

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 13th February 2025 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr M Batting Cllr Peart DCC	
In Attendance	Wildlife Warden Robin Aaronson	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	0 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
146/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr C Hill, Cllr Gearon, Cllr J Gardner and Dominic Morby.
147/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: on the 16 th January 2025 were accepted by all the councillors and were duly signed.
148/25	THERE WAS ONE DECLARATION OF INTEREST: As a trustee of the Millennium Green the chair mentioned his interests in the MG Matter.
149/25	THERE WAS NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
150/25	<p>REPORTS:</p> <p>150.1 There was no report from the County Councillor Peart,</p> <p>150.2 District Councillor Gearon’s report was read out by the chair:- “It’s been a busy start to the year with lots of meetings. At a recent Full Council meeting, Teignbridge’s long term strategy ‘One Teignbridge’ was approved by Councillors. Although this was voted through, a considerable debate took place between Councillors who were questioning the timing of the strategy and whether it should be temporarily paused. This is due to the uncertainty of devolution and Council Leaders and Chief Executives being asked to develop a proposal for local government reorganisation. I wanted to bring to your attention I have a remaining £450 in my Community Fund. If Ideford Parish Council can find a use for all, or, part funds, please do let me know”.</p> <p>150.3 PCSO Bunce reported for the period, 1st January to the 31st of January 2025, 0 recorded offences.</p>
151/25	<p>PARISH MATTERS:</p> <p>151.1 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss/agree any action. Cllr. Carter-Woodwark indicated that Maureen Crispin is concerned about parking outside her doors, she fully supports the double yellow lines. There is a no parking notice there. However, tenants are parking up by her doors. A suggestion has been made to put a notice on Facebook as tractors will use that road and damage will occur, particularly in the summer. The Chair suggested a sign, “access required all times”. We will need to put a notice about parking and people needing to be considerate and not blocking entrances etc. Cllr. Carter-Woodwark indicated she will put a notice in the newsletter.</p> <p>The chair indicated that they have marked up another area in orchard Lane after already sorting it out.</p> <p><u>Byways</u> Holden Lane, Hamblecombe Lane and Tower Hill. There was a negative response to the chairs email about this originally. However, Steve Gardner is the replacement for Jonathan Rowlands. He's been out and had a meeting with Anthony French to discuss what needs to be carried out. John Boyd is the new head of rights of way. They are keen to get the work done and for Anthony to do the work. They can provide materials and funds via our p3, and they are aiming to complete this before the end of March. Other areas out of our parish have also been mentioned and one of our farmers is going to help repair the lanes. This is a useful cooperation with neighbouring parishes as with the snow wardens/ gritting discussions recently.</p> <p>151.2 Wildlife Wardens report: A lot of planning for the open gardens event due to be held on June 14th, we are hoping to have a wildlife theme for this. We would like the people who received the Devon wildlife trust plaque to join in. Biodiversity plan - sighting of wildlife, there is no point of a long list and a suggestion was raised about having a inter-active page on the website for this spring to log items of interest. Mr. Morby has consulted with the clerk to see if this is possible.</p> <p>151.3 Policy reviews and updates were approved</p>

	<p>151.4 Updates from previous meetings: Gritting. There has been contact with Bishopsteignton and they are planning to discuss this at their next meeting, in March. In the interim we have clarified that we are part of the snow warden scheme, we have grit and a gritter and volunteer. The volunteer (Rob Coombe) will need to attend some training at the Depot at Kingsteignton. Bishopsteignton indicates the two volunteers can complete a route round Luton and Ideford, to allow easy access into both areas. After their meeting it will be possible to iron out any queries. The training required is for insurance purposes.</p> <p>151.5 Millennium Green update. An update - Liz Hill raised a concern. The trustees went with some assistance and cleared the leaves in the area and all of the play equipment. After a meeting the Rospa report was checked. It indicates that the surface is up to standard and not a risk. The only other suggestion to stop leaves is to cut the trees down. Rospa has also suggested we ban dogs from the green. In their report the foot ball posts and benches were mentioned but all are deemed to be safe and the MG Trustees will follow their guidance. The building work was discussed and they are hoping that a team is free this month too get the roof on. Dates for planting in the middle of March will be put in the parish magazine and the trustees will be looking for volunteers. There is a mid summer party / festival on the green planned as it's 25 years old?. The date will be in the middle part of June or mid summer.</p>												
152/25	<p>PLANNING: No were no planning applications, however a TPO was considered. There were concerns raised by neighbours over this. Concerns were raised over biodiversity and we were waiting on Mary Rush to answer these. There was some confusion over who owns the land as it appears it could be either DCC or a tenant. The gateway to the units is at Sand Copse, with the A380 on one side. Mary Rush put out an interim report on the planning as they had a bat survey, which wasn't conclusive, so another survey was required. However there were conditions for the planting of trees, apparently some one came out to check the trees. The clerk will follow this up with Mary Rush and get further clarity on the TPO. The 13th March is the deadline for comments. Cllr Peart will follow up to see what is happening with the land.</p>												
153/25	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS. The Chair and his partner were concerned about the increase of Avian Flu, there are no mandatory housing requirements here, however all birds should be under nets not running loose in the fields. All the food and water has to be protected from wild birds as well. If there is an increase, it may pass across to humans. Every poultry owner is supposed to be registered. The chair will put a message in the parish magazine.</p>												
154/25	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: 154.1 Balance of accounts was provided - £14686.14? The monthly bank reconciliation for January 2025 was approved and signed. The payments listed below were approved for payment. Cilca Refund and or grants were mentioned in particular mention of the parish magazine, the clerk to contact the parish magazine regarding this.</p> <p>An Information request was received by a parishioner in relation to a planning matter and minutes in the parish magazine some years ago. The chair and clerk replied to the parishioner. 2017-2019 were the dates of the agendas and minutes requested. The applicant may be required to seek some of the information from TDC.</p> <p>Litter picking date, no date has been set, this will be discussed on the return of Cllr. Gardner. The agm and apm will remain on the same date.</p> <p>Payments:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="217 1704 1441 1854"> <tr> <td>Staff payments</td> <td>Staff Costs</td> <td>£374.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Staff Costs</td> <td>£7.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scribe</td> <td>Administration</td> <td>£14.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>Hall hire</td> <td>£18.00</td> </tr> </table>	Staff payments	Staff Costs	£374.16	HMRC	Staff Costs	£7.80	Scribe	Administration	£14.40	Village Hall	Hall hire	£18.00
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155/25	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 13th March 2025.</p>												
156/25	<p>The Chair closed the meeting at 19:58pm</p>												

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