

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 13th July 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 Six members of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
	PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)
063/23	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr K Gearon.
064/23	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark, seconded by Cllr C Hill and agreed by all to accept the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 7 th June 2023 as a true and accurate record.
065/23	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Cllr T Hill as Millennium Green trustee.
066/23	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DCC Highways have cut the grass at Wapperwell Dip.
067/23	REPORTS: Cllr Ron Peart (DCC) I am a member of the Devon Education Trust. The Trust was established in 1988 and is run by a team of Trustees who meet three times each year to assess applications and grant awards. The aims of this Trust are to provide financial support to young people under the age of 25 years who live in Devon and need financial help with their education and social development. Do you need help with - Higher Education We can help with the cost of books, laptops, expeditions, travel. School aged Children We can help with the cost of one- to- one tuition, school trips. Sport, Activities, & Arts We can help with the cost of equipment, music, dance and drama lessons, travel. Children with Special Needs. We can help with the cost of medical aids, emotional and learning issues. Getting into Work We can help with the cost of special clothing, equipment, tools, travel. Please view our website for more information and application forms. Devon Education Trust PO Box 574 Newton Abbot TQ12 9NJ Email devoneducationtrust.co.uk The latest Police newsletter has been posted on the website and circulated to Cllrs.
068/23	PARISH MATTERS 068.1 DALC recently delivered Being a Good Councillor training, both in house and to one Cllr on DALC's stand alone course, which was well received by Ideford Cllrs. 068.2 Cllrs discussed security and privacy settings for emails and it was noted that Cllrs used PC specific emails. 068.3 A letter organised by residents has been sent to South West Water raising concerns about ongoing water leaks; copies sent to Anne Marie Morris MP, Cllr R Peart and a press release. PC to also send a letter to SWW, restating the points already made in the resident's letter, but adding concerns about the failure of the company to report and keep records of leaks and the cost of road repairs following damage caused by water leaks. Council agreed that the Cllr/s who attend the DALC Conference would seek to speak informally to SWW representatives at their stand.

068.4 DCC to be asked to install reflector posts or signs to slow down traffic through the village and the PC to look at refreshing the 20's Plenty and Slow Down signs.

068.5 It was proposed by Cllr M Bating, seconded by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark and agreed by the majority (Cllr T Hill did not vote) to contribute £2,000 towards the Millenium Green groundworks.

068.6 Road resurfacing works (Broadlands to The Pound) have been rescheduled for late August, depending on the installation of a new water pipe at Broadlands.

The PC's request for yellow lines around The Royal Oak / Town Farm Lane junctions will be going to HATOC.

Olchard Lane is the next priority for resurfacing, with Butts Lane to be put on the list.

068.7 & 068.8 Devon Carbon Plan – feedback report by Cllr J Gardner

Overview

- The [Devon Carbon Plan](#) is the roadmap for how Devon will reach net-zero emissions by 2050 at the latest.
- It has been built around Devon's greenhouse gas [emissions](#). Activity to reduce these emissions have been divided into five sections: economy and resources; energy supply; food, land and sea; transport; and the built environment.

Each section of the Plan:

- Describes what needs to happen in Devon to achieve the Climate Change Committee's (CCC) Further Ambition Scenario for net-zero by 2050 – irrespective of the current legislative or financing environment.
- Displays the trajectory of emissions to net-zero by 2050.
- Introduces a set of goals which need to be realised to overcome barriers to achieving the CCC net-zero scenario.

It proposes strategic-level actions to achieve the goals, identified by specialists, the public and the members of the Devon Climate Assembly. These are split into two categories – those that can be implemented locally and those that need action beyond Devon, generally by relevant organisations in Devon working with government on specific issues.

We should focus on 'those that can be implemented locally'.

Part of the initial consultation included a public call for Evidence for what Devon could aim for.

Submissions were then categorised into:

Cross Cutting Themes; Mobility; Food, Land and Sea; Energy and Waste; Built Environment;

Under 'Energy and Waste':

- Improve carbon literacy so that carbon footprints can be compiled alongside financial accounts and then carbon intensity can be considered within decision making.

IPC Potential Action:

Cllr C Hill feedback:

The DCP states all "*Devon based organisations are encouraged to join the partners in endorsing the Devon Climate Declaration and reduce their direct emissions to net zero by 2030*".

I propose we also endorse the DCP as a Parish Council. If we do, we are encouraged to upload the minutes of the meeting that decided to do this.

Proposed actions (thanks to CH and JG)

1 Examine the environmental aspects of planning permissions that we consider.

2 Highlight the DCP in the minutes of a Parish Council meeting, and in any Ideford electronic media linking to some of the videos in the DCP (e.g. this YouTube video on tips to reduce carbon footprint: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZkY6jsEXbM>) which includes some simple steps we could take.

3 Support promotion of a carbon cutting/energy saving event provided by Sustainable Ideford (already planned for autumn 2023)

4 Demonstrate we are aligning (via Sustainable Ideford which includes council representation) with broader local carbon/climate action groups such as Action Climate Teignbridge.

5 Continue to provide some budget to Sustainable Ideford so they can continue to spread the message, advise parish members and carry out projects that support the Devon Carbon Plan via reduction of carbon or wider climate resilient and environmental protection.

(Ref: Devon Carbon links: 'Food Land and Sea' – environmental protection and 'Cross Cutting Themes': Behaviour Change and Community Engagement)

Following the report from Cllr J Gardner, it was proposed by Cllr J Gardner, seconded by Cllr C Hill and agreed by all to endorse the declaration of the Devon Carbon Plan.

	<p>Endorsing the Devon Carbon Plan will be explored in more depth. The energy saving advice event was confirmed for 25th November 2023. SI agenda and minutes to be forwarded to the Clerk. Budget for meeting costs to continue and a grant enabling the SI group to develop and explore responses to the plan to be discussed at the next PC meeting. A Local Sustainability Plan may be looked into after feedback from the November event. 068.9 The Wildlife Wardens are supporting plans to increase biodiversity in the churchyard – digging, planting and researching and 120 native trees have been ordered for extending the hedge.</p>
<p>069/23</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>069.1 The following planning applications were discussed: 23/01202/FUL – Homefield Entrance driveway, piers and gate amendments (retrospective) The PC commented that the entrance was not within keeping with the surrounding area and not in accordance with the plans submitted – appearing larger and taller. There was also disappointment with the fact that this was yet another retrospective application. 23/01143/LBC – Well Cottage, Olchard New solar array on the studio The PC support the proposal. 23/01142/HOU – Well Cottage, Olchard New solar array on the studio The PC support the proposal. 23/01140/LBC – Well Cottage, Olchard Replacement windows Well Cottage The PC support the proposal but would like confirmation that the product is suitable for use in a listed building and that it complies with listed building regulations. All the proposals reduce and save energy therefore the PC support the principle behind all three proposals. 23/00949/FUL – Rixford Manor Solar panels The PC support the proposal.</p> <p>069.2 The following planning decision was noted: 22/01016/FUL – Larcombe Barn New entrance and access track Grant of conditional planning permission</p> <p>069.3 There were no updates on any planning enforcement issues.</p> <p>069.4 Cllr A Carter-Woodwork read the following report after attending the Parish Planning Forum with Cllr D Fox: Cllr David Fox and I attended the Joint Parishes Planning Group on Wednesday 21st June in Tedburn St Mary Village Hall at 7:30pm. Fourteen rural parishes were represented. Also present were Jane Clark, clerk to Tedburn and organiser and minute taker Jim Roberts. TDC was represented by Ros Eastman, who manages planning officers and specialists (heritage, biodiversity, landscape and urban design and enforcement) not the Local Plan. It was an animated meeting, with the representatives leaving Teignbridge in no doubt about how the office has seemingly little respect for the knowledge parishes have in relation to their communities. In the first part of the meeting, Ms Eastman proceeded to go through what development is and when planning permission is needed and when it isn't. We all received notes on this. Because of the backlog of cases (300) TDC have used an agency (Capita) at a cost higher than the salaries of their officers! This was questioned a number of times. TDC has 4.5 planning officers, but only one has more than one year's experience! But she has great faith in her officers. Many raised eyebrows! Ms Eastman tried to reassure everyone that planning officers do carry out visits and enforcement officers are out 2 – 3 days a week, this did not convince the majority of the meeting. Although Ms Eastman confirmed that town and parish councils have the power to call in applications and have them submitted to the planning committee, the meeting was unconvinced that the process took into account the knowledge and expertise of the parishes. Ms Eastman's statement that 'TDC</p>

	<p>has few teeth and cost has to be a consideration. Enforcement has to be expedient in the public interest'. This brought questions like, what about the interests of the parish?</p> <p>Many examples were given of enforcement not being carried through, indeed of turn arounds on previous decisions: from protected hedgerows, caravans, garages, untidy land, mobile homes, walls and many more.</p> <p>Retrospective planning was another bone of contention, being a relatively low cost to the applicant. Ms Eastman did hope that authorities would be able to increase the cost of this in the future, the meeting stated that this was just another loophole to circumvent planning rules.</p> <p>She also informed the meeting that there was no planning solicitor at TDC at the moment, so it is difficult to take people to court!</p> <p>TALC was discussed as a vehicle for moving forward, it could be revived, and this was thought to be a positive move. It was decided that Jane Clark would approach TDC to begin the process of TALC restarting but hope is that TDC could provide some admin support. The meeting agreed that attendees will approach their ward councillors to lobby for TALC to be invigorated.</p> <p>CLlr A Carter-Woodwark and CLlr D Fox were thanked for attending.</p>															
070/23	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS:</p> <p>Some properties will experience a planned power cut on 20th July.</p>															
071/23	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</p> <p>071.1 The balance of accounts on 30th June 2023 was £16,437.26. The bank reconciliation for June 2023 was agreed by all and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.</p> <p>071.2 It was agreed by all to make the following payments:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>£1203.02</td> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary, Mileage & Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£36.00</td> <td>DALC</td> <td>Training</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£17.10</td> <td>CLlr Expenses</td> <td>Mileage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£18.75</td> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>Room Hire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£18.75</td> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>Room Hire</td> </tr> </table> <p>071.3 The quarterly budget update was presented with no questions asked. 071.4 Legal and administrative update: no meeting in August.</p>	£1203.02	Staff	Salary, Mileage & Expenses	£36.00	DALC	Training	£17.10	CLlr Expenses	Mileage	£18.75	Village Hall	Room Hire	£18.75	Village Hall	Room Hire
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072/23	<p>TO DISCUSS AND AGREE HOLDING A PART TWO MEETING:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It was proposed by CLlr T Hill, seconded by CLlr D Fox and agreed by all to hold a Part Two Meeting to discuss and agree how to resolve ongoing challenging issues in the village.</p>															
073/23	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 14th September 2023. The Chair closed the meeting at 9:02pm.</p>															
074/24	<p>PART TWO (CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed how to respond to challenging issues and comments received. This part of the meeting ended at 9:28pm</p>															

Signed:

Dated: