to attend our meetings and be on the end of an e-mail or phone to offer advice and help.</p> <p>Our Parish Clerk, Ashley Lamb spends far more time than her paid hours indicate, working hard for all of us as a Council and on behalf of individual Parishioners. So far, with the help of Ashley’s research and liaison with County and District Councillors and neighbouring Parishes, we have been able to source £12,269 of funding for the PCC (Ideford with Luton), the Millennium Green and our much used Village Hall. The Elector Fund Grant, mentioned in last year’s report was successful, providing new folding tables for the hall, as was a Rural Aid Grant of £4,500 towards the removal of the suspended ceiling, new lighting and insulation. Ashley has attended various courses and is undergoing further qualification to increase her experience and raise the status of our Council, which could lead to increased project funding and Council independence. Although the Council has helped with some of this financially, Ashley has funded the majority of it herself. We are indeed lucky to have such an enthusiastic and committed Clerk and Financial Officer. Thank you, Ashley.</p> <p>I know our Council and parishioners appreciate the time PCSO Colin Rider puts into our community. Colin holds a regular surgery in Ideford, visits when requested and calls in on some of our more vulnerable residents regularly. Thank you, Colin for your reports and articles of advice in the Newsletter. We know how large your “patch” is, but you always make time for us, especially when sensitive matters need to be resolved!</p> <p>David Aylmore oversees the care and maintenance of our Parish Paths. We have a little money remaining in our P3 fund and hope to improve further the Olchard end of Watery Lane for both walkers and riders. This will take time, liaising with different agencies, hopefully to help with funding. Thank you David, for all the unseen work you do on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>With increasing transparency and compliancy updates affecting our work, we hope to develop the website further during the year. Thanks must go to Lesley Brown for managing it. We hope to work with Lesley this year, so that we, together with other organisations, can expand and evolve to reflect issues, opinions and the activities of our community.</p> <p>The Community Led Plan Group has been working hard to create a questionnaire for all Parishioners and this was delivered to all households earlier this year.</p> <p>There was a 45% return, encouraging for a Parish of our size. The group, under the Chairmanship of David Aylmore and Secretary, Cllr Derrick White, are now busy collating the findings and we look forward to seeing the results.</p>

	<p>Thanks to all the group members and those who have subsequently offered to help in the future. The Vodafone ROSS project is ongoing and we thank Cllr Barry Smith for all his work to date.</p> <p>So far, we have received 18 planning applications; 10 were granted, 1 withdrawn and 2 refused. One application is going forward to appeal, unanimously supported by the Council and others awaiting discussion. We always discuss applications in detail publicly, inviting applicants to attend. They are very helpful in clarifying any issues and answering questions by Councillors and members of the public. We send our decisions in with clear comments and reasoned arguments, but continue to question some aspects of Teignbridge planning ethos!</p> <p>This has been a very busy year for all of us, but life isn't always a smooth path. We lost a much loved Parishioner earlier this year, Ollie Lucas who gave so much to our community. We will miss his talent, humanity and humour. He visited our oldest resident before she celebrated her 100th birthday, coming away with a smiling face. She continues to thrive, always interested in how our Parish will grow and develop in its activities and plans for the future.</p> <p>I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their support, enthusiasm and commitment during this year. To outgoing Cllrs Barry Smith, Dominic Morby and Julian Hull, my thanks for all your hard work, advice and input during your time in office. Three new Councillors Helen Bellamy, Liz Hill and David Fox will be joining us at the May meeting and we look forward to working with you. The last and most important thanks must go to you, our Parishioners. Your support, attendance at meetings, knowledge, experience and straightforward views are essential in Parish decision making. Thank you all.</p>
<p>047a/14</p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillor – Cllr Tony Dempster</p> <p>Councillor Dempster gave a comprehensive overview of the work of Devon County Council during the last year. Areas covered included: Waste Reduction, Recycling, Waste Education, energy from waste and sustainability in accordance with the County Waste Strategy of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The average recycling rate for the County is now just over 80%. The work of Capital Developments Services delivers a significant programme of schemes including Highways, Care Homes, Roads and Bridges, Schools, the construction of the new Exe Trail and good progress with the Dartmoor Cycle Trail – Granite & Gears. The £2.3M Rushbrook Centre project in Totnes is now complete and has created a Devon Centre for adults with learning disabilities, physical and sensory disabilities, young people and community groups.</p> <p>Cllr Dempster also talked about the Highways network and the significant amount of legacy repairs needed due to earlier storm damage. Repairing this damage has had a noticeable impact on the usual cyclical programme of repairs with the majority of resources being directed to safety defects and repairs. A Bellwin scheme claim to provide emergency financial assistance produced additional funding of £790K a further Government award of £6.9M from the severe weather fund & £9.1M from the potholes fund should enable Devon Highways to deliver repair and maintenance services.</p> <p>Of particular interest to the Parish of Ideford was an update on the South Devon Link Road and future plans for roads in and around Newton Abbot – consultation on the A382, work currently that is currently underway at Drumbridges Roundabout at the junction of the A38 and A382 and the progress of the National pinch point on the A38 at Splatford Split that will improve traffic flow on the A380, A38 and on to the M5.</p>
<p>047b/15</p>	<p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen</p> <p>Another year has passed and I have had the privilege of representing Ideford on the District Council for the past four years and previously for quite a while.</p> <p>One tries to represent local people in the best way one can with knowledge of their wishes and hopes for the village. Life being as it is sometimes we oppose things in the planning sphere and they are passed and sometimes we are really hopeful of getting a new residence or facility and it is refused. Since parishes and towns are consultative bodies and it is the District Council which makes decisions it can be frustrating and more than a little disappointing. In the past there have been concerns about the sale of fields and the number of stables, Highways issues and safety issues. Mike and I keep in touch and make sure we do our best to get what we know you want.</p> <p>You will be pleased to know that the Kingsteignton Youth Centre is on the brink of re-opening. In the past we had quite a few young people attend the Centre from Ideford. We appointed a Youth Leader on the 23rd February and have been completely re-decorating the building, reviewing all the policies and fire precautions and keen to get going.</p> <p>This week we have been interviewing Volunteers and arranging for them to be Police checked and in a week or two we will start our Youth Sessions on three evenings a week. The Youth Centre Trust was established in 1968 and run by parents and friends during which time the old hut was removed and the new Centre built.</p>

