

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall

On the 14th November 2024 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr A Carter-Woodwork vice-chair sitting as the chair. Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr J Gardner Cllr M Bating Cllr C Hill
In Attendance	Wildlife Wardens – Dominic Morby	Mrs Clarke - Clerk 1 member of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
113/24	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr T Hill - Chair, Cllr R Peart, District County Cllr; Robin Aaronson, Wildlife Warden; and Cllr Gearon - District Cllr.
114/24	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting on 10th October 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.
115/24	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Cllr. Carter-Woodwork declared a potential interest in the budget discussion with her role as a Village Hall Trustee.
116/24	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
117/24	REPORTS: There were no reports from Councillors and no crimes reported to the PCSO
118/24	<p>PARISH MATTERS:</p> <p>118.1 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes. The difficulties caused by pot holes in Butts Lane were raised and it was confirmed that the repairs of these are on Devon Highway’s list. Work repairing the potholes in Olchard Lane had been completed and the Lane was scheduled to be resurfaced next year.</p> <p>118.2 Sustainable Ideford. It was agreed to discuss SI as part of the budget agenda item.</p> <p>118.3 Update from the Wildlife Wardens. £100 worth of bulbs and a donation of 5 crab apple trees by Rob Gillett had been planted as part of the wilding initiative in the graveyard. The church hedgerow had been planted with saplings and fenced off for protection. 200 saplings had been planted in Higher Colleybrook. Spare oak saplings were available to any member of the village.</p> <p>118.4 Budget discussion. The clerk indicated there was an overspend in 23-24; but for 24-25 the Council were on target with a small underspend. Increases in certain costs would mean that next year’s budget would need to rise. This included the cost of insurance. Due to new regulations the cost of some items (including assets, election costs etc) should be spread over 4 years; and there is a requirement that a years worth of spending needs to be kept in the reserves.</p> <p>Inflation this year was mentioned and the reserves were not as high as indicated due to a grant of £2000 to the MG for the new building (yet to be paid). VAT reclaim and CIL would offset some costs. Given the projected budget requirements for 25-26, Councillors felt a 2% increase in the precept to cover this would be manageable and reasonable and should be used for budget purposes and be agreed at a later date.</p> <p>Future projects i.e. With the Millennium Green (MG) and the Wildlife Wardens (WW) might need some funding as these projects are also in the biodiversity plan. Mr. Morby added that any MG project has to be resident led, then ideally matched with a grant, which if unused goes back to the reserves. There will need to be a governance question on how to manage a project on the MG. The Woodland Trusts provide the trees and some materials have come from Devon Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>SI Sustainable Ideford - the budget has been spent on key events including carbon awareness, and a wildlife garden event etc. The biodiversity plan was adopted and the WW are part of the work in the plan. The 23-24 budget for SI had been higher than that in 24-25 and due to the lower budget, some meetings in 24-25 had been in private homes rather than the hall. A suggestion to return the budget to the earlier level of £500 was met with support from councillors to go forward to the next meeting. Going forward SI would need hall hire for future events, and spending on marketing to promote the events.</p> <p>Village Hall, Cllr. Carter-Woodwork said that it had been suggested the village hall may also want to amalgamate their insurance with the PC, as the MG had done. While this might further reduce overall insurance costs, the village hall committee had discussed this, including in respect to some of the insurance</p>

	<p>provisions that were specific to the hall, and outlined a series of questions that a shared policy raised, which included liability and coverage. The village hall committee felt it would be best to keep the insurances separate. Concerns were raised after the discussion and the parish council would like to invite the millennium green to the next meeting to discuss matters.</p> <p>Policy updates: The clerk explained various policies are not up to date and changes are needed. Some policies have not been reviewed at all. It was decided to do the filming and recording policy in December along with the risk assessment and then another in February next year 2025. Ideford is using standing orders from Nalc without any alterations, which will also require a review.</p>															
119/24	<p>PLANNING:</p> <p>119.1 There were no new planning applications:</p> <p>119.2 The following planning decision was mentioned. 24/01114/HOU - Longbarn - Approved for the soft and hard landscaping. They sent a biodiversity plan in which was accepted by TDC.</p> <p>119.3 Enforcement update: No new update</p>															
120/24	<p>MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS</p> <p>A resident has asked about the litter at the top of Bowden Lane. Cllr Bellamy has subsequently checked (after the meeting) and there is no litter there.</p> <p>The village previously had a skip funded by TDC. This was looked into but the requirements are overbearing at £2000.00 for a skip and employing someone full time to stay with it. There is a free to access recycling facility in Brunel Road, Newton Abbott. Mention was made of using licensed waste businesses, who may be able to assist if anyone needs this, but charges would be applicable.</p>															
121/24	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:</p> <p>121.1 Budget proposal the amount was set and the Cil received and noted from TDC.</p> <p>121.2 The balance of accounts £16169.74 was provided to the end of October and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for October 2024 was given.</p> <p>121.3 Approval for the payments and any interim payments made since last meeting, was granted, namely for the Scribe accounts,</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1055 1497 1227"> <tr> <td>Staff payments</td> <td>£382.56</td> <td>Inc Website Maintenance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>£40.50</td> <td>Venue hire. Invoices</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£7.80</td> <td>Staff costs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teec</td> <td>£194.39</td> <td>Website - hosting charges.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scribe</td> <td>£14.40</td> <td>Accounts.</td> </tr> </table> <p>121.4 Any administrative update was provided - WCG2A update.</p> <p>Councillors information needs updated for the website. Bank charges are coming in at £4.25 a month with additional fees of 7p for each item. There is mention of a possible account with Lloyds that we might be able to switch to. We wait to hear from Lloyds about this.</p> <p>Nalc pay rises have increased and need to be implemented, this to be put on next month agendas.</p> <p>Devon Communities together on the 27th November, Cllr. Hill has subsequently submit the proxy document on behalf of the council. The Public consultation on the toilets is now open and Mr. Morby has completed it.</p>	Staff payments	£382.56	Inc Website Maintenance	Village Hall	£40.50	Venue hire. Invoices	HMRC	£7.80	Staff costs	Teec	£194.39	Website - hosting charges.	Scribe	£14.40	Accounts.
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122/24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 12 th December 2024.															
123/24	The Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 20:47 pm															

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