

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 19 April 2017

Present:	Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Anthony French Cllr Helen Bellamy Cllr David Fox Cllr Liz Hill Cllr Tom Hill	Chairman Vice Chairman
In Attendance	Cllr Beryl Austen Mrs Sue Rollason David Aylmore Tim Coleridge Kath Mortimore Alan Wooderson Ashley Lamb 6 Members of the Public	District Councillor District Councillor Candidate P3 Coordinator Chairman of the Millennium Green Trustees Ideford Social Group Churchwarden, Parochial Church Council Parish Clerk

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
028/17	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1830 and apologies for absence were received from PC Rob Harvey, PCSO Saul Bunce, Sue Harvey, Janet Aylmore and Ann Rigby-Jones.</p>
029/17	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the 20 April 2016 meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
030/17	<p>REPORT – CHAIRMAN OF IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL.</p> <p>The Parish Council has been busy on your behalf during 2016. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their hard work, our work is entirely voluntary and requires time and commitment to work effectively for the Parish, we attend training courses and meetings with other bodies outside the times set aside for our monthly meetings, so thank you, team! Although our Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer receives a small salary for an official 4 hrs per week, I know you will join me in thanking Ashley for the many extra hours she puts in on behalf of the Parish in sourcing and organising grants and attending conferences. In December, 2016, at her own expense, Ashley completed work on 25 modules for the Certificate in Local Council Administration, passing all and receiving a Distinction. This has enabled the Council to adopt the General Power of Competence. So, thank you Ashley for guiding us in being more effective for our community and ever more transparent in all our discussions and decisions.</p> <p>We are indeed fortunate in having such enthusiastic Devon County and District Councillors, so it is with great sadness that I report the resignation of Mike Walters, due to ill health, as one of our two District Councillors and former Devon County Councillor. He has always shown great support for Ideford Parish and we will miss his wisdom, common sense and humour. Thank you, Mike, for your many years of support and encouragement.</p> <p>I would also like to thank our other District Councillor, Beryl Austen for her never ending support for our Parish, when advice is sought, Beryl is always ready with an answer, or, she will contact us swiftly with the relevant information, both District Councillors have, when able, been able to offer small grants for a range of projects.</p> <p>Our County Councillor, Tony Dempster is an enthusiastic and supportive member of the team! He has supported the Parish in many ways, including grant funding for a variety of community projects. All our visiting Councillors endeavour to attend every meeting, although they have to attend two in the same evening!</p> <p>The many happy times enjoyed by the Parish have been tempered by the passing away of three Parishioners, Carrie Morgan, Mary Cornish and Reg Olver, each in their own way a vital link in the life chain of the community.</p> <p>We have discussed 7 planning applications and one consultation on telephone boxes.</p> <p>Fund raising events and applications continue to be submitted or held in support of Parish Projects (for all organisations). Councillor Helen Bellamy organised Royal Tea, raising £285 for the Defibrillator and £40 for Rowcroft.</p>

