

## IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ideford Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr David Fox - Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwork Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr J Gardner Cllr M Batting
In Attendance	Cllr R Peart	Mrs J Thompson - Clerk Four members of the public

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
100/21	<p><b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> The Chairman opened the meeting at 7 pm. Apologies were received from Cllr T Hill, Cllr M Crispin, PC C Orchard and PCSO S Bunce.</p>
101/21	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b> It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodwork, seconded by Cllr M Batting and agreed by all to accept the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 as a true and accurate record.</p>
102/21	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> None</p>
103/21	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> A resident informed the PC that they had submitted a planning application to remove diseased ash trees at their property: a tree surgeon had inspected the trees and the resident plans to replant.</p>
104/21	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>County Councillor Ron Peart</b> Current works on the A380 The works encompass repairs and surfacing to 6 bridge decks with no works taking place in between. This may give the impression that there is little work happening, as work will be concentrated on the bridge decks. In order to safely get traffic away from work sites a contraflow system has been installed to move traffic from one side of the dual carriageway to the other you need to reduce the length of traffic management as much as possible. The work to the bridge decks requires specialist contractors and it is both more cost effective and quicker to cover a larger area once, rather than a shorter area over a longer period of time. It is our opinion that the general public would prefer us to get the works achieved as quickly as possible to reduce the amount of disruption. The type of work being carried out to bridge decks is highly weather dependent. We hope to maximise periods of good weather by working at multiple locations within the length of the contraflow. One of the main reasons this current work could not be carried out alongside previous resurfacing work earlier in the year was due to the presence of bats. The underside of bridges are potential roosting location for bats. Bats are a protected species, and as such surveys were required to be undertaken by an ecologist after the hibernation period, to ensure that our work did not interfere with their roosts. It is understood that road works do cause large inconvenience unfortunately there is no painless way of carrying out vital works on such a strategic rout.</p> <p>Cllrs again spoke of the problems caused by the A380 closures and Cllr R Peart offered to convey all concerns to Meg Booth.</p> <p><b>District Councillor Beryl Austen:</b> read by the Chairman. The subject of sewage has once again come into public concern and has been one over the years since the time that sewage was released into the harbour on high tide many years ago. Following the building of the new works on the river bank the objections have subsided. We are asked to send any comments we have to the overview and scrutiny committee by the 5th November if there are concerns now with regard to the efficiency of the existing system. Councillors are asked, following the recent murder of a Member of Parliament to communicate with the Local Government Association if there are incidences of abuse and intimidation through the personal experience of councillors. This is to support and highlight good practice and encourage the police to consider their role following this tragic death. Teignbridge has noted the that more 50 to 64 year olds have retired early than in the past which means that this affects the economy as local spending declines. Also local businesses will be unable</p>

to attract people with the required skills to work for them.  
 Actions such as automating more processes, offering better pay rates (Teignbridge rates are low compared to other areas) and considering shorter working hours are possibly an aid to dealing with this situation. Training and re-skilling are important.  
 Following objections to the use of the race course for full council meetings the next meeting has been re-allocated to a local community facility so that a local facility can benefit from the need to use larger premises than the Council Chamber  
 Concerns are still being expressed with regard to face to face meetings.  
**PC Clarke Orchard – Neighbourhood Beat Manager and PCSO Saul Bunce:** read by the Chairman  
 Monthly crime report/figures for the month of October 2021.  
 Crimes Recorded – 01/10/2021 to 30/10/2021

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Recorded Crime 01/10/2021 to 30/10/2021</b>	<b>Recorded Crime 01/10/2020 to 31/10/2020</b>	<b>Recorded Crime % Difference</b>
Stalking and Harassment	1	0	-
Public Order Offences	1	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>

  

<b>Incident Category</b>	<b>Incidents 01/10/2021 to 31/10/2021</b>	<b>Incidents 01/10/2020 to 31/10/2020</b>	<b>Incidents % Difference</b>
Public Safety	2	0	0%
Transport	4	8	-50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-25%</b>

The monthly newsletter is available to view on the parish council website.

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**PARISH MATTERS**

**105.1** The Teignbridge Local Plan Review (Part 3) consultation opens on 15<sup>th</sup> November and runs for ten weeks. The document sets out further options for where different types of development could be located. The information included within the plan shows all of the development options that are available for public comment, including: potential sites for wind turbines, a potential gypsy and traveller site and potential small residential site options.  
 Land in Ideford has been put forward for wind turbines sites: the PC will encourage individuals to respond as well as producing its own response to the plan.

**105.2** Cllr R Peart recommended attending the Highways Conference, as it would give the opportunity to discuss the problems caused by the A380 closures; Cllr J Gardner hoped to be able to attend.

**105.3** Cllr J Gardner met with D Morby and R Aaronson to discuss introducing a Sustainable Ideford scheme. Cllr J Gardner outlined the proposals for establishing the scheme (documents available to view on the website). It was proposed by Cllr D Fox, seconded by Cllr H Bellamy and agreed by all to proceed with the proposals.

**105.4** To date there has been no response from residents regarding the placing of trees for the Queen’s Green Canopy scheme.

**105.5** The PC and Wildlife Wardens urged the trustees of the Millennium Green to consider investigating TPO’s for trees (in particular, the oak tree) on its land.

**105.6** The Clerk will share advice received from TDC on managing ash dieback, in the Parish News.

**105.7** 1. Parish Council via the Wildlife Wardens have arranged to be a HUB centre for the free distribution of trees for the Parish.  
 Booked for 11th December and we will organise a collection point at Fore St, the entrance of Millennium Green.  
 This has been secured for residents with the help of Devon Wildlife Trust. There will be 200 Trees available.  
 We shall include an “advert” in the Parish Magazine for publicity.

2. The questionnaire for the Wildlife Survey has been completed. It will be sent to every household with the December Newsletter. The Wardens are hoping for a good response, as even nil returns are informative.

3. NALC held a seminar on 27 October, which illustrated projects being done by parish and town councils elsewhere, to combat climate change and help wildlife. Examples were wildflower road verges, repair cafes and community energy schemes. A link to the recording will be made available to Councillors and anyone else who is interested can obtain it from the Parish Clerk.

106/21	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>No planning applications to discuss</p> <p><b>106.1</b> The following planning decisions were noted:</p> <p>21/01945/HOU – 1 Broadlands, road from Longthorn Cottage to Royal Oak Inn Outbuilding for storage Grant of conditional planning permission</p> <p>21/01980/HOU – Olchard Cottage, Olchard Erection of an oak framed garden room attached to side elevation Grant of conditional planning permission</p> <p><b>106.2</b> Planning Enforcement: No update.</p>						
107/21	<p><b>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>None</p>						
108/21	<p><b>CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCE</b></p> <p><b>108.1</b> The balance of accounts on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 was £14,640.73. The bank reconciliation for October was agreed by all and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.</p> <p><b>108.2 To request approval for BACS Payments</b></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark, seconded by Cllr H Bellamy, and agreed by all to approve the following payments.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="245 797 1468 875"> <tr> <td data-bbox="245 797 655 835">£15.00</td> <td data-bbox="655 797 1011 835">Ideford Village Hall</td> <td data-bbox="1011 797 1468 835">October Hire Charge</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="245 835 655 875">£12.00</td> <td data-bbox="655 835 1011 875">Ideford Village Hall</td> <td data-bbox="1011 835 1468 875">October Hire Charge PACT</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>108.3</b> The Clerk presented the draft budget and precept for 2022 – 23 ready for approval at the December meeting. After suggesting increasing the annual grant towards insurance costs, the Clerk will request a formal proposal from the Millennium Green.</p> <p><b>108.4</b> To provide a legal and administrative update: NALC have agreed a 4% rise in the affiliation fee for 2022 – 2023.</p>	£15.00	Ideford Village Hall	October Hire Charge	£12.00	Ideford Village Hall	October Hire Charge PACT
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109/21	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING-</b> Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – precept setting. The meeting ended at 8:40pm</p>						

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Dated: .....