

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Ideford Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 9th May 2024 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair	Cllr M Batting
	Cllr A Carter-Woodwark Vice Chair.	Cllr C Hill
	Cllr D Fox	Cllr J Gardner
	Cllr H Bellamy	
In Attendance	Cllr R Peart (DCC)	Mrs. Clarke, Clerk
	Mrs. Thompson outgoing clerk.	3 members of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
	PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)
047/24	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE - Cllr T. Hill was proposed by Cllr Batting and seconded by Cllr Gardner. The position was accepted and the declaration of office duly signed.
048/24	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE - Cllr.Carter-Woodwark was proposed by Cllr. Fox and seconded by Cllr. Batting. The position was accepted and the declaration duly signed.
049/24	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from PCSO Bunce. The chair then thanked Mrs. Thompson and said she will be greatly missed.
050/24	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting on Thursday 11th April 2024 were agreed.
051/24	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Cllr T Hill and Cllr H Bellamy, as the planning application are their next door neighbours.
052/24	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
053/24	REPORTS: -Cllr R Peart (DCC) (The full report is available) The Tackling of Climate Change-Flood Prevention Project (TDC)this integrates climate resilience with sustainable agriculture. It sequestered 17.84 tonnes of carbon in one year, a 13% increase, exceeding the 0.5% rise. The project aims for net-zero future. Flooding prevention the aim being to improve soil health, and promote sustainable farming. Private investments can support ecosystem services, like flood management and bee preservation, and encourage local businesses to reduce their environmental impact. Tregoad Holiday Park sowed herbal ley seeds at Higher Kestle Farm in 2022 in drought to demonstrate resilience. Farmers support land management practices to reduce run off through the Sustainable Farming Incentive program. Local councillors are discussing regenerative farming, and Councillor Peart is optimistic about the ongoing devolution deal. PCSO Bunce: Neighbourhood beat manager, 3 recorded offences in the Ideford area
054/24	PARISH MATTERS: 054.1 Register of Interests - members were reminded about updating any changes, which could also be carried out online. 054.2 South West Water: The chair reported the contractor’s language concerns raised last month. Water works completed up to Biddlecombe Cross. Chudleigh has a three-week window. Olchard's work is from May 20th to 31st, possibly extending to June 7th. Longthorne Road may be blocked. Cllr Carter-Woodwark commented on a water leak from a temporary pipe which has now been removed. Blocked Gulley: Reported but there may be a delay due to limited equipment. Waste Oil: Dumped by the A380; chair to report to enforcement. Signage: No new sign for Hamblecome Lane despite a recent car incident. Noted that an artic truck enter the village possible due to a Sat nav/ Road Surveys: Olchard Lane and Rixafer Road marked; resurfacing needed, Cllr Peart will contact Devon Highways. 054.3 Cllr Gardner reported that Sustainable Ideford will provide an update at their next meeting on May 23rd. Potential grants, including landowner tree planting schemes, will be discussed. Cllr Gardner will consult Cllr Batting before further discussions. Some grants may also benefit the Millennium Green and Village Hall. Cllr Gardner started a small project called Epic to attract more bees. Wildlife cameras have captured a hedgehog and a rat. Light pollution needs follow-up with Chudleigh. There is ongoing engagement with the PCC and wildlife wardens. 054.4 The council aims to maintain a live Biodiversity Action Plan, with planning as the priority. Diversity and environmental reports are essential, Cllr Carter-Woodwark stressed continuity with a biodiversity officer in retrospective planning, as TDC has indicated there is no need for a visit in response to previous inquiries. 054.5 Wildlife Wardens Update- the street lights some previously on all the time have altered. Cllr Gardner to check with Chudleigh and consult with Tess Frost. A village bat evening was discusses, date to be arranged, with six interested, its promoted on Facebook. Twinning with Exminster church to compare plans and achievements. Noted that TDC halting hedge trimming. Six village participants in wildlife-friendly gardening; WW have applied for own hedgehog from rehabilitation department.

	054.6 D Day plans is on the 6th of June which is Thursday. A suggestion was made to peel the bells, the chair will talk to them about this.																					
055/24	<p>PLANNING:</p> <p>055.1 To note no new planning applications: 24/00455/HOU - Byways - Demolish rear conservatory, single storey extensions to front and rear and side. There's is no real change in the footprint and they are keeping the style. A question was raised about wildlife in the areas of the demolishing and therefore a report would be needed. The council fully support the application.</p> <p>055.2 The following planning decisions were noted: 24/00187/FUL - The Sanctuary, Higher Colleybrook Farm Grant of conditional planning permission. 24/00231/FUL - The Sanctuary, Higher Colleybrook Farm Grant of conditional planning permission</p> <p>055.3 Planning Enforcement cases: 23/00316/ENF 17/00006/ENF 20/00296/ENF Cllr Carter-Woodwark provided an update on the cases. A discussion was held regarding planning at Rixford Bungalow.</p> <p>055.4 Appeals: Glendon, Ideford Coombe, 23/01297/HOU The council do not have anything further to add to this.</p>																					
056/24	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS:</p> <p>056.01 Field gates being left open - Cllr Carter-Woodwark indicated 14 cattle broke out due to open gates. Steve Wright turned them back. It was proposed that a notice will be put in the parish news reminding people to shut the gates.(In the June Edition currently). It was also suggested -put up a sign and lock the gates as this is not a footpath.</p>																					
057/24	Second Public Participation -none.																					
058/24	<p>AUDIT 2024 / 2024</p> <p>057.1 To note the Internal Auditors Report which was approved and signed accordingly</p> <p>057.2 The Annual Governance Statement was agreed and approved</p> <p>057.3 The Annual Accounting Statement was agreed and approved</p>																					
059/24	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:</p> <p>059.1 The balance of accounts at the end of April 2024 was £15898.39 and the bank reconciliation for April 2024 was agreed by all and signed by the Chair and Clerk.</p> <p>059.2 It was agreed by all to make the following payments and approve the payments that have been made since the last meeting.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 976 1449 1214"> <tr> <td>£14.40</td> <td><i>scribe</i></td> <td>Administration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£60.00</td> <td><i>CPRE - DDR</i></td> <td>Subscriptions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£578.88</td> <td><i>Clerks final wages</i></td> <td>Wages</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£169.17</td> <td><i>Dalc</i></td> <td>Subscription</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£123.60</td> <td><i>HMRC</i></td> <td>Wages</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£45.00</td> <td><i>Village hall 217/216</i></td> <td>Hire of Facilities.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£65.00</td> <td><i>Mrs. Clapham</i></td> <td>Auditing</td> </tr> </table> <p>059.3 To note the receipt of the precept from TDC for £4522.50 and cil payment £146.72</p> <p>059.4 To provide a legal and administrative update: insurance renewal which is part of a 3 year agreement due on the 12th</p> <p>059.5 Correspondence received – bulletins to be sent to all councillors</p> <p>059.6 Grant applications – emails to be sent to Cllr. Gardner.</p>	£14.40	<i>scribe</i>	Administration	£60.00	<i>CPRE - DDR</i>	Subscriptions	£578.88	<i>Clerks final wages</i>	Wages	£169.17	<i>Dalc</i>	Subscription	£123.60	<i>HMRC</i>	Wages	£45.00	<i>Village hall 217/216</i>	Hire of Facilities.	£65.00	<i>Mrs. Clapham</i>	Auditing
£14.40	<i>scribe</i>	Administration																				
£60.00	<i>CPRE - DDR</i>	Subscriptions																				
£578.88	<i>Clerks final wages</i>	Wages																				
£169.17	<i>Dalc</i>	Subscription																				
£123.60	<i>HMRC</i>	Wages																				
£45.00	<i>Village hall 217/216</i>	Hire of Facilities.																				
£65.00	<i>Mrs. Clapham</i>	Auditing																				
060/24	TO DISCUSS AND AGREE HOLDING A PART TWO MEETING: It was agreed to hold a Part Two Meeting.																					
061/24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 13 th June 2024 Time 7pm 2024. The Chair closed this part of the meeting.																					
062/24	<p>PART TWO MEETING (CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS).</p> <p>1. Employment matters /alterations confirmed</p> <p>2. To amend the complaints policy, to re-consider the wording of concerns raised or matters raised and keep in the two public participations sections.</p>																					
063/24	RE-OPEN THE MEETING TO VOTE ON ANY PART TWO DECISIONS - none																					
064/24	CLOSE THE MEETING. The meeting closed at 21.07pm.																					

Signed.....

Dated.....