When the new building was finished in 1999 we had our first full time paid Youth Leader until 2007. County withdrew its Youth Services at the end of September 2014 but the Trust is now backing to manage the Centre. Kingsteignton Town Council now own the freehold of the building; we have had a Working Party, which I have chaired, of three very keen Councillors and a volunteer who have worked really hard to get the services for our young people up and running again and are quite excited at what has been achieved.

Ideford Parish Council has always been a good place to come to; its courtesy and efficiency is very helpful to District Councillors and we look forward to our monthly visits which we rarely miss.

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District Councillor – Cllr Mike Walters

On reflection I consider it has been a privilege and pleasure to have been associated with Ideford Parish for the past year. Many aspects of village life have been addressed and in particular the ability to have provided funds from the Cllrs' Community Fund for improvements to the Parish Hall and Millennium Green in particular.

On the broader issue of the work in Teignbridge I have been able to report through the year on the developments in Kingsteignton and in particular the effect of losing the green space of Penns Mount to housing as part of the local plan. The disruption to traffic on Vicarage Hill continues for installation of sewage pipes for the Devonshire Homes site. The work is scheduled for 16 weeks.

It is indeed interesting to note that Roman remains have been discovered towards the top on Penns Mount. Whether discovery prior to planning the application would have had any effect on permission being granted or not, is subject to conjecture.

The ICT system named STRATA is progressing well. TDC has entered into an agreement with East Devon DC and Exeter City Council where costs will be shared between the three councils and will assist in the upgrading of equipment and with shared staffing into the bargain. The savings will be substantial and the system's computers upgraded to meet with current standards.

The new road now called Clay Pits Way; the B3193 is proving to be a success for both Sibelco, now being able to mine under the old road and the better access to Kingsteignton.

Plans have been unveiled for the improvements to the Causeway leading to Teigngrace from Kingsteignton and on to the A382, which is to improve the road leading to Drum Bridges and Trago Mills. More housing and semi-industrial land will be included in the general scheme.

The plans for the primary school site on the New Cross Phase 2/3 are still to be finalised, but there is nothing to prevent this from happening in spite of rumours to the contrary.

Kingsteignton Library is awaiting determination from DCC on the proposal to create a form of Providential Society with some form of charitable status. This would allow the FOKL Committee to have a broader base for fund raising.