	<p>Successful bids totalling £5505 including £1739 for the Green, £246 from Highways for Protective equipment and litter pickers and £300 for Village Hall fridges, the running total is now over £27k.</p> <p>Two successful Defibrillator and CPR training events were held during May 2016. A reserve of nearly £1400 remains to support the device for many years to come.</p> <p>A project to get better broadband in the Parish, resulted in Parishioners being helped to find other solutions using CDS vouchers when the BT co-funded option was considered too expensive at £75k.</p> <p>However, Councillors continue to work on, respond to and complete all feasible actions on the Community Led Action Plan list.</p> <p>From the Parish Plan, we know how important the environment Parishioners and I would like to thank David Aylmore for walking our Paths, working to keep them clear and functional.</p> <p>Lesley Brown works hard to maintain the Parish Website, it is easy to access and Lesley is happy to receive contributions for anyone happy to share information and items of interest (while she keeps the church clock wound) Thank you Lesley!</p> <p>The Parish News continues to thrive and our thanks go to Janet Aylmore and Ann Rigby-Jones for compiling it and organising home deliveries.</p> <p>Ideford Combe resident, Julian Hull was co-opted to re-join the Council on 1 Jun 16. In July PCSO Colin Rider attended his last Parish Council Meeting before retiring and his replacement, Will Heather was introduced. Will has also moved on and we now welcome PCSO Saul Bunce and PC Rob Harvey.</p> <p>Also in July, we received notification from the Auditors that we had successfully completed the 2015/16 process and were thought to be efficient, effective and meeting all the accounting requirements and our associated records were in excellent order – in no small part down to our Financial Officer, thank you Ashley!</p> <p>In October, the Electoral Boundary Review of Teignbridge took place and subsequent report show the impact for the Parish and Ward.</p> <p>In November, the Affordable Housing Needs Survey was commissioned and distributed to every Parish Household. We had a nearly 35% response (considered good), however a subsequent report showed insufficient need at the current time, the Council will continue to monitor and I would like to thank Councillor David Fox for his lead in this area.</p> <p>To conclude, the last words must be for you, our Parishioners. Thank you for supporting your Council, your attendance at our meetings is appreciated by all of us. Your comments and questions keep us all on our toes and we will continue to work for you in this very special community that is Ideford Parish.</p>
<p>031.1/17</p>	<p>REPORTS - County Councillor – Cllr Tony Dempster</p> <p>No Report Received.</p>
<p>031.2/17</p>	<p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen</p> <p>The last year has been a satisfactory one for Teignbridge with awards having been made for their planning systems, financial arrangements and individual awards to members of staff for outstanding service. To achieve greater efficiency services of neighbouring District Councils have been amalgamated and joint working has become economically viable.</p> <p>Discussions were held for the reconstitution of Wards because of changes in the population figures and the need to reallocate areas so that wards had equal representation. Consideration was given to change the structure of East Ward of which Ideford is part but after representations from both Ideford and Kingsteignton the wards remained aligned as in the past.</p> <p>There is always much discussion on new plans for the village but by and large this year has proved to be satisfactory in planning terms.</p> <p>Last week Teignbridge gave permission for the addition of three extra pitches at the Haldon Travellers site. This has been a success for which Teignbridge is justifiably proud and has been a vast improvement on the unsatisfactory lack of facilities previously at Haldon. It is now a tidy and appropriate site with a warden to monitor the site.</p> <p>Ideford will be electing its Devon County Councillor on the 4 May 17 and in addition will be choosing their new District Councillor following the resignation of Mike Walters through ill health. I look forward to working with the future representatives in the coming years.</p>

031.3/17

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Report by PC Rob Harvey (Read by Parish Clerk)

Annual Crime Statistics for Ideford Parish 2017

CRIME TYPE	01/04/15 to 01/04/16	01/04/16 to 01/04/17	VARIATION
Harassment, alarm or distress	0	2	2 increase
Assaults incl. Common Assault, Battery, ABH, GBH & Affray	3	2	1 down
Malicious communication	0	0	Static
Burglary	3	2	1 down
Theft of motor vehicle	0	0	Static
Damage to or theft from motor vehicle or vehicle interference.	2	1	1 down
Criminal damage to property etc.	2	1	1 down
Marine crime	0	0	Static
Shoplifting	0	0	Static
Drink/drive	0	0	Static
Drug possession/production.	0	0	Static
False rep. or cheque/card fraud. Money laundering.	0	0	Static
Going equipped for theft	0	0	Static
General theft	1	0	1 down
Cruelty to animals	0	0	Static
Dog attacks to person/animal	0	0	Static
Sexual Offences <u>incl.</u> Indecent Images	0	3*	3 increase*
TOTAL overall	11	11	Static

Ideford Village crime figure chart includes the surrounding areas:

Olchard, Ideford Combe, Higher Sandygate, Sandygate
(provided they fall under a Teignmouth 'beat code' as opposed to a Newton Abbot or Chudleigh beat code)

* In sexual offences involving indecent images each image incurs its own separate crime if the images are of different victims. So, one offender could potentially increase crime figures by anything from 10's to 1000's

031.4/17

Parochial Church Council – Alan Wooderson, Churchwarden, Ideford

Current Parochial Church Council (PCC) Members

Rev Stephen West - Team Vicar

Luton

Sue Harvey, Secretary to PCC.
John Reddaway – Assistant Church Warden
Mary Reddaway - Treasurer
Kathleen Vooght - Churchwarden

Ideford

Frances Tilley - Treasurer
Alan Wooderson-Churchwarden
Janet Aylmore
Angie Carter-Woodwark
Ann Rigby-Jones
Lee Martin – Fabric Officer (not a member of the PCC)

Church Attendance at St Marys Ideford

There have been 63 services held in St Mary's over the year with a total of 1194 people attending. Not all of our services are well supported and so we (the PCC) are giving some serious thought to how we can sustain our congregation and our building fabric for the future.

Local support

We are grateful to the army of people who quietly do things for our church and community throughout the year such as winding the church clock, creating special floral displays for Festivals, lock and unlock the Church, and of course bell ringing. We appreciate the support of the Parish Council in keeping the bird feeders well stocked, and the councils interest in wildlife and environmental well-being.

	<p>Church Maintenance</p> <p>The passing over of responsibility to Teignbridge Council for maintenance of the churchyard including regular grass cutting has been an undoubted success and there are plans in the coming year for repairs to the lych gate which the PCC simply could not afford. There remains a dilemma however about the future of St Mary's as the core congregation is small and has reduced considerably over time and the consequent financial burden placed on fewer people to raise the £12,000 per year to keep the church open and functioning. Whilst Teignbridge through their contractor Quadron have taken over responsibility for maintaining the churchyard and boundaries it remains the responsibility of the PCC to maintain the fabric of the church building. There is water ingress on the bell tower roof, and this remains a major issue needing resolution going forward. Despite numerous grant applications, the PCC is still only in a position to undertake partial repairs.</p> <p>Leadership in the Church</p> <p>We must thank Stephen our Vicar for his faithful ministry and wise counselling during the past year, and to our rector Roderick Withnell for conducting some of our services. We have enjoyed the support and enthusiasm of Rev. Helen Bays who, (along with Liz Rice) has encouraged us to hold a 'Messy Church' aimed at younger children and their families (including grandparents). The PCC are also very grateful to Libby and Christine for leading our Lent devotional times and their monthly bible study group.</p> <p>Looking ahead</p> <p>The PCC are acutely aware of the challenges we will be facing in our efforts to create a thriving community usage of St Mary's. Fund raising opportunities are being discussed and new church service formats considered. We welcome any suggestions the council and our parishioners might have relating to the church, and we would be very happy to speak to anyone interested in joining the PCC.</p> <p>Commitment of the PCC to both churches in the Parish</p> <p>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 2017, and thank the Parish Council for their anticipated support in this objective.</p>
<p>031.5/17</p>	<p>Ideford Village Hall – Angie Carter-Woodwark – Deputy Chairman Ideford Village Hall Trustees</p> <p>To begin this report as interim Chairman, I would like first to record, on behalf of the trustees, our thanks to Tony and Julie Sharland as Chairman and Secretary, for their years of hard work and commitment in the continuing development of our hall. It is a super venue for a variety of activities, supporting all age groups and open to all, both inside and outside the Parish. We wish them well in their new home.</p> <p>There at present five remaining Trustees, myself, Kevin Lovell (booking clerk), Grace Macdowell, Angela Fox (secretary) thank you Angela for stepping in, just as you became a new trustee recently and David Hill (treasurer). Thank you all for what you do! Thanks also to Liz Hill and Norma Lovell for always being on hand to help with activities.</p> <p>We would welcome anyone with fresh ideas and experiences to join the Trust, we meet 4 or 5 times a year meetings are not too long!!!) to promote the use of the hall and some fund-raising. If you feel you would like to take an interest in this vital village asset, do get in touch with any of us, numbers are in the Parish News.</p> <p>With grants from Rural Aid and our Devon County Councillor we have continued to upgrade the hall's facilities. New fire-retardant blackout blinds have been fitted and we are awaiting quotes for a new front door and double glazing for one large window. We have just received funding for the replacement of one built in fridge from our Devon County Councillor, Tony Dempster. We hope to replace the other one when funds allow.</p> <p>As a consequence of the strong uptake of Torbay Telecom in the Parish, we now have free wi-fi in the building with no ongoing cost to the village hall. We have had tremendous help and advice from Ashley, our Parish Clerk in grant sourcing and applications so thank you Ashley, your help is much appreciated.</p> <p>As the bookings and therefore use of the hall have grown it has become increasingly difficult to keep on top of the cleaning on a volunteer basis. We appreciate that the hall is tidied up by most hirers after every booking, but more thorough cleaning is necessary.</p> <p>The Trustees advertised and have engaged a cleaner for the hall. She lives locally and comes in every fortnight for two hours. We are really pleased with results so far.</p> <p>We hope to have our AGM in May, where everyone is welcome, look out for the date!</p> <p>Thank you to everyone for their support of the hall, we will work hard to continue with its upkeep and development as an important facility for you all.</p>

