

## IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr David Fox - Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark	Cllr T Hill Cllr M Batting
In Attendance	Cllr R Peart	Mrs J Thompson - Clerk Four members of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
099/22	<p><b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:01pm. Apologies were received from Cllr H Bellamy, Cllr J Gardner, Cllr B Austen and D Morby.</p>
100/22	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b> It was proposed by Cllr M Batting, seconded by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark and agreed by all to accept the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 as a true and accurate record after amending the wording of 097/22 to: At this point Cllr M Crispin made accusations against Cllr A Carter-Woodwark without providing evidence and this outburst was brought to a close by the Chair. Cllr M Crispin resigned as a Parish Councillor</p>
101/22	<p><b>COUNCILLOR VACANCY</b> 101.1 The resignation of M Crispin was noted and the Chair thanked her for all that she had done during her time as a Cllr. 101.2 The Cllr vacancy is advertised but as it is less than six months until the elections (and Cllrs are no longer obliged to fill a seat by co-option), it was agreed that the PC would not actively seek to co-opt.</p>
102/22	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> None</p>
103/22	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> A resident confirmed that land outside of Higher Colleybrook was 'no man's land', after being asked not to park there. The first board on the Olchard boardwalk needs the chicken wire replacing and it was asked if a handrail could be installed.</p>
104/22	<p><b>REPORTS</b> <b>County Councillor Ron Peart</b> Devon's gritting teams have been out for the first time this winter and they're prepared to face whatever the elements throw at the county's road over the next few months. Gritting depots across the county are fully stocked with around 24,000 tonnes of salt and Devon County Council's upgrade of its winter fleet has continued, with eight of its 37 frontline gritters replaced with newer models this year, reducing revenue spend on maintaining outdated vehicles. This winter, Devon's fleet of gritters will be running on sustainably sourced Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil [HVO], which is a waste product from the food industry. The fuel produces 90% less CO2 than a regular diesel which will help meet Devon County Council's net zero targets by 2030. A trial to salt some of Exeter's busiest cycle routes will also be extended to continue to provide additional support for communities as part of the Council's winter self – help scheme. The 325 volunteer snow wardens across the county treat their priority routes during prolonged spells of severe weather.</p> <p><b>District Councillor Beryl Austen</b> read by the Clerk The Teignbridge Lottery has attracted the sale of 1000 tickets and more than 50 good causes have signed up to benefit from the new fund-raising opportunity. The first draw will be on Dec.3rd. For every ticket sold 50p will go to good causes with 10p. to local projects. A scheme to provide housing for social rent, with the special criteria that anyone with a local connection can register for tenancy, has been launched for Widecombe. It is proposed that eight properties will be built by 2023 for local people.</p>

	<p>This is a project which many small places would welcome as one of the problems of housing is that young people have to leave their birthplace to be housed elsewhere.</p> <p>Teignbridge is having to consider increasing drivers pay levels to current market rates to cover the loss of driver vacancies. There is a national shortage due to loss of European workers, lack of drivers tests and the ageing workforce.</p> <p>Because of changes in planning regulations councillors are being offered training to update them on latest regulations.</p> <p><b>PC Clarke Orchard – Neighbourhood Beat Manager and PCSO Saul Bunce:</b> No monthly crime report figures available due to updating Police systems. The monthly newsletter is available to view on the parish council website.</p>			
<b>105/22</b>	<p><b>PARISH MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>105.1</b> It was proposed by Cllr D Fox, seconded by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark and agreed by all to investigate purchasing and installing directional road signs for The Village Hall, The Church and The Millennium Green; Cllr R Peart offered a grant.</p> <p><b>105.2</b> It was decided not to apply for the Connecting You Community grant fund.</p> <p><b>105.3</b> To receive any updates on roadworks, highways and parking issues: DCC are unlikely to be carrying out pothole and road repairs for up to the next three years, due to lack of money. The request for double yellow lines needs to go to HATOC.</p> <p><b>105.4</b> Sustainable Ideford update – read by the Clerk Sustainable Ideford have not spent much of their budget for this year, but after colleagues visited a Skills Share event in Dawlish recently (partly run by Devon Climate Action Group) – met recently to consider that event and some larger/longer term schemes and initiatives for our community in the coming year.</p> <p><b>105.5</b> To receive an update from the Wildlife Wardens: Fever tree planting is scheduled for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Devon Biodiversity Record Centre have asked Wildlife Wardens to carry out a survey to assess the state of Devon's hedges.</p>			
<b>106/22</b>	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p><b>106.1</b> The following planning application was discussed: 22/02196/HOU - Homefield Garage / implement store Councillors were supportive of this application.</p> <p><b>106.2</b> Planning Enforcement: TDC Planning Officer to visit Lower Colleybrook Farm to assess the number of caravans and residents on site.</p> <p><b>106.3</b> Cllrs agreed to join forces with Doddiscombsleigh Parish Council to raise concerns about planning issues and frustrations with the TDC Planning Dept.</p>			
<b>107/22</b>	<p><b>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS</b> None</p>			
<b>108/22</b>	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</b></p> <p><b>108.1</b> The balance of accounts on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 was £16,253.87. The bank reconciliation for Nov 2022 was agreed by all and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.</p> <p><b>108.2</b> It was agreed by all to approve the following payment.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1644 1497 1682"> <tr> <td>£22.50</td> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>Venue Hire</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>108.3</b> The budget and precept for the year 2023 – 2024 was agreed by all at £8,865.00 with no increase on the previous year. Cllr T Hill confirmed that the PC's contribution did not exceed the Millennium Green's insurance costs.</p> <p><b>108.4</b> PKF Littlejohn LLP have been appointed as external auditors for the next five years.</p>	£22.50	Village Hall	Venue Hire
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<b>109/22</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The Chair closed the meeting at 8pm.</p>			

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_