Finally on a personal note it was most interesting for me to visit the Art Group Exhibition this year. I was most impressed with the quality and standard of work produced. I did also participate in the raffle, but was unlucky. I do hope the next year will be as fruitful and beneficial to the village in this atmosphere of austerity.

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Devon & Cornwall Constabulary - Police Community Support Officer Colin Rider

Crime Type	01 May 13 to 30 Apr 14	01 May 14 to 15 Apr 15	Variation
Harassment, alarm or distress	1	1	Static
Common assault & battery (& ABH)	5	2	3 down
Malicious communication	0	2	2 increase
Burglary	1	1	Static
Theft of motor vehicle	0	0	Static
Damage to or theft from motor vehicle or vehicle interference.	7	0	7 down
Criminal damage to property etc.	0	2	2 increase
Marine crime	0	0	Static
Shoplifting	0	0	Static
Drink/drive	0	1	1 increase
Drug possession/production.	0	0	Static
False rep. or cheque/card fraud.	0	0	Static
Money laundering.	0	0	Static
Going equipped for theft	0	0	Static
General theft	2	4	2 increase
Cruelty to animals	0	0	Static
Dog attacks to person/animal	4	0	4 down
TOTAL overall	20	13	7 down.

Ideford Village Crime Figures Chart also includes the surrounding areas of Olchard, Ideford Combe and Higher Sandygate.

Parochial Church Council – Sue Harvey**Current PCC (Parochial Church Council) Members**

- Rev. Stephen West Team Vicar. (Ex-officio)
- Angie Carter-Woodwark.
- Sue Harvey, Secretary to PCC.
- Lee Martin, Fabric Officer, Ideford.
- Alan Wooderson-Churchwarden, Ideford,
- John Reddaway. Ass Church Warden- Luton.
- Mary Reddaway, Treasurer, Luton.
- Ann Rigby-Jones.
- Frances Tilley- Treasurer, Ideford.
- Kathleen Vooght, Churchwarden, Luton.

Parochial Council Member changes.

Sadly Linda Collingwood was unable to continue as a member of the PCC during 2014; however Alan Wooderson agreed to be part of the PCC and was welcomed formally, during the APCM meeting in January. Vanessa Morby has relinquished the role of Church Warden for Ideford, and as a member of the PCC. We will miss Vanessa's enthusiasm and fund-raising drive. Jane Hill has also withdrawn her role as Assistant Church Warden to Ideford.

The PCC wishes Vanessa and Jane all the best- hoping that that they will continue to be involved in church business and village life. Janet Aylmore has helped and supported the PCC by maintaining the Parish Diary and of course working together with Ann Rigby-Jones on the Parish Magazine. Thank you Janet and Ann.

Changes in Clerics/Leadership.

During the year we said goodbye to Rev Graham Stones. The Church Wardens have attended a number of Arch Deacon led meetings as part of the interview process. We look forward to hearing about a replacement cleric soon. In the interim, we must thank Stephen (our Rector) and Rev. Helen Bays- who conducted such special services in Ideford during the Easter period.

Church Maintenance.

As our churches get older and the weather takes its toll- Lee Martin and Kath Vooght 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. Both Kath and Lee have provided comprehensive Fabric Reports to the PCC- and these are available should you wish to see a more detailed account of the maintenance activities for St Marys or St John's. Needless to say, the task of overseeing the maintenance of our church buildings takes up a great deal of time- all of which is voluntarily given. The PCC thanks both Kath and Lee for their commitment to this task.

Church Finances

Frances Tilley and Mary Reddaway continue to act as treasurers for Ideford and Luton and the end of year reports demonstrate that both churches have met their Common Fund commitment for 2014/2015. The accounts for both churches have been audited and are in good order. The Common Fund has increased for 2015, as has the cost of maintaining the fabric of both churches. To meet all the financial commitments the church has- fund raising remains a priority.

Fund raising and giving during 2014

2014 saw some really innovative ways to bring the community together and to raise funds. The harvest festival giving in Ideford supported THAT (Teignbridge Homeless Action Today), and the Food Bank- both of which help local families with food, toiletry and starter home essentials. The Rag Bag continues to surprise us by filling up in Ideford and Luton- generating much needed revenue. Easy Fundraising is another way we raise money by Retailers donating a small percentage of the online purchases. 100 Club too for Mary's - generates £500 for Church and £500 towards the monthly draws prizes.

Plans for 2015.