<p>031.6/17</p>	<p>Ideford Millennium Green – Tim Coleridge, Chairman of the Millennium Green Trustees</p> <p>I am delighted to report on this occasion that despite quite a wet winter the Green is currently in a reasonable state. The finances are good; the annual RoSPA inspection has been completed and except for a few minor points, the Green passed with flying colours and everything has been checked and confirmed as safe to use. During 2016 we had an arboricultural report on all the trees, especially the large Oak. Some remedial work will be required, especially if planning permission is granted on the land next door. We will appoint a tree surgeon to carry out any work to ensure continuity of safety on the Green. All maintenance of the play area has been carried out by the Trustees, including the removal of all the overhanging tree branches mentioned by RoSPA. In the next 5 years, we will have some substantial work to be carried out to replace the base of the play area. So quite a large amount of money will need to be raised for that. The major fundraising event for the year was the Rock Concert in the Village Hall with local band Narramore. This allowed the Trustees to raise a good level of funds for the Green. What of the future? It is still our intention to replace the shipping container with a purpose-built store and pavilion style building where we can store the Lawnmower, chairs and tables in a dry environment that we don't currently have. Our Fundraising for 2017 will be the Green Feast, as was planned for last year but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather. A new date will be confirmed for the middle of this year. We are in the process of changing the lawnmower following the receipt of a Devon County Council Locality Grant and we are currently in the middle of applying for a grant to assist with the replacement of the Marquees that have come to the end of their useful life. The Green continues to be free space for all to use, however, charges for the use of the tent, tables and chairs will reflect the use by any overall society. The Millennium Green AGM was held on 22 March 2017 when 3 new trustees were appointed: Suzanne Hill, Becks Jones and Jane Hill. The trustees reappointed were Tim Coleridge, Kevin Lovell and Anthony French and David Hill. My thanks go to the outgoing trustee Tony Sharland, who was an excellent member of the team. I would very much like to thank the Parish Clerk for her help and patience in assisting us during the last year. I would also like to thank the Parish Council for their continued contribution to the ever-rising insurance costs. Lastly, I would like to thank all the trustees and especially our secretary Lyn Edwards for their time and commitment and to all the parishioners who help maintain the Green.</p>
<p>031.7/17</p>	<p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Coordinator Report – David Aylmore</p> <p>I have done my best to keep an eye on the Parish Paths over the last 12 months and have at various times cleared undergrowth and fallen trees and branches and replaced path markers when required.</p> <p>I attended the annual Devon CC P3 Workshop in November 2016 and a full annual survey of all the paths was carried out in Dec 2016/Jan 2017 with the findings reported to the Devon C.C. Rights of Way Officer.</p> <p>The Footpaths and Bridleways remain in generally good order with just one broken sign post at the top end of Tower Hill having been reported to Devon CC who will undertake the replacement in due course.</p> <p>The problem of litter and fly tipping continues and on several occasions through the last year, I have collected bags of rubbish myself whilst walking the paths and have reported larger items to the Teignbridge 'Blitz' team who have been most efficient in clearing the rubbish. I would ask everybody to keep an eye out for litter and fly tipping and to report anything they see. I do not have any suggestions for changing people's bad habits, but I am sure that litter which is left for any time just attracts more, so it is best dealt with quickly.</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> <p>Finally, I would like to thank all those who have helped to keep the paths clear during the year, especially Simon Comerford who keeps a particular eye on Watery Lane.</p>
<p>031.8/17</p>	<p>Ideford Short Mat Bowling Club – Terry Dore</p> <p>No Report Received</p>
<p>031.9/17</p>	<p>Ideford Social Group – Kathleen Mortimore</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to falling numbers the Social Group no longer holds regular meeting in the Village Hall. However, we now call the group the Social Lunch Club and meet on the second Thursday of each month.</p> <p>An outing usually consists of a stop for morning coffee, followed by a scenic drive and then a stop for a pub lunch. We even have some men joining the group – we are pleased to see them and anyone else who would like to join.</p> <p>Our next meeting on May 11th will be coffee at Widecombe, followed by a picnic or pub lunch on Dartmoor. The in June we will have our annual outing to Morwellam Quay on the river Tamar.</p> <p>We get such a lot of pleasure meeting with our friends old and new and anyone can come along and enjoy a lovely day out. We hope that the group will continue for many years to come.</p>

