

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 8th April 2021

Present:	Cllr David Fox – Chairman Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Helen Bellamy (from 6:10pm)	
In Attendance	Cllr Ron Peart Cllr Beryl Austin David Aylmore Rachel Blake Juliette Thompson One member of the public	County & District Councillor (from 6:22pm) District Councillor P3 Coordinator / Bell Ringing Chairman, Village Hall Parish Clerk

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
011/21	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 18:07. Apologies for absence were received from PC Clarke Orchard and PCSO Saul Bunce.</p>
012/21	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the 11th April 2019 meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>
013/21	<p>REPORT – Chairman of Ideford Parish Council – Cllr David Fox</p> <p>My third year as Chair of the Parish Council has been a quieter one, due in part to the two lockdowns that have taken place. This slightly limited the ability to hold meetings on a regular basis. However, we did manage to deal with Council business on eight occasions using social distancing and track and trace. In February this year we held our first Zoom meeting, a new experience for all Councillors.</p> <p>During the year we have been able to consider a number of planning applications, the majority of which have been supported by the Council.</p> <p>Cllr Ron Peart and Cllr Beryl Austin continue to attend meetings where possible and always give valuable input and help and guidance where needed for which we are most grateful.</p> <p>We are still members of the Teignbridge Association of Local Councils, the Devon Association of Local Councils and the Devon CPRE. But because of restrictions none of these Bodies met in 2020.</p> <p>Because of the restrictions it has not been possible for Parishioners to run the usual clubs and organisations associated with the Village Hall. It is hoped that these may continue in the future as usual when circumstances permit.</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 twelve months. And thanks are extended to local Parishioners for their interest and support.</p> <p>Notice of future Zoom meetings will be posted in the Village Hall bus stop, and any Parishioner wishing to join such a meeting can apply to the Parish Clerk. It is hoped that it will not be long before the Village Hall opens again and meetings can continue to take place in it.</p>
014/21	<p>REPORTS</p>
014.1	<p>County Councillor – Cllr Ron Peart</p> <p>No report.</p>
014.2	<p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen</p> <p>This past year has been quite different from any of the previous 25 I have spent on the District Council. However, one must acknowledge that initiatives have been taken and changes made to adapt to the present circumstances with some measure of success, as indeed has to be said for Parish and Town Councils. Teignbridge has pursued all grants and government assistance with success to keep the Council</p>

	<p>financially viable. Despite over 200 staff on furlough it continues to work for the benefit of the community and efficiently put into action programmes already in place and current decisions made by Councillors. Councillors have planned the Budget for the future to take into account the present position and bring the district back to its previous good status.</p> <p>Tree planting has been done in accordance with the previous programme and all matters relating to climate change have been carried forward. The waste disposal and recycling of the district's rubbish has continued in accordance with standard practice taking into account all safety measures and health concerns.</p> <p>Financial concerns will need to be addressed in future months. One of the gaps in income is parking fees which have always been a major source of income, but in view of the stay at home directives and closed shops, this valuable asset has been considerably reduced.</p> <p>Despite government orders for face to face meetings after 6th May this has now been delayed until a further directive later in the year.</p> <p>Communities in Teignbridge have been quite amazing and volunteers from charities and clubs in the whole district have rallied to the needs of their communities in quite a remarkable way which has been a considerable aid to the District Council and for which it is profoundly grateful.</p>
014.3	<p>Devon & Cornwall Constabulary</p> <p>No report</p>
014.4	<p>Parochial Church Council</p> <p>No report</p>
014.5	<p>Ideford Village Hall – Rachel Blake, Chairman Ideford Village Hall Trustees</p> <p>The covid-19 restrictions have resulted in the village hall being closed for the majority of the year, except a small number of events which took place with significant covid restrictions in place. Trustees have been able to organise a number of zoom meetings and have planned the re-opening of the hall on 17th May 2021.</p> <p>The idea of a community hall has never been so important, so we are busy organising a few events for the remainder of 2021. These include a harvest ho-down, a flower & vegetable festival, a festive quiz, two wreath making workshops and carol singing and Christmas tree light switch on.</p> <p>We have been extremely fortunate to be awarded some money from Teignbridge council as part of the closed Business grants, and we hope to undertake essential hall repairs and improvements including painting the exterior of the hall over the coming months.</p>
014.6	<p>Ideford Millennium Green – Jane Hill, Chairman of the Millennium Green Trustees (read by the Clerk)</p> <p>Trustees: Lynne Edwards, Anthony French, Rebecca Jones, Jane Hill, Kevin Lovell, Dr Sam Kirkwood.</p> <p>Unsurprisingly this has been a quiet year for the Millennium Green. For half of March, April and May the Green was only allowed to be used for exercise, as the country opened up people were allowed to meet in the park and use the benches to sit on. The play equipment was closed for the rest of the year but has been opened up now with signage on social distancing.</p> <p>After getting a pre -planning application acknowledgement we are about to submit a planning application to replace the metal storage container with a permanent structure. If this is approved, we will then need to look for grants and do fundraising to assist in the finances for this.</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. The committee has continued to talk via email and zoom, and I would like to thank everyone for their continued support over the year.</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>Sadly all planned fundraising was cancelled last year, but we did take part in the Christmas raffle, which raised a much needed. £209.20</p> <p>Our outgoings have increased by over £152 a year, to pay for the emptying of the bin on the village green. We will be holding our AGM on the 21st April via zoom at 7.30. We will be looking for new trustee's to join. Please email myself if you would like the link to the meeting. tomandjane@live.com.</p>
014.7	<p>Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Coordinator Report – David Aylmore</p> <p>I have done my best to keep an eye on the Parish Paths over the last 24 months and have at various times cleared undergrowth and fallen trees and branches and replaced path markers and signs when required.</p>

	<p>During the last 12 months in particular, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of people walking the footpaths & bridleways in the Parish. From the comments I have received, people have found great benefit in being able to get out and enjoy them in what has been a very difficult year for everyone. I completed the full annual survey of all the footpaths & bridleways in Jan 2020 and again in Feb 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>There have been some notable path improvements completed over the last 2 years and I would like to record my thanks to both Ros Davies and Johnathan Rowlands of Devon CC for their support and assistance.</p> <p>In Aug/Sept 2019, improvements to the Watery Lane bridleway number 25, were carried out to make access easier from the Olchard end and to try to deal with the storm water run off from the road. The access has certainly been improved, but in severe rain, the run off does still cause a problem.</p> <p>In April 2020, on Path 20 –Town's End, Back Lane, I was very pleased to have been able to negotiate the replacement of two rather old and broken stiles with Kissing Gates to improve accessibility. I would like to record my thanks for the co-operation and assistance of Ian Williams, the land owner at the East end of the path which enabled this work to be so successfully and sympathetically carried out. The West end of the same path has, in recent months, seen a big increase in vehicle traffic along the track which is shared with the footpath. From the point of view of the appearance and public enjoyment of the footpath this has undoubtedly had a very negative impact, but I should record that there is a historic right of access along the track for the freeholders of the adjacent land.</p> <p>In July 2020, Devon CC carried out extensive repairs to the bridge which carries bridlepath No 21 over the stream by Ideford Mill and which had suffered storm damage. This involved a long footpath closure, but this was well advertised, and diversion routes were well signposted. At about the same time, I installed a new Bridleway Sign on the far side of the bridge to replace an old wooden finger post which disappeared some years ago.</p> <p>There are a couple of signs which have been damaged by falling trees and which need replacement. One at the top of Tower Hill and one on Postman's Path. Hopefully, both will have attention in the near future but in the meantime, temporary repairs have been carried out to ensure people stay on the right track.</p> <p>I am disappointed to say that the problem of litter and fly tipping continues, and on many occasions during the last 2 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 without even being asked.</p>
<p>014.8</p>	<p>Ideford St Mary's Church Bell Ringers – David Aylmore, Co-ordinator</p> <p>As there wasn't an Annual Parish Meeting last year, and we have not been able to ring St Mary's Bells since March 2020, I thought that I had better write a bit about what we did in 2019 or else this would be the end of my report!!</p> <p>Our regular Thursday Bell ringing evenings continued during the year, and with the continued support of Mark Bertram & Jenny Codling from Tedburn St. Mary and Will & Kate Carew from Kingsteignton, we were able to ring at most of the Sunday Services and for the various Festivals and special occasions.</p> <p>In late summer however, it became obvious, when one of the ropes broke whilst ringing, that we needed to replace them. With general Church funds at a very low level, we decided that the only alternative was to raise the funds ourselves. Local organisations were contacted and notices were displayed in church and in the Parish News.</p> <p>The response was absolutely outstanding and by Christmas we had raised more than enough to cover the £1400 needed and were able to place the order.</p> <p>That is unfortunately the end of the 'Good News'. The new ropes were delivered in late February and although we managed to get them installed before the first COVID Lock-down, they have not yet been used since, apart from a single bell having been rung on Remembrance Day and at Iris Mohan's funeral. However, on behalf of all the Ideford Bell Ringers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals and local organisations who contributed towards the Bell Fund. It is still our intention, when the regulations permit, to have some sort of get together or dedication service to celebrate the new bell ropes and to display a plaque in St Mary's to acknowledge the contributions made.</p>

014.9	Ideford Short Mat Bowling Club – Jill McCord, Chairman (read by the Parish Clerk) Our short mat bowling club meets every Tuesday evening with an average of 8 members. We play in the Teignbridge League and organise club competitions and annual Christmas meal. Unfortunately, we were unable to finish our matches in March last year due to Covid. Our league fixtures normally run from September to March but our club nights run all year. Although often supporting the rest of the league at the bottom we all enjoy our games and are always looking for new members. All being well our club will be resuming on Tuesday 22nd June.
014.10	Ideford Social Group No report.
014.11	Ideford Parish Lands and Charity of Humphrey Borrington (Feoffees) – Cllr Angie Carter – Woodwark The Feoffee Trust - The trustees have been unable to meet during Covid to assess the way forward. Hopefully, with restrictions easing towards the end of the year, we will meet to discuss the future. No requests for assistance have been received to date.
014.12	Ideford Art Group – Angie Carter-Woodwark We have been unable to meet for a year and will return with a different format hopefully in the future when we live in a safer world.
015/21	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION It was confirmed that there will be no rural skip service this year, but the parish council will investigate the cost of providing the service itself. It was noted that the parish paths were in very good order and thanks for this was given to D Aylmore.
016/21	DATE OF NEXT MEETING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Thursday 14th April 2022 (to be confirmed)

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed Annual Parish Meeting at 18:30pm. Parishioners were invited to remain for the Monthly Parish Council Meeting.

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