

# IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwork - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr C Hill Cllr M. Batting DCC Dempster WW - Mr. Aaronson
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	0 members of the public

Item(a)	<b>Discussion and Decisions (b)</b>	
<b>01/10/25</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> Cllr J Gardner, TDC Cllr Gearon. Mr. Matthews, PCSO Bunce	
<b>02/10/25</b>	<b>THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2025 were discussed. Councillors agreed that the enforcement section should be removed and the minutes would be amended accordingly for signing at the next meeting.	
<b>03/10/25</b>	<b>THERE WERE NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.</b>	
<b>04/10/25</b>	<b>There was no public participation</b>	
<b>05/10/25</b>	<p><b>REPORTS: 05/11/25 REPORTS:</b></p> <p><b>05.01 Devon County Councillor Dempster</b> reported on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) discussions due at County Hall the following day. Models under consideration vary, with the favoured proposal dividing Devon into nine sections. Concerns had been raised about cost, effectiveness, and decision-makers becoming remote from local communities. He also noted different preferences among Torbay, Plymouth, and Exeter for combined authority or unitary status. The situation remains uncertain. A discussion occurred about this.</p> <p><b>05.02 The report from District Councillor Gearon</b> was read. Kingsteignton residents have been raising concerns about the quarry expansion and oppose it on environmental matters. Adoption of the One Teignbridge Strategy Action Plan 2025–2030. Approval of the redevelopment of the Sherbourne House car park to provide 23 energy-efficient social rented homes for vulnerable residents.</p> <p><b>05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce's</b> report recorded one offence in October: a theft of tools. Councillors discussed the PCSO's limited ability to attend parish meetings due to shift patterns and town-based policing. The Government decision to abolish Police and Crime Commissioners was also reported. The Council noted the Government had outlined the money that this would save: critics of the decision were concerned about the possible reduction in accountability.</p>	
<b>06/10/25</b>	<p><b>PARISH MATTERS:</b></p> <p><b>06.01 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss:</b> Repair at Ideford Arch is complete. Concerns were raised regarding work along Longthorne Road; markings originally applied suggested more extensive repairs than the small patches completed. Councillors agreed to ask Mr. Matthews to confirm whether the work is considered finished. Footpaths - non-slip strips have been applied at Muddy Bottom Way, however there is still a big gap. The chair will consult with Mr. S. Gardner and outstanding work on paths leading to the Common.</p> <p><b>06.02 Sustainable Ideford:</b> Mr. Aaronson (WW) reported, new planters have been installed at the Luton end of the village, with matching planters planned at the other end of the village. Planters by the grit box protrude onto the road and had already been hit. A suggestion was made to set them back slightly. Bulbs have been planted by the oak tree at the pub, and two replacement rowan trees are proposed for the churchyard (subject to PCC approval), to replace three that have died. Mr. Aaronson, has an additional set of saplings to strengthen the existing hedging in the church. Councillors were reminded that the PCC must apply formally to the diocese for permission before any new trees are planted in the churchyard.</p> <p><b>06.03 Policy Review:</b> The grant policy review was deferred until the next meeting as councillors had not yet seen the final version.</p> <p><b>06.04 The recent village litter pick</b> was successful, collecting six full sacks of litter, four of them from the area around Ideford Arch and the A380 bridge. Thanks were expressed to the vice chair for providing refreshments and to all volunteers. Teignbridge supplied equipment was helpful, though of lower quality than parish owned items. Longthorne Road, the A380 lay-by, and the bridge area remain persistent problem locations. Councillors will consider replacing damaged signage and may contact Environmental Officer Rob Harvey for advice.”</p> <p><b>06.05 Updates from the last meeting</b> An update was also provided regarding the boundary stone shared with surrounding parishes. There has been no progress since the stone, bench, and signage were damaged during Forestry Commission operations. Concerns were raised about replacement costs, particularly as the</p>	

	<p>original stonemason is no longer available. The Forestry Commission has accepted liability, and councillors remain keen to ensure full reinstatement.</p> <p>Brief updates were given on three previously discussed items. It was noted that several of the untaxed vehicles without MOTs had now been taxed or moved: TDC had now said that there was insufficient need for them to install a litter bin in Rixaford Road: and the Council would ask Chudleigh Parish Council to request that a litter bin be installed in the A 380 lay-by.</p> <p><b>06.06 Budget</b> The draft budget was discussed in detail. Last year's actual income was £10,932, though this included one-off items such as CIL and VAT refunds. The baseline precept remains £9,725. Councillors reviewed open spaces, parish paths, repair contingencies, computer costs, depreciation assumptions, grant allocations, staff costs, and mileage budgeting. It was agreed to take the figures home for further review and finalise the budget at the December meeting."</p> <p><b>06.07 Website</b> The clerk thanked Cllrs Gardner and Cllr C Hill for their ongoing feedback. Councillors agreed that continuous feedback helps ensure accuracy and completeness of the website."</p>
07/10/25	<p><b>PLANNING: 7/11/25 PLANNING:</b></p> <p><b>07.01 Planning Applications:</b> No new applications were received.</p> <p><b>07.02 Planning Decisions:</b> It was reported that Planning had approved the Higher Colleybrook Farm application with conditions relating to permitted development restrictions, drainage, downpipes, planters, and ecology. Updated bat surveys were submitted, and mitigation now focuses on providing roof-space habitat. Councillors expressed disappointment that parish concerns were not fully addressed and noted that the planning authority's response was limited.</p> <p><b>07.03 Planning Appeals:</b> No appeals were reported.</p>
08/10/25	<p><b>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS</b> - Concerns were raised about bird flu and uncertainty among residents regarding enforcement and biosecurity requirements. APHA guidance has been shared online on facebook. Councillors emphasised the importance of housing birds under mandatory rules for flocks over 50 birds, or any flock where eggs are sold or given away." The Council noted that this really mattered, not least because it was not widely understood that the Spanish Flu which had killed 18 million people after World War One had been bird flu that was passed on to humans.</p> <p>A few horse riders have been affected by loose dogs from the boarding kennels. Ideford residents dogs have run home from this location and a neighbour was bitten. A discussion over the matter occurred and secure fencing which should be referred to Teignbridge Council.</p> <p>Dog-related concerns were discussed, including incidents involving escape-prone dogs at Larcombe Barn, possible licensing issues, and safety concerns for walkers and horse riders. Councillors agreed that matters should be referred to Teignbridge District Council for inspection.</p> <p>A separate incident involving two large dogs charging walkers was also noted. Councillors agreed that affected residents should be advised to report incidents to the dog warden (Rob Harvey). PSPO notices will be displayed at key village points.</p>
09/10/25	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:</b> The bank balance at the end of October was £16,852.14. Expenditure for the month totalled £556.05. Potential CIL receipts may arrive before year-end. Councillors discussed transferring a sum into an interest-bearing account; the clerk will check current rates and proceed once confirmed."</p> <p>Next years meeting dates were approved</p>
10/10/25	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025.
11/10/25	<b>ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:</b> Budget finalisation, Grant policy review, enforcement (Part Two)
12/10/25	<b>MEETING CLOSED AT: 21:08</b>

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

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