

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 9th November 2023 at 7pm

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

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
097/23	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting at 7:05pm and welcomed everyone. Note – the meeting was delayed due to the incorrect start time being posted.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr H Bellamy, Cllr J Gardner and Cllr K Gearon (TDC).</p>
098/23	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>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 Wednesday 18th October 2023 as a true and accurate record.</p>
099/23	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>Cllr T Hill for any Millennium Green or PCC items. Cllr A Carter-Woodwark for any Village Hall items. Cllr D Fox for any Village Hall items (partner is VH trustee).</p>
0100/23	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</p> <p>Cllr M Batting reported that he unfortunately had to withdraw permission for anyone to exercise their dog on the fields he rents between Olchard Lane and the dual carriageway, due to an incident of verbal abuse received from an Ideford resident.</p> <p>The PC said that it was unfortunate that the actions of one had spoilt it for everyone.</p>
0101/23	<p>REPORTS:</p> <p>Cllr R Peart</p> <p>Grants for Community groups.</p> <p>Community groups and organisations are being invited to apply for grants to help look after people over the winter.</p> <p>Devon County Council is encouraging these groups to apply for funding from its Growing Community Fund which was set up last year.</p> <p>So far, more than £700,000 has been awarded to local projects, many of which are helping communities in many ways.</p> <p>Grants have been awarded to 475 local groups, and of these 216 are helping to address food and fuel poverty, 399 are addressing health and wellbeing, 313 are supporting those with mental health issues and 322 are helping families, parents and parents who are on their own.</p> <p>Groups who can apply include those bringing communities together for activities and social interaction, provide a warm safe place during the winter or help with food poverty and essentials or offer communities the means to cook nutritious meals on a budget.</p> <p>Cllr Roger Croad, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities and Equality, said: We still have funding available. For more details, contact community grants @ devon.gov.uk.</p>
0102/23	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>0102.1 It was proposed by Cllr T Hill, seconded by Cllr M Batting and agreed by all (AC-W & DF did not vote) to award a grant of £500 to the Village Hall.</p> <p>An annual grant amount of £500 to be added to the budget and the PC to look at contributing to larger one-off projects as and when needed.</p> <p>It was suggested that the PC, Village Hall and M Green could save costs by combining their insurance policies.</p> <p>The PC's gratitude and thanks were conveyed to the trustees of the Village Hall and the Millennium Green for all that they do.</p> <p>0102.2 A CIL payment of £146.72 has been received; to be spent on infrastructure within the next 5 years.</p> <p>0102.3 Providing a grant to help repair the church clock was deferred.</p> <p>0102.4 Purchasing sandbags for flood defence was deferred.</p>

	<p>0102.5 The Chair attended 'Your Water Your Say' online forum and put forward resident's concerns regarding leaks and loss of water – SWW will reply to the comments in due course.</p> <p>0102.6 The resurfacing of the road from Longthorn Cottage to the Roal Oak junction has been rescheduled for 27th to 29th November 2023.</p> <p>0102.7 Sustainable Ideford update and report: Cllrs agreed the proposed costs of approx. £50 for refreshments and printing for the Carbon Café.</p> <p>0102.8 Wildlife Wardens update and report: The Woodland Trust have sent 200 saplings which are intended for hedge planting at the church. Also, the wildflower area in the churchyard will be enlarged, with more seeds being planted hopefully producing a nice display next summer – and after a presentation by the Wildlife Wardens to the Haldon Ministry, other churches in the area are looking to introduce churchyard wildflower areas.</p>									
0103/23	<p>PLANNING:</p> <p>0103.1 The PC had been notified of planning application 23/01933/FUL – Rixford Bungalow, but prior to the PC meeting the application was no longer available to view on the TDC planning portal, so the PC were unable to make comment.</p> <p>0103.2 Planning enforcement issues and updates. TDC Planning will be visiting Longbarn, Lower Colleybrook and Higher Colleybrook to meet with owners and discuss outstanding applications, enforcement issues and concerns raised about works.</p>									
0104/23	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS:</p> <p>It was noted that the fungus by the Oak tree was on the posts surrounding the tree and not in the bark chippings as was previously noted. The fungus and the tree will be monitored.</p>									
0105/23	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:</p> <p>0105.1 The balance of accounts on 31st October 2023 was £15,211.03. The bank reconciliation for October 2023 was agreed by all and signed by the Chair and Clerk.</p> <p>0105.2 It was agreed by all to make the following payments:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>£22.50</td> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>Room Hire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£33.25</td> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>Room Home</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£96.82</td> <td>Parish News</td> <td>Minutes</td> </tr> </table> <p>A direct debit for £12 per month has been set up to pay for Scribe Accounts. It was agreed the PC would pay the M Green insurance renewal direct, rather than award an annual grant.</p> <p>0105.3 The budget for 2024 – 2025 was agreed at £9,045.00 a 2.03% increase.</p> <p>0105.4 Legal and administrative update: Citizens Advice Teignbridge send their thanks for the £250 grant. The TDC Town and Budget Consultation is being held via Zoom on 19th December at 7pm.</p>	£22.50	Village Hall	Room Hire	£33.25	Village Hall	Room Home	£96.82	Parish News	Minutes
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0106/23	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 14th December 2023 at 7pm – to be confirmed. The Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm.</p>									

Signed:

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