There are number of events planned, and these will be documented in the parish newsletter. As a PCC we welcome all suggestions for fund raising, events and all aspects of church worship.

Commitment of the PCC to both churches in the Parish.

Finally, the PCC members would like to register their ongoing commitment to the support of the Church and the preaching of the Gospel in this parish during 2015, and thank the Parish Council for their anticipated support in this objective.

Report compiled and read by Sue Harvey - Secretary. PCC

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Ideford Village Hall – Julie Sharland, Secretary, Ideford Village Hall Management Committee

Governing document and objects

The charity is constituted by a Trust Deed. 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.

Management committee and structure:

Mr A J Sharland	Chairman
Ms A M Carter-Woodwark	Deputy Chair
Mr L D F Hill	Treasurer
Mrs J Sharland	Secretary
Mrs G McDowell	Booking Clerk
Mr K Lovell	Trustee

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.

Chairman’s Report

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.

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.

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.

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. Having raised sufficient funds, this year we were able to purchase replacement folding tables.

The main events held during the year were:

The Annual Village Quiz which took place in March. This was also well supported by Ideford residents and the wider community, and was as usual a fun but competitive evening.

The Annual Christmas Supper, held in December. This was an excellent evening enjoyed by all who attended, this remains by far our most popular annual event.

We had planned to host a Sunday Family ‘Spring Lunch’ but unfortunately a lack of support for this event meant it had to be cancelled.

We would welcome any new ideas for events that people would like us to put on in the Village Hall in the coming year.

Priorities for 2015

Our fundraising activities in 2014 and for the coming year will focus primarily on raising the necessary funds to purchase new chairs for the hall, and to completely replace and insulate the ceiling in the main hall, also to raise the ceilings height to make the hall suitable for a wider range of uses, and if funds permit to install new insulating window blinds.

We have successfully submitted applications to Teignbridge District Council for a grant from the Rural Aid Fund and Devon County for other funds towards the cost of these projects, and have also received significant support from the Parish Council and local Councillors to raise funds.

We would particularly like to offer our thanks to Ashely Lamb the Parish Clerk for her assistance with grant applications, and for signposting us to funding opportunities.

A J Sharland, Chairman, Ideford Village Hall Management Committee

047g/15	<p>Ideford Millennium Green – Anthony French</p> <p>The last year was a relatively quiet one with very little activity taking place on the Green. The main fundraising event for the year was “Narramore” performing at Larcombe Farm, raising just under £1000 after expenses.</p> <p>With the help of the Parish Clerk filling in forms for grants, we now have a new strimmer, a new hedge cutter and two new safety helmets, together with £250 in the bank account to put towards the purchase of a pole saw. Many thanks to Ashley for her help and to everyone else who has helped to maintain the Green over the past year.</p>
047h/15	<p>Community Led Plan – David Aylmore, Chairman, Ideford Parish Plan Steering Group</p> <p>Over the past year, the Steering Group have met regularly and continued to consult with Parishioners and interested groups and agencies. Summary forms were distributed to all businesses and groups in the Parish and contact was made with many outside agencies that have an interest in the Parish. This information was collated and used to produce a comprehensive questionnaire that was distributed by hand to every registered household in the Parish. The response was very encouraging with 75 of the forms returned out of about 170 that were delivered. (44%) This I am told is an above average return for this type of survey.</p> <p>We are now in the process of collating and evaluating the information received and we remain on target to produce a draft Parish Plan in the summer, with the final document being ready for distribution to all households and interested parties later in 2015.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Steering Group for their continued help and support and in particular to Derrick White who has efficiently carried out most of the administration for the Steering Group over the past year.</p> <p>One of the positive outcomes from the distribution of the questionnaires was that a further 10 parishioners have volunteered to help and we have already held an initial meeting to update them with progress so far and to plan for the future.</p> <p>It is perhaps worth reminding everyone that the production of the Ideford Parish Plan is not intended to be the end of this process. Indeed it is really only the start. The Plan will reflect the aspirations of the community and there will undoubtedly be areas that will require further investigation and possible action. This work will be undertaken by smaller groups of parishioners under the umbrella of the Parish Council, and many of those who have volunteered have expressed an interest in being involved in this part of the process, but there is always room for more people to get involved.</p>
047i/15	<p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Coordinator – David Aylmore</p> <p>I have, due to other pressures on my time, not walked the parish paths this year as often as I would have liked. I have however done my best to keep an eye on them and have at various times cleared undergrowth and fallen trees and replaced path markers when required. I am aware of some markers and signs that still need attention and I will try to deal with these over the summer.</p> <p>I attended the annual Devon CC P3 Workshop in October 2014 and a full annual survey of all the paths was carried out in Jan/Feb 2015 with the findings reported to the Devon C.C. Rights Of Way Officer.</p> <p>The only major problem that remains is the missing sign from the path near Larcombe Bridge and I have again been in touch with Devon CC to try to get this replaced.</p> <p>The problem highlighted in last year’s report with the surface drainage at the Olchard end of Watery Lane resulted in some erosion to the path at its junction with the concrete road. Hard-core has been spread on the path to provide a temporary repair but a more permanent solution 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>
047j/15	<p>Ideford Short Mat Bowling Club – Terry Dore</p> <p>We all found it very hard playing with so few members in the Teignbridge League; we had to double up on most matches. Although we finished second from bottom, we do enjoy playing in the League and the 2014/2015 season gets under way in November.</p> <p>Two members were invited, and went to Abbotskerswell’s celebrations for winning the Teignbridge League. Our presentation evening took place in September, and the trophies were presented by Mr Peter Rice who had previously donated the Champion of Champions Shield. Two Teams played in the Teignbridge Fours at Christow, no winners, but it was a good afternoon. Again two Teams played in the Teignbridge Pairs at Christow with the same result.</p>

	<p>We have three new members, Evelyn, Heather and Jill; they will be an asset to our Club. We still need more members to get a full team of twelve for the League.</p> <p>Some members are playing matches at the Torbay Hotels. Their first match is against Hartland at the Toorak Hotel.</p> <p>Mr Rockey was commissioned to make two cupboards for the bowlers to store their bowling bags etc in. One is now finished and has made a great difference for us.</p> <p>We had a great Christmas Party at the Royal Oak, with plenty of good food, followed by a quiz, with a lot of cheating going on. We hope to go again this year.</p> <p>As I said new members are still needed, everyone would be made welcome. We meet on Tuesdays and Sundays 7.30pm – 9.30pm.</p>
047k/15	<p>Ideford Social Group – By Enid Vooght, Secretary & Treasurer (Read by Parish Clerk)</p> <p>We have had a good year with interesting speakers and demonstrations for us to take part in. Our Annual Outing was to Rosemoor Gardens and we had lovely weather to add to our enjoyment. The Monthly Lunch Club is popular with interesting and varied venues. Our Christmas Lunch was at Lincombe Manor in Torquay and we met one of our old members who is a resident there.</p> <p>We still need some new members which would enable us to have more speakers however; we have a good attendance from our loyal members and good comradeship.</p>
047l/15	<p>Ideford Parish Charities</p> <p>Ideford Parish Lands and Charity of Humphrey Borrington (Feoffees) – Ann Rigby Jones (Read by Clerk)</p> <p>During the past year the Trustees have made two donations to Ideford Parishioners, both of which were much welcomed by the recipients. Though the amounts are necessarily small they do help to show a concerned interest in parishioners when we know of personal problems. We always welcome matters of concern that are referred to any one of us.</p> <p>Trustees: The Revd Stephen West, Angie Carter-Woodwark, Jan Hunt, Peter Rice, Ann Rigby-Jones, Gladys Stevens.</p>
047m/15	<p>Ideford Bell Ringers – Ann Rigby-Jones (Read by Clerk)</p> <p>We have had a mixed year, often there not being enough of us to ring on Thursday practice nights (when we do meet there is always a very light-hearted atmosphere even when the church is cold!). The open session during cream teas in the Village Hall on one summer Sunday in 2014 did attract plenty of interest and we hope to repeat this later this year.</p> <p>Ringling for Christmas and Easter and for weddings continues and we are ever hopeful that we can attract some new ringers! Visiting ringers contribute to church funds and on Thursday 26 Mar 2015 the Kenn Deanery Ringers held their session at St Mary’s. We do need some more people to join us please!</p> <p>Ann also wanted to include her own thanks to what the members of the Parish Council do for us all throughout the year.</p>
047n/15	<p>Ideford Art Group – Angie Carter-Woodwark</p> <p>We have enjoyed a busy year. The work of the group is growing in confidence and skill. We miss very much our friend and fellow artist, Ollie Lucas. His presence was always inspiring, his sense of humour a tonic to anyone who felt they were struggling with a task. We hope to welcome Liz back when she feels ready.</p> <p>Our exhibition last year was a great success and we were able to donate £100 to Village Hall funds from our teas on that afternoon. We hope to be out sketching in the Parish this summer and will hold an exhibition later in the year. Members of this group come from Ideford, Olchard, Ashcombe, Kingsteignton and Exeter. We would welcome new members.</p> <p>The group meets most Thursdays from 6.30 – 8pm. Wine, soft drinks and crisps are served at half time. Funny how creativity seems to increase after 7.15pm!</p> <p>If you would like to try a “taster” session, please contact me, Angie, on 01626 854 898 or via angie@ideford-parish.co.uk. Members can join from aged 8 to 80+ (in our case – 97!). Adults pay £5 per session; those under 16 years of age pay £3.50. We look forward to another creative and colourful year.</p>

