

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 14th December 2023 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr J Gardner Cllr M Batting Cllr C Hill
In Attendance	Cllr R Peart (DCC)	Mrs J Thompson - Clerk Nine members of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
107/23	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chair opened the meeting at 7:14pm and welcomed everyone. Note – the meeting was delayed due to the Chair’s work commitments and the incorrect start time being posted in the P News. Apologies were received from Cllr K Gearon (TDC) and PCSO S Bunce.</p>
108/23	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark, seconded by Cllr H Bellamy and agreed by all to accept the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 9th November 2023 as a true and accurate record.</p>
109/23	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None</p>
110/23	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None</p>
111/23	<p>REPORTS: None</p>
112/23	<p>PARISH MATTERS: 112.1 Cllrs agreed in principle to the idea of a Secret Santa scheme but needed more information to be certain the scheme could be run properly and legitimately under PC rules. Cllrs were reminded of the Humphrey Borrington Trust – with money available to help the needy. 112.2 It was agreed that the PC would organise two or three litter picks a year (dates to be decided), with soup and a hot drink afterwards in the Village Hall. Clerk to advertise for volunteers. 112.3 Cllrs volunteered to carry out maintenance of The Pound when needed. 112.4 Residents reported that a budget amount had been put aside for South West Water pipe works and that highway works were planned by South West Water for March – July 2024. 112.5 Thanks to be sent to Kennford Tarmacadam who carried out the recent resurfacing works from Longthorn Cottage to The Royal Oak. 112.6 The Sustainable Ideford Carbon Café event was attended by a small number of residents and was felt to be a positive start. Cllr J Gardner reported that the Sustainable Ideford group has been running for 1 ½ - 2 years and they were ready to start working on specific projects in the village in 2024. 112.7 Wildlife Wardens update and report: The Wildlife Wardens have been invited to Hennock PC to look at what they are doing with their climate and environment projects. At the church, the 200 saplings have been planted with more saplings coming to complete the final hedgerow and the Wildlife Wardens will be attending the next PCC meeting to discuss their steps for going for green. The Wildlife Wardens and Sustainable Ideford are a collective community of volunteers who help each other.</p>
113/23	<p>PLANNING: 113.1 The following planning application was discussed: 23/01952/FUL – Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street Conversion of existing barn to holiday accommodation, conversion of existing barn into a bat barn, conversion of barn into a dwelling and conversion of a barn into a gym. The PC objects to this application in its current form. We fully support the TDC Biodiversity Officer’s report of 12th December 2023 who in conclusion recommends that planning permission is not granted.</p>

	<p>We also fully support our own Wildlife Warden’s assessment, who like the Biodiversity Officer, has concluded that the proposed development, in its current form, poses a serious risk of disturbance to some rare bat species.</p> <p>The council has also noted that there is no provision to provide further parking or better access e.g., for the holiday accommodation unit.</p> <p>The council acknowledges the sense in putting redundant buildings to good use but done in the right way for the right reasons and to create the right balance.</p> <p>113.2 To note the following planning applications have been withdrawn: 21/02908/FUL – The Sanctuary, Higher Colleybrook Farm Retention of use of annexe as tourist accommodation Application withdrawn. 21/02920/HOU – The Sanctuary, Higher Colleybrook Farm Siting of a car port Application withdrawn. 21/02926/FUL – The Sanctuary, Higher Colleybrook Farm Retention of various outbuildings (part retrospective) on land at The Sanctuary Application withdrawn. 22/01891/CLDP – Higher Colleybrook Farm Certificate of lawfulness for proposed siting of a caravan for ancillary residential use within the curtilage of the dwelling at Higher Colleybrook Farm. Application withdrawn. 22/01891/CLDP – Higher Colleybrook Farm Certificate of lawfulness for proposed siting of caravan to provide agricultural welfare facilities and agricultural storage in association with the agricultural operations at Higher Colleybrook Farm Application withdrawn.</p> <p>113.3 There were no planning enforcement issues or updates.</p>			
114/23	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS: There had been several reports of dogs attacking other dogs and the PC reminded any person affected to report incidents to the dog warden.</p>			
115/23	<p>CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCE: 115.1 The balance of accounts on 30th November 2023 was £14,107.27. The bank reconciliation for November 2023 was agreed by all and signed by the Chair and Clerk. 115.2 It was agreed by all to make the following payments:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 1261 1050 1294"> <tr> <td data-bbox="288 1261 695 1294">£15.00</td> <td data-bbox="695 1261 1050 1294">Village Hall</td> <td data-bbox="1050 1261 1495 1294">Room Hire</td> </tr> </table> <p>Monthly DD to Scribe Accounts £12.00. An amount of £29.78 was paid from the Sustainable Ideford budget to cover the Carbon Café costs. 115.3 The precept for 2024 – 2025 was agreed at £9.045.00 a 2.03% increase. 115.4 To note the pay award for 2023 – 2024 which is a flat rate payment of £1,925.00 / £1 per hour with effect from 1st April 2023. 115.5 Legal and administrative update: The website provider has raised their price by £1 per month to £13 per month. Reminder to comment on the Community Infrastructure Levy consultation until 8th Jan 2024. DALC have advised us of the proposed increase in subscription fees for 2024 – 25. DALC have asked for expressions of interest for the TDC peer review.</p>	£15.00	Village Hall	Room Hire
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116/23	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 8th February 2024. The Chair closed the meeting at 8:13pm.</p>			

Signed: _____

Dated: _____