IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, 11 April 2019

Present:	Cllr David Fox _ Chairman Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Helen Bellamy Cllr Liz Hill	
In Attendance	Cllr Ron Peart Cllr Beryl Austin David Aylmore Angela Fox Suzanne Hill Greg Dyke 5 Members of the Public	County & District Councillor District Councillor P3 Coordinator / Bell Ringing Chairman, Village Hall Trustees Chairman, Millennium Green Trustees Parish Clerk

Item	Discussion and Decisions			
(a)	(b)			
028/19	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE			
	The Chairman opened the meeting at 1830. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Tom Hill and Julian Hull			
029/19	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING			
	The minutes of the 12 April 2018 meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.			
030/19	AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE			
	It was reported that this process was proceeding apace. Mary Ridgeway, Housing Enabling Officer would be at the May meeting of the Council to give a further, detailed update,			
031/19	REPORT – CHAIRMAN OF IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL.			
	Although a member of the Parish Council for some time, 2018/19 has been my first year as its Chairman. It has once again been a busy and eventful year			
	We have continued discussions on Affordable Housing in Ideford with Rural Housing Enablers and, thanks to the amount of interest in the Parish and the hard work of the Housing Enablers some progress has now been made and this ambitious scheme has begun to move forward. Consultation events have taken place throughout the year and the stage has been reached where potential sites have been identified. The Parish council will continue to work together with Teignbridge District Council and Devon Communities Together to maintain this progress.			
	We continue to consider any planning applications that might be submitted within the Parish. This year we have considered a number of applications, the majority of which have been supported by Council.			
	Speeding and parking within the village has been something of a concern in recent times. We took this up with the relevant highway authorities who told us that as there had been no formally evidenced incidents of excessive speed or record of accidents we were not eligible for any formal speed restriction measures. However, despite this advice, the Parish Council have obtained a number of "20's Plenty" notices which you will see in various places throughout the parish.			
	We have also worked together with Chudleigh Council to provide a Bus Shelter at Ideford Dip. A planning application has now been submitted and hopefully the shelter will appear in the not too distant future.			
	We are keen not to work in isolation and do all we can to keep up to date with matters that might affect us. We are very well served by our County and District Councillors (Cllr Ron Peart and Cllr Beryl Austin) who attend most of our meetings to give us updates and listen to any concerns we might have. We are represented on the Teignbridge Association of Local Councils, Devon Association of Local Councils and the Devon CPRE. When operational duties allow we also receive regular visits from the local PCSO or Neighbourhood Beat Officer.			
	This past year has unusually been marked by the employment of three Parish Clerks! Will Page occupied the role for 5 months and when he left the inestimable Ashley Lamb stepped into the breach to help us out. She has now handed over to Greg Dyke.			
	To conclude, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support in this, my first year as Chairman.			

As we approach the quadrennial elections for District and Parish Councils I would like to say a huge thank you, to all those involved in running clubs, organisations and events in the village which all help to make Ideford such a vibrant parish. And, of course, a big thank you to you, the local parishioners for your continued interest in all our activities. You are always welcome to come along to our meetings to listen, take part and tell us of your concerns.

Thank You

032.1/19 | REPORTS - County Councillor - Cllr Ron Peart

Cllr Peart gave an overview of the work of the Viridor Liaison Group meeting which discussed the opening of the Heathfield Landfill site. The site would be opened by the end of May. Details were submitted of the likely opening hours and the type of bulky good that would be received at the site. The general purpose of the Group was to consider matters in relation to the operation, restoration and after care of the Heathfield complex.

032.2/19 District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen

During the last year the number of electors in the Kingsteignton East Ward increased by 500 due to the addition of 400 new houses on Penns Mount and the site off Greenway. Happily no major planning schemes have been added to Ideford though there have been some individual issues.

Apart from a brief hiccup in health I have attended the Parish meetings monthly and been active in keeping the Parish informed of policies and decisions at Teignbridge. Ron and I are grateful for the way Ideford Parish Council keep us informed and we appreciate attending your meetings. Whatever the outcome of the coming Election we will retain an interest in Ideford which has treated us efficiently and with courtesy. Thank you.

032.3/19 Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Report by PC Rob Harvey

Although not present at the meeting PC Harvey submitted the following annual crime figure comparison report after the meeting:

Annual Crime Statistics for Ideford Parish 2019

CRIME TYPE	01/04/17 to	13/04/18 to	VARIATION
	12/04/18	11/04/19	
Harassment, alarm or distress	0	2	Up 2
Assaults incl. Common Assault, Battery,	4	2	Down 2
ABH, GBH & Affray			
Malicious communication	2	1	Down 1
Burglary	1	4	Up 3
Theft of motor vehicle	1	0	Down 1
Damage to or theft from motor vehicle	6	1	Down 5
or vehicle interference.			
Criminal damage to property etc.	1	0	Down 1
Drink/Drug drive	1	2	Up 1
Disqual Drive	0	1	Up 1
Drug possession/production.	0	1	Up 1
False rep. or cheque/card fraud. Money	0	1	Up 1
laundering.			
Going equipped for theft	0	0	Static
General theft	1	3	Up 2
Cruelty to animals	0	0	Static
Dog attacks to person/animal	0	0	Static
Sexual Offences incl. Indecent Images	3	1	Down 2
TOTAL overall	20	19	1 decrease

032.4/19 | Parochial Church Council

No representative was able to be present and no report was submitted

032.5/19 Ideford Village Hall – Angela Fox, Chairman Ideford Village Hall Trustees

The last 12 months have again been a busy year for the Village Hall Trustees as continued improvements have been made. These have included redecoration of the Committee Room and passage, repairs to the oil boiler, new double glazed windows to the front of the building and a protective barrier has been installed at the top of the steps by the drive.

We now possess metal suitcase wheelchair ramps which have taken the place of the old heavy wooden ones. And a large portable screen was recently donated to enable projected images to be shown.

A full fire inspection was carried out in July and some fire extinguishers were replaced. Fire evacuation instructions have been written and are on display in the Hall. Various small improvements have been made to the kitchen equipment and a new front door mat installed.

We have been fortunate to obtain a number of grants for the work carried out but inevitably fund raising has played a part as well with a full programme of teas, talks, quizzes, table top sales and a Christmas Dinner to enable the annual bill of £3,000 + to be met.

The Hall is being used by the Bowls Club, Art Club, Dog Training classes and most recently Pilates classes, but there is still scope for regular lettings. The charges of £10 an hour are in line with other local halls and have not been increased this year.

Finally I would like to thank all the Trustees for their support and work this year and the parishioners for their support at our functions.

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 16 may at 7p.m.

032.6/19

Ideford Millennium Green - Suzanne Hill, Chairman of the Millennium Green Trustees

2018/19 had once again been a busy year for all of those involved in the upkeep and maintenance of this very important village facility. Details were submitted of the improvements works that had been carried out over the year and improvements planned for the future. Funding had been obtained which would help with the continued development of the Green and its facilities.

032.7/19

Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Coordinator Report – David Aylmore

I have done my best to keep an eye on the Parish Paths over the last 12 months and have at various times cleared undergrowth and fallen trees and branches and replaced path markers when required.

I was not able to attend the annual Devon CC P3 Workshop in November of last year, but I did carry out the full annual survey of all the paths in Dec 2018, with the findings reported to the Devon C.C. Rights Of Way Officer.

The Footpaths and Bridleways remain in generally good order with just one broken sign post at the top end of Tower Hill. This has been reported to Devon CC who will undertake the replacement in due course. The ongoing problem with rainwater run off eroding the top end of the Bridleway known as Watery Lane in Olchard has been partially solved with a diversion of the rainwater channel. Discussions are ongoing with The Devon County Paths Warden, Johnathan Rowlands regarding the installation of some shallow steps to stabilise the path and hopefully this work will be completed later this year.

I am disappointed to say that the problem of litter and fly tipping continues, and on several occasions through the last year, I have collected bags of rubbish whilst walking the paths and have reported larger items to Teignbridge Council whose 'Blitz' team have been most efficient in clearing the rubbish. I would ask everybody to keep an eye out for litter and fly tipping and to report anything they see. I do not have any suggestions for changing people's bad habits, but I am sure that litter which is left for any time just attracts more, so it is best dealt with quickly. Reporting Fly Tipping can be done very quickly and easily on mobile phones or any other devices by entering 'Teignbridge report fly tipping'

I am always interested to hear from anyone in the Parish with suggestions or comments about the paths and my contact details are included each month in the Parish Newsletter.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have helped to keep the paths clear during the year, especially Simon Comerford who keeps a particular eye on Watery Lane.