031.10/17	<p>Ideford Parish Lands and Charity of Humphrey Borrington (Feoffees) – Ann Rigby Jones (Read by Clerk)</p> <p>No requests for assistance were received during the past year and the Trustees were not aware of any parishioner in need. The Trustees may be approached at any time and notices about this are included in the parish newsletter during the year.</p> <p>Ann Rigby-Jones on behalf of the Trustees: Rev Stephen West (Chairman), Angie Carter-Woodwark, Jan Hunt, Peter Rice, Gladys Stevens, Ann Rigby-Jones</p>
031.11/17	<p>Ideford Bell Ringers – Ann Rigby-Jones (Read by Clerk)</p> <p>Again 2016 was a mixture of good practice sessions and evenings when there were too few to ring. But for weddings and before major services (Easter, Harvest, Carol Service and Christmas) the team was able to make a joyful noise. Several complimentary comments were made after ringing for the Christmas services and we hope these will lead to newcomers joining us.</p> <p>Ann Rigby-Jones (on behalf of David and Nicki Aylmore, Mark Bertram, Jenny Codling, Lyn Edwards, Vicki Gardner, Ashley Lamb and Martin Sampson)</p>
031.12/17	<p>Ideford Art Group – Angie Carter-Woodwark</p> <p>The Art Group continues to meet on Thursdays at 6.30 pm. 2016 was a busy year with an annual exhibition, showing superb talent in a variety of medium and subjects. At this event the group raised nearly £70 for the village hall with proceeds from teas. As happens with many groups, people come and go; to all those who have moved on to large societies, we wish them well and hope they continue to develop and be inspired by their new experiences. With the group becoming smaller, it may be time to change the time of sessions and consider afternoon sessions from October till December and March, with evening sessions beginning again in April through to the end of August. Do look out for any changes in the newsletter and on the website.</p> <p>If you are interested in giving it a go, contact me (Angie) on 854898 or on e-mail – angie@ideford-parish.co.uk The charges, for the time being remain the same, £5 per session and £3.50 for 10 – 16 yrs.</p> <p>During this summer, we hope to go out sketching around the Parish. This year, sessions will run from now until the end of August and resume in October (September will be taken up with Devon Open Studios) We will break for Christmas and New Year on December 7th and meet again in March. For more details feel free to contact me.</p>
032/17	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Following the earlier comments on fly tipping, a parishioner asked why, when it is the Governments' intention not to levy a charge at municipal tips and recycling centres, does Teignbridge District Council continue to charge for the disposal of certain types of waste. Cllr Austen agreed to speak with the Head of Waste and Recycling to obtain an answer.</p> <p>A parishioner asked if Ideford would have a Rural Skip day this year. It was confirmed that Saturday, 1 July 17 had been allocated and details would be publicised.</p> <p>A parishioner commented on how fortunate we all are to live in a community such as Ideford and listening to all the reports it shows how much goodwill there is to run all the clubs, trusts and activities that go on.</p>
033/17	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 6.30pm</p>

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 1930

Signed:

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Dated:

12 April 2018