

## IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 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) Cllr K Gearon (TDC)	Mrs J Thompson - Clerk Seven members of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
	<b>PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)</b>
001/24	<p><b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b>                      The Chair opened the meeting at 7:01pm and welcomed everyone. There were no apologies. The Chair assured residents that meeting start times had now returned to normal. The Chair thanked members of the public for attending meetings and requested that comments and conversations take place only during public participation or when prompted by the Chair.</p>
002/24	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:</b>                      It was proposed by Cllr M Batting, seconded by Cllr D Fox and agreed by all to accept the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 as a true and accurate record.</p>
003/24	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:</b>                      None.</p>
004/24	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</b>                      Clerk to ask TDC for an update on the request for extra bins at Town Farm Lane and Rixafer Road. The P3 Co-ordinator will request that the chicken wire is replaced on the first wooden railway sleeper in the bridleway in Olchard Road.                      The contractors carrying out the next round of roadworks have been asked about access for the school bus pick up – waiting for a response.                      Cllr R Peart to be forwarded details about highway damage caused by lorries carrying out building works at Rixford Bungalow.</p>
005/24	<p><b>REPORTS:</b>                      Cllr R Peart (DCC)                      Proposed transfer of powers and funding to local government.                      The Minister for Levelling Up, Jacob Young was in Torbay this week to sign a ground – breaking deal that could transfer significant decision –making powers and funding, from Whitehall to local government in Devon and Torbay.                      The proposed Deal could mean that more decisions can be taken locally by people who know their areas best, and on things that matter to local people, such as building more affordable homes, investing in new quality jobs and skills, and improving public transport.                      Mr Young was joined by the Leaders of Devon County Council and Torbay Council, two local MPs, and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.                      But before the proposal can be confirmed, it first needs to be supported by the two councils, followed by a six – week public consultation.                      So, what is the Devolution Deal?                      The 40 – page proposed Deal sets out in detail proposals that see the transfer of power and funding to a Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority, subject to public consultation.                      The proposed Combined County Authority would be a partnership made up of Councillors representing the councils of Devon and Torbay, including District Councils, and representatives from business and education.                      Together, that partnership would deliver on a jointly agreed programme, working alongside a wide range of local stakeholders to tackle key local priorities.                      The Government has chosen Devon and Torbay as one of only a small number of local authority areas in the country to form a Combined County Authority [hereafter CCA], that will not require an elected Mayor or changes to the current structure of local councils.                      Here’s a summary of the highlights:                      Under the proposals, the CCA would have direct control of adult education.                      To create up to 50, 000 new training and retraining opportunities by 2030.</p>

	<p>It would create a stronger relationship between employers and schools, Colleges and universities to provide the skilled workforce the local economy needs for the future. It would see the Government transfer over £16 million to invest in new green jobs, homes, skills, and business growth, and accelerate Devon and Torbay’s transition to a net – zero economy. There would be a stronger partnership with Homes England to create a joint local action plan to affordable housing schemes for local people and reduce homelessness. It would lead to even closer working between Devon and Torbay to improve the efficiency and co-ordination of public transport. There is an ambition to introduce a single ticketing system for travellers and investment in services to provide greater access to public transport. Devon and Torbay would be responsible for the developing, designing and delivering the next stages of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund from 2025 there would be a significant boost to high growth business sectors in Devon and Torbay, such as advanced marine engineering, defence, photonics and digital.</p> <p>Cllr K Gearon (TDC) Cllr Gearon has been focusing on the Newton Abbot, Queen Street pedestrianisation scheme, informing residents about plans, including the decision to remove the pop and shop parking option. Cllr Gearon has £200 left in her TDC Cllr Community Fund that can be used for projects in the area.</p>
<p><b>006/24</b></p>	<p><b>PARISH MATTERS:</b></p> <p>006.1 Cllrs further discussed details of a neighbouring PC’s Secret Santa Scheme and whether to set up a similar scheme in Ideford. The Clerk was asked to carry out extra research and bring back to the next meeting for more discussion.</p> <p>006.2 It was proposed by Cllr H Bellamy, seconded by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark and agreed by all to produce a Parish Biodiversity Plan. It was noted that biodiversity was already considered when responding to planning applications etc, even though a specific plan or policy was not yet in place. Sustainable Ideford and the Wildlife Wardens to be involved, alongside the PC in drafting the plan.</p> <p>006.3 Volunteers have come forward to help with the village litter pick – date to be agreed.</p> <p>006.4 A resident has kindly volunteered to carry out Snow Warden duties in Ideford – the PC will liaise with them in regard to assistance, use of grit and gritting machine etc.</p> <p>006.5 Various works are planned by South West Water in the area – the PC has been notified of road works and closures.</p> <p>006.6 The Devolution Deal for Devon proposal was discussed under agenda item 005/24.</p> <p>006.7 There were no further updates or issues regarding roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes.</p> <p>006.8 Sustainable Ideford has drawn up a list of 30+ projects to look at in the coming year. The next open meeting is planned for 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024.</p> <p>006.9 The Wildlife Wardens have been looking at planning applications whose proposals affect bats. And a reminder that residents can borrow the wildlife camera.</p>
<p><b>007/24</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING:</b></p> <p>007.1 The following planning applications were discussed: 23/02168/FUL – Homefield Retention of driveway entrance, piers and gate Whilst the Parish Council welcomes and appreciates that the applicant has taken the advice of TDC Officers and made changes to the latest retrospective planning application that address the biodiversity concerns, Councillors note the fact that this is still a retrospective application and would have preferred the biodiversity aspects to be considered properly before commencing work.</p> <p>23/02076/FUL – 8 Church Road Replace existing mobile home with dwelling. Application withdrawn after the agenda was published.</p> <p>23/02120/FUL – Land at Coombe Hill Cross Erection of five store / workshop units The Parish Council look forward to the results of the biodiversity study (to take place between April and October 2024) and the recommendations made by the TDC Biodiversity Officer when we can then, in light of the study, look at the application again. In the meantime, we would be grateful if it can be made clear that there should be no further felling of trees until the biodiversity study has been done.</p> <p>007.2 The following planning decisions were noted: 23/01297/HOU – Glendon Balcony Refusal of planning permission</p>

	<p>22/00231/AMD1 – 11 Church Road  Non-material amendment (re-position dwelling and change roof pitch) to planning permission 22/00231/FUL for demolition of existing building and construction of house with associated landscaping.  Approval of non-material amendment</p> <p>23/00687/HOU – Lower Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street  Demolition of existing single storey extension with replacement single storey extension to rear.  Refusal of planning permission</p> <p>007.3 The following planning appeal was noted:  23/00055/REF – Homefield  Appeal against the refusal of planning application 23/00735/FUL Change of use of land within red line boundary to extend residential curtilage and construction of a garage and implement store.  There were no further comments from Cllrs regarding this appeal.</p> <p>007.4 Planning enforcement:  The TDC Planning Enforcement Officer has visited Longbarn and advised the owners that planning is required for the works taking place.</p>						
<b>008/24</b>	<p><b>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS:</b>  Residents were disappointed that the opportunity had been missed for BT Openreach to install fibre whilst SW Water were installing new mains.  Despite numerous notices displayed through the village and in the Parish News, bags of dog poo are still being left at the side of the road and flung in hedges etc.</p>						
<b>009/24</b>	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:</b>  009.1 The balance of accounts on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 was £13,979.87.  The bank reconciliations for December 2023 and January 2024 were agreed by all and signed by the Chair and Clerk.  009.2 It was agreed by all to make the following payments:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>£1368.41</td> <td>Staff payments</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>£15.00</td> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>Venue hire.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payments made since the last meeting:  Monthly DD to Scribe Accounts £12.00 + VAT.  DD to ICO £35.00</p> <p>009.3 The quarterly budget was presented with no issues arising.  009.4 Legal and administrative update:  Updated LTNs:  LTN 31E Local Council General Powers – confirmation that PC's can use funds for church property.  LTN 87 Procurement – new procurement thresholds  Increase in Village Hall charges from £7.50 to £9 per hour.</p>	£1368.41	Staff payments		£15.00	Village Hall	Venue hire.
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<b>010/24</b>	<p><b>TO DISCUSS AND AGREE HOLDING A PART TWO MEETING:</b>  The Council are excluding members of the public and the press to progress a matter of a confidential nature. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960. Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102.  It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark, seconded by Cllr D Fox and agreed by all to hold a Part Two Meeting to discuss correspondence from residents.</p>						
<b>011/24</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.  The Chair closed this part of the meeting at 8:56pm</p>						
<b>012/24</b>	<p><b>PART TWO MEETING (CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS).</b></p>						
<b>013/24</b>	<p><b>TO VOTE ON ANY MATTERS RAISED DURING THE PART TWO MEETING.</b>  It was agreed to seek advice and respond to correspondence received.</p>						
<b>014/24</b>	<p><b>CLOSE THE MEETING.</b>  The meeting closed at 10:04pm.</p>						

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