

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	Wildlife Wardens – Robin Aaronson and Dominic Morby	Mrs Clarke - Clerk 3 members of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
91/24	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
92/24	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: of the 12 th June 2024 were accepted by all the councillors and duly signed.
93/24	THERE WERE NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Updating of the register of interests was discussed.
94/24	THERE WAS NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
95/24	The vice-chairwoman stepped aside on the arrival of the chairman and the council continued to: 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
96/24	<p>PARISH MATTERS:</p> <p>96.1 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss/agree any action. Olchard lane, will be starting again on the 19th Sept to finish the whole of the lane. Yellow lines have been painted by the bus stop corner and vehicles are parking elsewhere, which has improved visibility and safety.</p> <p>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 were 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 garden 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).</p> <p>A brief update was provided on the biodiversity plan highlighting significant parts:- SI has achieved this by assisting with the parish council in scrutinising planning applications. Further supporting residence with biodiversity information, by events holding relevant event. The minimising of carbon footprint, by holding energy events these were held some time ago and we need to do this again as we don't know what impact it has had.</p> <p>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. Use of the wildlife camera, encouragement of the PCC and the church yard where there is a lot happening (see the wildlife wardens report).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Private gardens and friendly gardening were covered by last night's event. SI is looking at any opportunities to engage with farmers over farmland 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</p>

	<p>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 saplings 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>96.5 Training clerk and councillors: at this stage the clerk had not heard back from Cilca. Training dates from Dalc were provided.</p>						
<p>97/24</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>097.2 The following planning application was discussed: 24/01114/HOU & 24/01115/LBC IDEFORD - Longbarn, Ideford:</p> <p>The Parish Council are inclined to support this planning application which the application states will preserve the fragile cob walls of a listed building from damp by moving the old patio away from the house and distance the damp ground and surface run off. We also note that the application states there are no alterations to the listed building itself and no trees or hedges are removed.</p> <p>We regret that the application is retrospective, which prevented comments in advance of the work. We note the application states that pre-application advice was obtained in 2021, so it is therefore not clear to us why the application is retrospective, or what the 2021 advice was. One other point we note is that the application does not go into detail on the workings of the new drainage.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>097.4 Enforcement update and issues: No updates at present.</p>						
<p>98/24</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Dog fouling 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.</p>						
<p>99/24</p>	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: 99.1 The balance of accounts on 31st August 2024 was £12011.43 99.2 The bank reconciliations 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:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="248 2085 1469 2157"> <tr> <td data-bbox="248 2085 655 2123">£372.66</td> <td data-bbox="655 2085 1015 2123">Staff payments</td> <td data-bbox="1015 2085 1469 2123">Staff Costs</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="248 2123 655 2157">£45.00</td> <td data-bbox="655 2123 1015 2157">Village Hall</td> <td data-bbox="1015 2123 1469 2157">Venue hire. Invoices</td> </tr> </table>	£372.66	Staff payments	Staff Costs	£45.00	Village Hall	Venue hire. Invoices
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	£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.		
100/24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 10 th October 2024.		
101/24	The Chair closed the meeting at 20.17pm		

Signed: **Dated:**