<p>048/15</p>	<p>REPORT – PARISH CLERK</p> <p>I can't believe how quickly the last year has passed and not a day goes by where I don't learn something new or meet somebody with an interest in our Community. I'd like to start by saying thank you to the many people who have given me advice and guidance during my first year as Parish Clerk and to the people who do so much for our Parish.</p> <p>To our County and District Councillors, thank you for providing funds or supporting the many applications I have sent your way. We have submitted 16 applications with 15 of them resulting in the award of £12269 that will fund or part fund the purchase of an additional heating source, access ramps and a community wheelchair for the PCC, equipment to keep the Millennium Green safe and well-tended and funding towards new chairs and the refurbishment project of the Village Hall. This year we managed to secure a slightly increased precept, without an increase or adverse impact on local Parish Council Tax Bills and a very small Council Tax Support Grant of £110.</p> <p>However, most of the work undertaken in the Parish is possible by the application and award of external grants and funding. If any group or organisation in the Parish needs financial assistance or has a project they would like to undertake – please let me know or speak with your Parish Councillors and we will see if there is any way in which we can help.</p> <p>Thanks to our PCSO, Colin Rider for keeping us safe, secure and well advised, our Paths Coordinator, David Aylmore for keeping us safe underfoot, to Janet Aylmore & Ann Rigby Jones for the excellent Newsletter that keeps us so well informed and to Lesley Brown who maintains and does all the uploading of items to the Parish Website.</p> <p>Finally to our outgoing Parish Council – I hope that this last year has been ok for you – you have certainly been bombarded with plenty of information, emails, applications, meetings and statutory requirements.</p> <p>As Parishioners will have seen from the noticeboards, the Parish Council Election on 7 May 2015 will be uncontested. We will be saying farewell to Julian Hull, Dominic Morby and Barry Smith and Angie Carter-Woodwark, Anthony French, Tom Hill and Derrick White will be joined by 3 new Councillors – Helen Bellamy, David Fox and Liz Hill.</p> <p>During the forthcoming year as Clerk I will try to ensure that the Parish Council remains compliant and will be ensuring that the correct policies and procedures are in place and that everything the Council does remains as transparent and open as possible. I look forward to hearing the direction that our Council will take at their first meeting on 13 May 2015 – do come along and see them in action and find out who is elected as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.</p> <p>I would like to ask that Parishioners support the Community Led Plan Team to have their say and get involved if time permits. If anyone needs help or has a concern please use your Parish Council – they really do care about our Community.</p>
<p>049/14</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>A Parishioner from Olchard gave a vote of thanks to David Aylmore, P3 Coordinator for his work in repairing and rectifying the problems with the Olchard end of the Watery Lane Footpath/Bridleway. Several horse riders have commented on the improvements and how very much the work has been appreciated.</p> <p>Mrs Harvey the PCC Secretary thanked Cllr Carter-Woodwark and the Parish Council for their intervention and help regarding the large construction vehicles that had travelled through Ideford and ended up stuck in Luton. The Chairman and Clerk of Bishopsteignton have attended a site meeting in Luton to discuss the issues and will now be working with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer and the contractor concerned to rectify the damage and to look at some associated issues.</p> <p>Cllr Austen thanked the Parish Council for their kind invitation to attend the 100th Birthday Celebration for an Ideford Resident and complimented them on the event.</p>
<p>050/15</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Wednesday 20 April 2016 at 6.30pm</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:35

Signed:

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Dated:

20 April 2016

Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark