

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2022

Present:	Cllr David Fox Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Helen Bellamy Cllr M Crispin Cllr J Gardner	Cllr T Hill Cllr M Batting
In Attendance	Cllr Ron Peart Juliette Thompson Eleven members of the public	County & District Councillor Parish Clerk

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
021/22	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Parish Council Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm. Apologies for absence were received from PC Clarke Orchard, D Aylmore, R Blake, R Aaronson, J Hill and Cllr B Austen.</p>
022/22	<p>REPORT – Chairman of Ideford Parish Council – Cllr David Fox</p> <p><u>Chairman’s Report for the Annual General Meeting 14th April 2022</u></p> <p>2022 has been a more normal year for business and activities after the lock down in 2020 and 2021. Parish Council Meetings have resumed on a monthly basis and have been quite well attended by Parishioners.</p> <p>We have co-opted new members to the council bringing our number permissible to seven Councillors.</p> <p>Parish business has included a number of Planning Applications the majority of which have been supported by the Council.</p> <p>We now have 2 Wildlife Wardens and they have been looking after the Parish’s wildlife and free trees which have had become available. Their reports follow.</p> <p>We thank Cllr Ron Peart and Cllr Beryl Austin for their continued support, attending our meetings where possible and for their valuable advice and help, for which we are most grateful.</p> <p>Also thanks to our PCSO’s and Beat Manager for their attendance at the regular monthly PACT Meetings at the Village Hall, and for attending meetings when their duty rota allows.</p> <p>The last twelve months has seen the passing of a very long standing member of the Parish, and the celebration of 107 remarkable years of the oldest Resident.</p> <p>I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow Councillors for their continued input and support on all matters during the last 12 months and thanks are extended to the local Parishioners for the interest and support.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support that the Council receives from Juliette our Parish Clerk.</p>
023/22	<p>REPORTS</p>
023.1	<p>County Councillor – Cllr Ron Peart</p> <p>Thought it was timely to provide an update regarding our support to <i>sponsors</i> and <i>guests</i> arriving in Devon.</p> <p>The Council, alongside Team Devon colleagues and partners, have made considerable progress this last week contacting several hundred potential sponsors to conduct and complete required DBS checks.</p> <p>In addition, working with councils across Devon, we have developed and implemented a property and people appraisal process. District councils have started to check a range of sponsor properties using this, and this will accelerate the work this week.</p> <p>There has been considerable national commentary regarding the delays in people able to arrive in the UK, including their visa application status. I would stress that decisions regarding visas and travel are not connected to the local work we are undertaking and people will travel to the UK when granted permission by the UK government. DBS and housing safety checks can be completed post-arrival and are not part of the visa application process.</p>

	<p>We are working with partners to ensure we can make early payments to sponsors and guests and alongside this, we are developing clear processes regarding school admissions, health registration and access to Universal Credit and other benefit entitlements.</p> <p>We have a shared microsite https://www.devon.gov.uk/supporting-ukraine/ which is evolving rapidly as we get clarity on the latest guidance and information for guests and sponsors. Last week we documented the process and information for sponsors, this week the priority is information for guests, in the form of an online 'welcome pack'. You should consider this site the definitive source of key information relating to the scheme in Devon. We are considering launching a joint, Team Devon, single telephone number for enquires with organisations from the voluntary and community sector. Further, we are currently in negotiations with several organisations to provide a consistent and comprehensive offer of wrap-around support, across each locality in Devon. I will update you on both aspects of this later this week. In the meantime, if you have key questions that you or constituents would like an answer to, we have a dedicated e-mail address health.ukraineresettlement-mailbox@devon.gov.uk.</p> <p>We will be building on and further developing ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) provision in Devon for this community and how best we can link key organisations providing support to local speakers for translation, alongside large providers of telephone and internet-based translation options.</p> <p>The immediate support to people fleeing conflict will continue to be a complex and significant challenge for councils, statutory agencies and voluntary and community sector colleagues in the weeks ahead. I am pleased to say that Devon has already developed a considered and agile response, which will however need to continue to evolve and adapt.</p>
<p>023.2</p>	<p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen (read by the Clerk)</p> <p>The past year has been a very different one for all councillors most meetings being held as virtual rather than face to face. Whilst being a useful substitute in difficult times it does not afford councillors the same opportunity for discussion and over the last two years has not enabled them to get to know new members as well as would be the case normally.</p> <p>All Devon Councils have been working together to provide accommodation and assistance to refugees by establishing schemes to include property inspections, support provisions and safeguarding checks. However, we are now getting back to normal.</p> <p>Devon has been looking at migration figures which indicate that 69% of house sales in the past year both new and second hand were from Exeter and Torquay postcodes and of the 6,681 people moving to Teignbridge 62% came from the South West. Of those moving away 71% moved to other parts of Devon.</p> <p>Good progress is being made to cut carbon emissions. Traditional heating is being replaced in council owned buildings by low carbon alternatives which will also cut costs as well as contributing to efforts to combat climate change. These include Broadmeadow Sports Centre, and Newton Abbot Leisure Centre and Teignbridge, and Teignmouth Lido.</p> <p>I note the wish of your council to increase the number of councillors on the Parish Council. The cooperation between councils is very important in respect of being able to access local knowledge and though neither they nor the district are always the decision maker, their help is invaluable.</p> <p>It is pleasing to note the amount of tree planting taking place in our local area to help with carbon pollution. Many pleasant days have been spent handing out free trees and planting gear by local councils involving around a thousand being planted in gardens and neighbourhoods. Thank you for your help in the past year and for keeping us in touch with local requirements.</p>
<p>023.3</p>	<p>Devon & Cornwall Constabulary</p> <p>No annual report</p>
<p>023.4</p>	<p>Parochial Church Council – V Morby (read by Cllr T Hill)</p> <p>The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Ideford Report to Parish Council for the year ended 31st December 2021 Worship and Prayer</p> <p>Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic the church has continued to function and, where possible within the guidelines, to continue to worship. The church was open twice weekly for private prayer and reflection as well as the usual pattern of services. Typically, there are two services a month, Holy Communion and Evensong, with an average attendance of about 10 to the</p>

	<p>morning service but this number increased significantly at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. During the Christmas period over 100 people attended church services and activities. As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. There have been 1 Baptism and 3 Funerals during the year including that for Ann Rigby-Jones, a longtime servant of the church and resident of Ideford. Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. In addition to online services, some receive Holy Communion in their own home.</p> <p>Church Fabric</p> <p>The major fabric work undertaken this year was stopping the water ingress in the tower wall. This appears to have been successful. Thanks to Teignbridge District Council the churchyard continues to be well maintained including the resurfacing of the paths. For the funeral of Ann Rigby-Jones, many volunteers helped to tidy up the churchyard for which we are very grateful. The overall fabric of the church, which is a Grade II listed building, appears to be in good order, but the PCC recognizes that the outcome of the upcoming Quinquennial Inspection will need to be acted upon.</p> <p>Other Activities and Volunteers</p> <p>The church is present in the community in a number of different ways. Some of the events are for fundraising but also have a social benefit. Activities this year have included a Festive Lunch, Cream Teas, sales of homemade jam, a sponsored walk and the Village Christmas raffle and the Advent Windows. We are lucky to be able to use the Village Hall facilities for events that require catering and very fortunate to work alongside the Committees of the Village Hall and Millennium Green to produce and support some fun community events. Messy Church also use the village hall every month with a significant amount of children attending regularly from Ideford and surrounding villages.</p> <p>There is also a fantastic level of support within the village for maintaining the church, with more than 30 people giving their time and talents in so many ways, including donating through the Parish Giving Scheme, providing flowers and church decorations, bellringing, winding the church clock, playing the organ, verging, church unlocking, cleaning, brass cleaning, maintaining the fabric of the church and the churchyard and fundraising. The PCC express their thanks to these people and did so directly through the Church Christmas Cards in 2021. Also, the Parish Newsletter for Ideford, Luton and Ashcombe is compiled and distributed by volunteers.</p> <p>Structure, Governance and Management</p> <p>The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met five times during the year mostly through zoom. Despite the lack of churchwarden, the PCC has continued to operate successfully in a very collegiate and supportive manner. The work is spread amongst all these voluntary members and brings to the fore their own individual talents. The PCC's work over recent years has put the church on a firm financial footing and the PCC are very grateful to all those who support the life of the church.</p>
<p>023.5</p>	<p>Ideford Village Hall – Rachel Blake, Chairman Ideford Village Hall Trustees (read by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark)</p> <p>The Village Hall has had yet another turbulent year, with the ongoing covid restrictions and challenges this brought. As a committee, I'm delighted to say that we have 7 brilliant Trustees who continue to work tirelessly to ensure the parish has a superb hall for everyone to access and safeguard its future.</p> <p>Whilst the hall was closed, and then subsequently bookings were minimal, we took the opportunity to make improvements and repairs, such as roof repairs and moss removal, replacing 2 exterior doors, damp proofing work, painting the hall exterior etc. These improvements were only made possible by the Covid grants from Teignbridge Council and from a generous donation of £1000 from Councillor Peart. Thankfully since restrictions have been eased, bookings are steadily increasing and regular hirers such as mens darts, the parish council, PACT meetings, pilates, bowls, the village band etc, continue to help ensure the halls long term viability.</p> <p>The Hall committee are very committed to working with the Millennium Green and St Mary's Church, and a number of events are in the pipeline for the forthcoming months.</p> <p>The AGM will be taking place on Thurs 26th May at 1900.</p>
<p>023.6</p>	<p>Ideford Millennium Green – Jane Hill, Chairman of the Millennium Green Trustees (read by Cllr T Hill)</p> <p>Chairman's report: Ideford Millennium Green Trust 2021-2022</p>

	<p>Trustees: Lynne Edwards, Anthony French, Dr Sarah Oxenham, Jenna Bryant, Jane Hill, Tom Hill, Dr Sam Kirkwood.</p> <p>The Millennium Green has had a good year, but we do continue to make a financial loss due to continuing ongoing running costs, full financial info can be heard at our AGM in May please come along. We have received planning permission to replace the storage box on the green, with a permanent structure, which we aim to fund through a grant application. We are hoping to start work on this in the late summer.</p> <p>We had a successful Autumn fair in September, as our first fundraiser for a while and were involved with the Christmas raffle. We were also a selected fundraiser from Tesco's but are yet to hear how much we will have been given. This money will go towards repairing the tarmac on the play equipment.</p> <p>The green has applied for over 100 trees and shrubs to replace hedgerows and to plant around the stream and have been successful in our application, with delivery requested for the autumn after any building has been completed. These are part of the Woodland Trust Platinum Jubilee plant a tree scheme.</p> <p>The green is over 20 years old now, and its equipment, benches and play equipment are also aging. Many of the benches have already been replaced by long lasting plastic recycled benches but looking into the next few years we will probably have to look to replace some of the play equipment. Namely the chain wall and bouncy seat. We are also having to do work on the soft pour tarmac, which is lifting in some areas.</p> <p>The committee would like to thank the trusted team of Millennium Mowers who I am sure you agree have kept the Green looking very smart all year. Thanks go to Robert Gillet, Tom Hill, Derrick White, Sam Kirkwood, Dominic Morby, and Tristan Oxenham. Also extra thanks to Anthony French and Tim Coleridge for their assistance in additional maintenance matters. Please come to our AGM in May and get involved in supporting the green for future years to come.</p>
<p>023.7</p>	<p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Coordinator Report – David Aylmore (read by the Chairman)</p> <p>Parish Paths (P3) report for Ideford Parish Annual Meeting – 14th April 2022</p> <p>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 and signs when required.</p> <p>I completed the full annual survey of all the footpaths & bridleways in Dec 2021, with the findings reported to the Devon C.C. Rights Of Way Officer. I am pleased to say that all the footpaths and bridleways remain in generally very good order.</p> <p>The sign at the Southern end of 'Postmans Path' which was damaged by falling trees last year has been replaced.</p> <p>I am disappointed to say that the problem of litter and fly tipping continues, and on many occasions during 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'</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to thank Simon Comerford, who regularly deals with issues on the Watery Lane Bridlepath.</p> <p>David Aylmore. P3 Co-ordinator.</p>
<p>023.8</p>	<p>Ideford St Mary's Church Bell Ringers – David Aylmore, Co-ordinator (read by N Aylmore)</p> <p><u>Ideford Annual Parish Meeting. Thursday 14th April 2022 – Bellringers Report.</u></p> <p>2021 was the year when Ideford Bellringers had to say a final farewell to our longest serving and most enthusiastic ringer, our Tower Captain, Ann Rigby-Jones. Whilst Ann had not been able to ring for some time before her death in August, she remained interested to hear what was going on with the bellringing and we will forever refer to the Treble as 'Ann's Bell'.</p>

	<p>Ann's funeral on 26th August, was one of the first occasions that we were able to ring following the relaxation of COVID restrictions. This was also an opportunity to finally ring with the New Ropes which had been installed over a year previously.</p> <p>The new ropes have proved to be a great success and we still hope at some point to have a dedication service and to erect a plaque to acknowledge all those individuals and organisations who so generously contributed to the cost.</p> <p>Since the Autumn of 2021, we have restarted regular Thursday practice sessions with the support of Mark, Jenny & Kathy from Tedburn St. Mary and I am very pleased to say that just recently, two parishioner have decided to have a go at ringing and are making very good progress. If we can attract just a couple more people to join us, we should soon be able to ring more regularly for the church services rather than just on special occasions as is the case at the moment.</p> <p>So, if anyone would like to try their hand at ringing the bells, just come along on a Thursday evening at 7.30 and you will find a very warm welcome.</p> <p>David Aylmore. Tower Captain.</p>
023.9	<p>Ideford Short Mat Bowling Club – Jill McCord, Chairman (read by the Parish Clerk)</p> <p>Our short mat bowls club meets in the village hall every Tuesday evening. We resumed playing again towards the end of last summer, although for a few weeks we were playing wearing masks. Unfortunately we didn't have enough players this season to enter the Teignbridge League, so playing just socially with tea and homemade cakes at the break. It is hoped to run club competitions playing for the trophies displayed in the village hall.</p> <p>Our Christmas meal normally held in the local pub was delayed due to illness, however it is hoped to have an Easter meal soon.</p>
024/22	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>None</p>
025/22	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Thursday 13th April 2023 (to be confirmed)</p>

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed Annual Parish Meeting at 7:25pm. Parishioners were invited to remain for the Monthly Parish Council Meeting.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____