

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall on 9th June 2022 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr David Fox - Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr T Hill Cllr M Batting
In Attendance	Cllr B Austen (left 7:10pm)	Mrs J Thompson - Clerk Three members of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
	PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)
050/22	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:01pm. Apologies were received from Cllr J Gardner, Cllr M Crispin, Cllr R Peart and D Morby.</p>
051/22	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 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 12th May 2022 as a true and accurate record.</p>
052/22	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None</p>
053/22	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Thanks were given to the PC for the jubilee mugs and to those responsible for organising the jubilee events.</p>
054/22	<p>REPORTS County Councillor Ron Peart read by the Clerk: Ukraine Refugee Situation Update, As of yesterday 18th May, subject to a successful visa application, currently some 1,550 refugees are either due to arrive in Devon or are here as part of the scheme, around 900 adults and 650 children of school age - around 10% are over 60. They have been matched with some 600 sponsors/ properties. In all, there have been 5,150 potential Devon sponsors in the DCC administrative area who have completed an expression of interest to host Ukrainian refugees. Time will tell whether all these are genuine, we are in the process of writing to all. So far, over 150 applications for school places, with over 100 already allocated a school place. We are currently working through the huge list of properties to see whether they are suitable to house refugees and over 1,800 enhanced DBS checks are in process on potential host over the age of 16. Finance The government have allocated the following: £10,500 per individual [to include £350 per month to the homeowner or sponsor and an initial £200 for each guest]. In addition, funding will go directly to school for individual students: Early years { ages 2 to 4 } - £3,000 Primary {ages 5 to 11 } - £6,580 Secondary {ages 11 to 18 } £8,755. District councils are making payments to guest on arrival and monthly payments to sponsors - It should be noted that Government payments are in arrears, we are only just getting payments for Afghan refugees from last September. Overall - there is a lot going on with the scheme being led by DCC Communities Team in partnership with the District and Devon Communities Together. Other Refugees There remain approximately 100 Afghan refugees at hotels in Exmouth and Exeter which are gradually being dispersed across the country. Waste Management. Central Government are proposing to amend Controlled Waste Regulations 2012 {CWR2012} so that residents cannot be charged for disposing of DIY created by their own work at local HWRCs and have proposed a list of materials that should be allowed and a suggested limit of 300 litres { their estimate of a car boot full} - this list include soil & rubble, plasterboard and sanitary ware. The government have decided that this is not subject to New Burdens Doctrine support and local authorities will be required to absorb associated costs.</p>

	<p>The implications for DCC on this proposal are substantial, we introduced charging for soil & rubble, plasterboard, tyres and Asbestos in 2011. This was extended to other materials {sanitary ware, guttering, fascia} in 2015. The income received for managing chargeable waste at Devon’s HWRCs was around £600, 000 in 2021/22. If this became a free service, then we could expect this cost to rise significantly. In 2011 we made a saving of over £1million when we introduced the initial charges given inflation and the additional charges brought in 2015 it is not unreasonable to anticipate an increase in costs of at least £2million. DCC do not support the proposal in any shape or form and are in the process of writing to the Secretary of State and Devon’s MPs stating our objections.</p> <p>Cllr T Hill asked whether charging had encouraged more fly tipping, so will this and the costs now associated with removing it reduce.</p> <p>District Councillor Beryl Austen: The new Chairman of Teignbridge was sworn in last week. He is the Ward councillor for Kenn and a fairly new member of the Council. There will be changes this week to the waste and recycling collections due to crews having the same holiday breaks as others for the Jubilee. Announcements for alternatives can be confirmed on the website. Around 33,000 households have received their payments of the rebate into their bank accounts. Our three leisure centres have been shortlisted for grants to decarbonise each in order to create a saving of 51% carbon emission reduction. Teignbridge continues to put high priority on the saving of carbon emissions. Representations have been made to me from local residents in my ward that finding disabled parking in the local towns and villages is inadequate for those with a need for this facility. Requests are being made for more to be provided. It was very pleasing to hear of the many jubilee celebrations that took place in our area for the Jubilee. A wonderful community spirit was evident all over Teignbridge. Thank you to those who made it special. Full council face to face meetings have re-started, though 250 staff still working from home.</p> <p>PC Clarke Orchard – Neighbourhood Beat Manager and PCSO Saul Bunce: Monthly crime report figures for May 2022 were circulated after the meeting. The monthly newsletter is available to view on the parish council website.</p>
055/22	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>055.1 Following quotes received to place a large skip placed on the highway, it was decided the cost was too much to provide a rural skip service this year. Instead, an exchange group was suggested which may be of interest to the Sustainable Ideford group.</p> <p>055.2 A briefing note had been produced and circulated to Cllrs to propose the purchasing and planting of fever trees. Questions were asked as to the authenticity of the burial site, whether there were any records of this with DCC or TDC and the cost and materials for stock fencing. R Aaronson will investigate these issues and bring back to the PC.</p> <p>055.3 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways and parking issues: Clerk will propose yellow line locations and circulate. The recent roadworks have been completed to a good standard, although took longer than expected.</p> <p>055.4 It was agreed to invite the Community Enterprise project in Devon to a future meeting to give a presentation.</p> <p>055.5 Sustainable Ideford update – read by the clerk The Sustainable Ideford Group met again at the end of May. Members discussed various items, including recent contact via Zoom with the Director and newly appointed Project Coordinator of ACT (Action on Climate in Teignbridge). This meeting with ACT was very useful and we will maintain contact to learn about other local projects and action. One project we will pursue is their carbon reduction roadshows, where they inform local communities on actions that can be taken to reduce communities’ carbon footprint. Jim G and Rob Gillett have offered to attend their next event with a view to running a similar event in Ideford in the future. We will also start to regularly update the Ideford website, and a page in Parish Magazine (when agreed with publishers) that provides small, tangible tips and advice to residents of the Parish on how they can make a difference in their own homes.</p>

	<p>That aside, our main focus at our recent group meeting was to define our vision statement for the Sustainable Ideford Group and a set of guiding principles and objectives. These have been agreed as follows (and will be published shortly):</p> <p>Mission Statement/Our Vision ‘Making the parish a better home for future generations’</p> <p>Guiding principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To be community driven in all that we do o To help us all to turn good intentions into meaningful action <p>We will achieve this through community engagement and by proactively sharing information and opportunities relevant to local interests.</p> <p>Our objectives are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To develop opportunities across our parish, to protect and enhance our local environment and biodiversity, including through the activities of our Wildlife Wardens o To develop opportunities to raise awareness and find achievable solutions for reduction of our community carbon footprint o To engage with our local farming community to understand their concerns and priorities and to support their efforts to care for the land and for nature o To reduce waste across the parish <p>055.6 Wildlife Wardens' Report: Wildlife Wardens are being asked to carry out survey work to look at sites that could be designated as valuable country wildlife sites.</p>						
056/22	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Planning Enforcement: Siting of mobile home at Higher Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street – TDC have sent a letter to the owner confirming that as they have not complied with the enforcement notice, legal proceedings will now commence. Clerk to chase a response for questions asked about 21/02926/FUL, prior to the planning officer visiting the site.</p>						
057/22	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS</p> <p>None</p>						
058/22	<p>CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCE</p> <p>058.1 The balance of accounts on 31st May 2022 was £16,036.27 The bank reconciliation for May 2022 was agreed by all and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.</p> <p>058.2 It was agreed by all to approve the following payments.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>£318.00</td> <td>TDC</td> <td>Bin Emptying</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£15.00</td> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>May PC Meeting</td> </tr> </table> <p>058.3 It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark, seconded by Cllr M Batting and agreed by all to purchase a voice recorder.</p> <p>058.4 To provide a legal and administrative update: Reminder of the defibrillator refresher training course on 16th June 2022. It was noted that the Public Rights Notice and AGAR documents had been published.</p>	£318.00	TDC	Bin Emptying	£15.00	Village Hall	May PC Meeting
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059/22	<p>TO VOTE ON HOLDING A PART TWO MEETING</p> <p>To discuss correspondence between Cllrs and the Clerk’s pay review. It was proposed by Cllr T Hill, seconded by Cllr M Batting and agreed by all to hold a part two meeting to discuss the Clerk’s pay review. As two Cllrs were absent from the meeting it was agreed to defer discussing correspondence between Cllrs until the next meeting.</p>						
060/22	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING- Thursday 14th July 2022 The meeting ended at 8:03pm</p>						
061/22	<p>PART TWO MEETING</p> <p>It was agreed to increase the Clerk’s pay to SCP 12 and review on an annual basis prior to setting the precept. This part of the meeting ended at 8:22pm</p>						

Signed:

Dated: