

## IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm

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

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
	<b>PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)</b>
<b>075/23</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr R Peart and D Morby. Cllr H Bellamy did not attend.
<b>076/23</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b> It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark, seconded by Cllr D Fox and agreed by all to accept the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 as a true and accurate record.
<b>077/23</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> None
<b>078/23</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> None
<b>079/23</b>	<p><b>REPORTS:</b></p> <p>Cllr R Peart (DCC) read by Cllr T Hill Deadline for free trees scheme. Landowners and communities in Devon are being reminded to apply for this year's free tree scheme. Devon County Council is offering up to 50 free tree packs, each containing 45 native broadleaved trees and other items to support their planting and establishment. This project will help achieve carbon net zero, tackle the Climate Emergency and support nature recovery. Last winter, more than 17,000 trees were planted in Devon through the Emergency Tree Fund, a project run in partnership with the Woodland Land Trust, with additional support via the Forestry Commission. This breaks down to 6,750 trees awarded to landowners and more than 9,800 trees planted on County Farms Estate and other council owned land. Applications for this year's scheme need to be completed online by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Applicants will be notified if they have been successful before the end of October and the free tree packs will be delivered in time to be planted during National Tree Week from [the 25<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December]. To find out more about the Emergency Tree Fund visit the County Councils dedicated webpages.</p> <p>Cllr K Gearon (TDC) read by Cllr T Hill I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Summer. Since my election in May, I have attended a vast amount of online and face to face training which kept me very busy. As you may be aware, I am a Community Care Worker, for Torbay Children's Services. This is a fulfilling and rewarding position, however, faces many challenges due to the decline in support and services within the community for vulnerable families. As the Kingsteignton East and Ideford District Councillor, I sit on the Licensing Committee, I am Substitute for the Planning Committee and the Substitute Shadow Executive Member for Homes and Communities. I have found the meetings fascinating and look forward to becoming an integral part of the Committees moving forward. The meetings have continued throughout the summer period, making it difficult to find time for rest and relaxation! I have enjoyed helping local constituents with questions and I share their frustrations in trying to obtain satisfactory and timely answers from Officers at Teignbridge District Council. I am hoping this is a work in progress!</p>

	<p>Sue Rollason, from Kingsteignton Youth Centre, has invited me to look at and discuss the excellent services provided to the community. The time will also give us an opportunity to explore ideas and future planning. I would welcome similar invites to local projects and community events. To note, I have a small community grant in which I would like to allocate to local community projects. As an aside, I would like to encourage residents to report the ongoing problem with potholes to the Devon County Council website. The more people reporting, the more effective the system.</p> <p>PC Clarke Orchard is moving on from his role as our Neighbourhood Beat Manager to a new role with the Rural Affairs Team.</p>
<p><b>080/23</b></p>	<p><b>PARISH MATTERS</b></p> <p>080.1 It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark, seconded by Cllr M Batting and agreed by all for Cllr A Carter-Woodwark and Cllr D Fox to attend the DALC council meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October and move the PC meeting to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7:15pm.</p> <p>080.2 Providing a grant to Citizens Advice Teignbridge was deferred.</p> <p>080.3 It was proposed by Cllr A Carter-Woodwark, seconded by Cllr D Fox and agreed by all to purchase Scribe Accounts.</p> <p>080.4 Cllr J Gardner and R Aaronson to identify the fungus growing around the Oak tree.</p> <p>080.5 PC to draft a letter to Southwest Water to request a single point of contact for Ideford to help with reporting leaks and knowing when maintenance works will be carried out.</p> <p>080.6 Road resurfacing works have been rescheduled for the end of November. The Church was notified about inconsiderate parking by users.</p> <p>080.7 Sustainable Ideford is holding its Carbon Café from 10am – 1pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Cllr J Gardner to put together costings for media and refreshments for approval by the PC.</p> <p>080.8 The Wildlife Wardens are focusing on churchyard projects; using a hedging pack from the Woodland Trust to extend the hedge on the lane side and maintaining the wildflower patch sowed last Autumn. The swift recording in the Church tower will be switched off over the winter.</p>
<p><b>081/23</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>081.1 Planning comments made since the previous meeting: 23/00920/HOU – Orchard Lodge Extension to rear Cllrs had no objections, but the following query was raised - The aerial photo on page 3 of the ecological report shows a red triangle where the extension will be, but it is unclear what the greenery is within the red triangle. Given that the planning document says ‘no impact on trees or hedges’ we presume that the greenery is not hedges or trees – if this is the case then Ideford Parish Council have no objections to the proposal. If the greenery is hedges or trees, we would like assurance that they will not be removed or impacted. Cllr T Hill did not make comment on this application as the property neighbours his.</p> <p>23/01297/HOU – Glendon Balcony Cllrs had no objections to this proposal.</p> <p>081.2 The following planning decisions were noted: 23/00920/HOU – Orchard Lodge Extension to rear Grant of conditional planning permission It was noted that TDC had not responded to the PC’s comments.</p> <p>23/00949/FUL – Rixford Manor Ground mounted solar panels Grant of conditional planning permission</p> <p>22/00132/FUL – Lower Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street New dwelling with associated works (revised proposal to that approved under reference 21/01628/FUL) Grant of conditional planning permission</p>

	<p>081.3 TDC to visit Higher Colleybrook to look at outstanding planning applications and enforcement issues.</p> <p>Regarding solar panels at Higher Colleybrook the Chair read from a statement received from the owner to explain that mobile panels were installed 3 – 4 years ago and at that time planning permission was not needed, if it is discovered that planning permission is now needed then the owner will apply for permission.</p>												
<b>082/23</b>	<p><b>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS:</b></p> <p>None</p>												
<b>083/23</b>	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</b></p> <p>083.1 The balance of accounts on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 was £13,143.64. The bank reconciliations for July and August 2023 were agreed by all and signed by the Chair and Clerk.</p> <p>083.2 It was agreed by all to make the following payments:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>£296.60</td> <td>TDC</td> <td>Election Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£180.00</td> <td>DALC</td> <td>Training</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£255.30</td> <td>DALC</td> <td>Training</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£30.00</td> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>Room Hire</td> </tr> </table> <p>083.3 Legal and administrative update: JPAG (Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance) has been updated. NALC has created a webpage dedicated to planning to help parish councils engage with the planning system. NALC has launched a consultation to update the Model Financial Regulations. TDC Full Council agreed to an amendment of its Members Code of Conduct. Thanks were received from the village hall for the £2K grant from the PC towards the new boiler.</p>	£296.60	TDC	Election Expenses	£180.00	DALC	Training	£255.30	DALC	Training	£30.00	Village Hall	Room Hire
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<b>084/23</b>	<p><b>TO DISCUSS AND AGREE HOLDING A PART TWO MEETING:</b></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 A Carter-Woodwark, seconded by Cllr M Batting and agreed by all to hold a Part Two Meeting to receive an update on responding to challenging issues in the village.</p>												
<b>085/23</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7:15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 8pm.</p>												
<b>086/23</b>	<p><b>PART TWO (CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)</b></p> <p>The Parish Council again discussed challenging issues (previously discussed) and agreed the matter should not be taken any further at this time, though it was agreed that responses to challenging issues in the community should be dealt with promptly. This part of the meeting ended at 8:08pm</p>												

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