

# IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the Full council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 after the Parishioners Meeting.

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodward - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr C Hill Cllr Batting DCC Peart WW - Mr. Aaronson and Mr. Morby
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	2 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
07/04/25	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> The chair opened the meeting at 20:02 hours and noted the apologies from TDC Cllr Gearon, Cllr J Gardner
08/04/25	<b>THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</b> held on Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 were agreed by all and signed by the chair.
09/04/25	<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:</b> Cllr. Carter-Woodward indicated her proximity to the planning matter, along with the Chair as well.
10/04/25	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> - Dom wanted to thank the parish council for the last 12 months saying that the council do a great job.
11/04/25	<b>REPORTS:</b> <b>05.01 County Councillor Peart :</b> No additional report <b>05.02 District Councillor Gearon:</b> no report <b>05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce:</b> no additional report
12/04/25	<b>PARISH MATTERS:</b> <b>12.01 Meeting Start times:</b> The chair had put forward starting the meetings half an hour later due to work commitments. Cllr Batting suggested 7pm through the winter and 7.30pm in the summer. Cllr C Hill indicated we should support those who are working. Concerns by others including how late the meeting would end, especially in the winter. Public participation was raised to keep the timings relevant. Mention was made of private discussions going on whilst the council is in discussion on matters. Not appropriate to keep changing times. Cllr Peart was asked if it would be a problem, he mentioned a big agenda could take up some time. Clerk suggested a trial period. A vote was held to move the meeting to 7.30pm on a trial basis, 5 in favour 1 against. <b>12.02 To receive any updates on roadworks,</b> highways a notice has been received - Olchard Lane and Road past Underhays. There is a 18 month term to indicate they will be going round a number of areas in Devon with no definite dates. Pot hole outside Colleybrook has been mentioned to the chair, all marked up and has been reported again. The sound of cars running over it is disturbing the residence. Meeting with the new highways officer at the next meeting in May. Cllr Peart has met him and indicates he is very effective. Footpaths, the chair provided a quick update on Footpath 20 and the PROW person at TDC is coming out to have a look at it next week (Wednesday). Byways to prevent the work being pushed into next year. The work has to be quoted for and for the parish council to pay for it through P3. <b>12.03 Policy reviews and updates:</b> Standing orders, was approved at the last meeting. Equality, Data Protection/FOI were reviewed and approved at the meeting. <b>12.04 Updates from previous meetings:</b> Cllr. Bellamy, asked about the need for <b><u>“all kept birds to be housed and undercover”</u></b> . <b><u>CURRENTLY All birds (chickens etc) must be protected from Wild Birds and that includes not sharing water and/or food, housing or netting must be used”</u></b> . <b><u>All owners should be registered with the APHA.</u></b> The current situation is that avian flu has now passed to other animals, a cat and some sheep. Wild birds do have avian flu. Avian Flu is now a risk to humans. An article will also be put into the parish news, posters are needed.
13/04/25	<b>PLANNING APPLICATION:</b> <b>13.01 Planning Applications: 25/00495/HOU - Corner Cottage, IDEFORD.</b> Proposal - Timber roof structure. There are no objections to this application. <b>13.02 Planning Decision:</b> Certificate of Lawfulness for Apple Cottage, a discussion about permitted development was held.
14/04/25	<b>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS</b> - Cllr. Batting, the Ideford Vintage Fare will not run this year, due to a lack of volunteers. Mention was made of everyone in the village being stretched as there are fewer numbers covering more events. A possible solution was to run it every other year.

	Another concern was a swing on the green this was mentioned on social media. There was no request to put a swing up, therefore it was a liability/insurance issue. Comments were received that the parish council doesn't do enough for the community. The council suggests that parishioners should attend any of our meetings to discuss any matter in person. The chair indicated there is nowhere to put anything, as the parish council doesn't own any ground. The Millennium Green has to be an open space, this was part of the strict conditions originally placed on the Millennium Greens at the outset. Broadland's was then discussed - Cllr Peart has not had a response from TDC at present.
<b>15/04/25</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:</b> The balance of accounts £13751.12 and bank reconciliation for March was provided and approved by the council. A request for payments was made for the Village Hall Invoices, Clerks Invoice and DALC. Decisions and enforcement to be placed on every agenda. An administrative update was provided on recent correspondence and the clerk is seeing the internal auditor the day after the meeting. A .gov domain was discussed and has subsequently been confirmed by Japg (auditing) that the clerk as a minimum has to be on a .gov email. Discussion was held as to whether the hosting should be html or word press, the advantages and dis-advantages of this was explained, the council felt that word press subject to confirmation by Cllr Gardner would be appropriate.
<b>16/04/25</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> - Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025.
<b>17/04/25</b>	The Chair closed the meeting at 21.05 pm

**Signed:** ..... **Dated:** .....