032.8/19

Ideford St Mary's Bell Ringers - David Aylmore, Co-ordinator

As many here will be aware, our Tower Captain Ann Rigby-Jones has moved into a residential home in Newton Abbot but continues to take a keen interest in the Bell Ringers and joins in our events whenever she is able. I have been pleased to continue as the local point of contact for the Ringers in Ann's absence. Our Thursday practices have been better attended this year, and with the continuing support of Mark Bertram & Jenny Codling from Tedburn St. Mary and Will & Kate Carew from Kingsteignton, we have been able to ring at most of the Sunday Services and for the various Festivals and special occasions.

I do hope that those who live within the sound of the Bells will agree, that because of the extra practice, the quality of ringing has improved a bit this year!!

Ideford Tower has also been more active on the competition front this year with a team led by Will & Kate winning the top Devon Association Major 6 Bell Final in June of last year. We were also successful in the 'Top ringing' competition at Tedburn St. Mary in October, and came 5th in the Devon Association Novice competition which was held here at St. Mary's in March.

I would like to record my thanks to all those in the Parish who helped on the day of the Novice competition. It was a very big undertaking for us and over 70 ringers from all over Devon attended. The

feedback from everyone who came along has been very positive and the day went without a hitch so many thanks to all involved The increased activity of the Ideford Tower Ringers has also attracted quite a few visiting teams of ringers, who have come to enjoy ringing our Bells from all over England and beyond. Several of us have also gone along on day tours, organised by Jenny, ringing the bells at other South West churches. This has provided us with the opportunity to meet other ringers and to widen our experience of ringing different bells. We always welcome new members and our more experienced ringers will be very happy to help any complete beginners who would like to have a go. Finally, I would like to say on behalf of all the Bell Ringers how pleased we are to have been able to support the work done by the new PCC to secure the future of St Mary's Church. 032.9/19 Ideford Short Mat Bowling Club - Terry Dore, Chairman (read by the Parish Clerk) In the absence of Terry due to ill health he submitted the following report: We found it very hard playing with so few members in the Teignbridge League. We had to double up on most matches. We did not finish in the bottom two and we do enjoy playing in the League. I understand the League 2018/19 matches are under way. The Teignbridge Shield went to Abbotskerswell and the presentation was attended by Ann Hunt and Jill McCord. There were no club competitions last year because of lack of members but hopefully we may be able to have them in the spring. We still have members playing at the Torbay Hotels entertaining holiday makers and enjoying the different clubs they play against. I have been told we have two new members. Members from Buckland Short Mat Bowling Club have been helping us out in the Teignbridge League as seven is the minimum players you can play with. We only have three members who will play in competitions living in Ideford. May I appeal again for new members. We now only meet on Tuesday evenings 7p.m. to 9 p.m. It is £2 a session with the first two free, £2 a year to hjoin the Club. We have plenty of sets of woods so there would be no initial cost. Your £2 also covers tea and biscuits at half time. Please think about joining us. It is a good way to keep fit. 032.10/19 Ideford Social Group – Kathleen Mortimore (Read by the Parish Clerk) No representative was able to be present and no report was submitted. 032.11/19 Ideford Parish Lands and Charity of Humphrey Borrington (Feoffees) - Cllr Angie Carter - Woodwark To date we have had no requests for help in the community. We will need to have a meeting shortly to ascertain whether we need to close this charity, some feedback has already come through from some of the trustees and we will update in due course via the Parish News and website. The current Trustees are: Ann Rigby-Jones, Peter Rice, Jan Hunt, Angie Carter-Woodwark, Vicar/Rector (Chair). 032.12/19 Ideford Art Group - Angie Carter-Woodwark This small group of artistes have had a happy and productive year. We meet on most Thursday afternoons for about one and half hours. Sometimes the sessions are tutor led, but more often than not, individuals work on a theme of their own, using a mixture of materials. I can help with any technical problems they may encounter or talk through ideas. They are always ready to think "outside the box" and produce really interesting work. We have just started our year, people do not have to attend every week and we work in a relaxed really informal atmosphere. The charges are £5 per session and we meet from 2 - 3.30 p.m. on Thursdays, everyone is made very welcome and the time really flies by ! Contact Angie on 854898 or by email - angie@ideford-parish.co.uk for more information. 033/19 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** As Parishioners had the opportunity to ask questions during the course of the evening, there were no additional comments or questions during the public participation section. 034/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Thursday, 09 April 2020 at 6.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed Annual Parish Meeting at 19.10. Parishioners were invited to remain for the Monthly Parish Council Meeting.

Signed:	Dated:	: