IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 12th September 2024 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair	Cllr J Gardner
	Cllr A Carter-Woodwark vice chair	Cllr M Batting
	Cllr D Fox	Cllr C Hill
	Cllr H Bellamy	
In Attendance	Cllr R Peart (DCC)	Mrs Clarke - Clerk
	Wildlife Wardens – Robin Aaronson	3 members of the public
	and Dominic Morby	

Discussion and Decisions (b)		
WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr Gearon and Cllr Peart		
THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: of the 13 th June 2024 were accepted by all the councillors and duly signed.		
THERE WERE NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Updating of the register of interests was discussed.		
THERE WAS NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
REPORTS: There were no reports from the district and County Councillors. PCSO Bunce Reported for the period, 1st June 2024 - 30th of June 2024, 1 recorded offence. From 1st August 2024 - 31st August 2024, there were 1 recorded offence, suspect drunk in charge motor vehicle		
PARISH MATTERS: 96.1 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss/agree any action. Olchard lane, will be starting again on the 19 th Sept to finish the whole of the lane. Yellow lines have been painted. The van is parking elsewhere which is improving visibility.		

96.2 Sustainable Ideford. A wildlife gardening event was held on the 9th September and was attended by approximately 30 people. Elaine Hughes provided a presentation. All items purchased for the event where taken away. Devon wildlife trust donated the publications. A few projects were established, at the meeting including a gardening / wildlife club in the village. There is potential for an Ideford open gardens event next summer. (It was pointed out that the village hall has discussed the open gardens events and would like to combine this with the 50 years of the village hall next year).

A brief update was provided on the biodiversity plan highlighting significant parts:-

SI has achieved this by scrutinising planning applications and supporting residence with biodiversity information as per the event last night. The minimising of carbon foot print, energy events were held some time ago and we need to do this again as we don't know what impact it had.

Networking with the residence over the councils environment policy. One of the actions proposed for awareness of biodiversity was to hold events, i.e. bat detecting and moth trapping, which is happening and it has lead to local support. Use of the wildlife camera, encouragement of the PCC and the church yard where there is a lot happening (see the wildlife wardens report).

Reducing light pollution, this has slowed down. Teignbridge have a policy where they don't do anything with individual parishes. Chudleigh has run into difficulty, they have four street lights which were changed but they were unreliable, so Chudleigh has had to compromise on their set up. Lights and timing:- the contact in TDC has left and indicated that they wouldn't change the timings.

Private gardens and friendly gardening, was covered by last nights event. SI is looking at any opportunities to engage with farmers over farm land with regards to biodiversity and exchanging grant information, also hedging projects etc. Mention was made of the environmental land management schemes. Ideford Common SSSI, Rob Gillett will be a local volunteer to survey and report back to the Wildlife trust. Therefore on 75% of the matters, SI is making progress. The next meeting of SI will be on the 23rd October

96.3 Wildlife Wardens report:

We received a grant from Wild about Devon for £100. The Church yard - Gods green acre, there is a date set for planting bulbs, the sapling are coming on November 5th. There will be herbs planted.

The Wildlife camera has stopped working and this will be sent for repair. Devon in wildlife award, we have 49 people in the TQ13 area who have received the plaque. There is an ash die back workshop at the end of the month, this will be a proper discussion on what to do with ash trees rather than just felling them. **96.4 Grant application by Healing with horses**, for young people to mix with the horses. There was a discussion about the current donations. Relevance to the parish and its community are the prerequisite. It was recommended that some information should be placed in the parish news and then parishioners could decide if they want to contribute to this. 96.5 Training clerk and councillors: at this stage the clerk had not heard back from Cilca. Training dates from Dalc were provided. PLANNING: 097.1 Parish Planning Forum meetings on the 18th (2-4pm) and 23rd September (5-7pm) a few councillors are interested in this latter one. 097.2 The following planning application was discussed: 24/01114/HOU & 24/01115/LBC IDEFORD - Longbarn, Ideford Proposal: There are insufficient drainage details and concerns were raised about the concrete and fast flowing water. The council discussed various aspects of the planning application and concerns were raised about the retrospective application bearing in mind the pre-application advice in 2021 097.3 To note the following planning decisions: 24/00861/VAR Rixford Bungalow, Ideford:- Permission Granted. Removal of existing mobile home 24/00060/FUL - Hillcrest Stables, Hestow Road - Permitted 24/00963/CLDP- Homefield, Ideford - Certificate of Lawfulness 23/01297/COND1 - Glendon, Ideford Combe - Discharge of condition 4 20/01018/FUL - Little Haven, Higher Sandygate - REFUSAL Change of use of agricultural land to boat storage, siting of 14 shipping containers, a portable office and garage. 24/01019/HOU - - Well Cottage, Olchard. Permission Granted - Replacement of storage shed and outbuilding with garage and store 24/01287/AGR - Rixford Bungalow Ideford - Agricultural storage building, prior approval not required. 24/01361/CLDP - Homefield, Ideford - The proposed new gate, piers and flanking walls are permitted development. **097.4 Enforcement update and issues**: No updates at present. CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS. Butts lane and the road surface, an elderly person has fallen over. Another couldn't take their walker along there. Discussion was held on the potholes on the lane that need also to be reported. Dog poo matter raised on Facebook. The footpath concerned is not in the parish, it is in Chudleigh and is on private land, so Ugbrooke would need to give permission. Our bins have been ordered and we are waiting on Teignbridge. Dog owners are reminded to clear up any mess made by their pets. **CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:** 99.1 The balance of accounts on 31st August 2024 was £12011.43 99.2 The bank reconciliation's for July & August were agreed by all and signed by the Chair and Clerk. **99.3** It was agreed by all to make the following payments:

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£372.66	Staff payments	Staff Costs		
£45.00	Village Hall	Venue hire. Invoices		
£7.80	HMRC	Staff Costs		
£93.04	Jims additional invoice	Sustainable Ideford		
£awaiting figure.	Rob Gillett invoice	Sustainable Ideford		

Payments made since the last meeting: Monthly DD to Scribe Accounts £14.40, this is on a direct debit. **99.4** Legal and administrative update:

Admin report:- budget provided. Clerks correspondence was listed, secure destruction and archive costs were also discussed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 10th October 2024. 100/24

101/24 The Chair closed the meeting at 20.17pm

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