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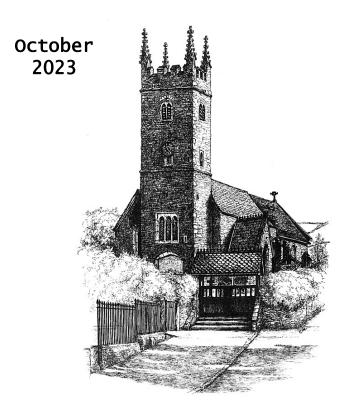
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A message from Father Mark Skelton

As I am writing this, after a rather underwhelming Summer, the sun and warmth have decided to make a return visit. This can only mean one thing, that the schools are going back. Beaches and fields, denuded of children as they put aside their holiday clothes and get back into uniform. The weather always appears to break at the end of July just as they leave their classes and sometimes, to seemingly rub salt into the wounds, it then has a second rush to gloriousness just as they are traipsing back in.

However, the thing that often strikes me, is that it is we adults who are bothered about it, the children of my acquaintance don't seem to mind at all. And if they do moan or gripe it is soon put to one side as they get on with the business of enjoying life. Is this what Jesus means when he speaks of being like little children? Not the childish qualities in which we can all indulge, whatever our age, such as self-centeredness or demanding attention but rather that child-like living in the moment, being open to what is in front of me rather than always seeking after the next or the better or the more exciting.

Now, there is no way I can say that I will not indulge in the grass is greener syndrome in the future but, as Autumn begins, I am going to set myself the task of trying to look at my life with the eyes of a joyous child. Now being the age I am that is no mean feat but it could be fun, that conscious decision to recognize and enjoy what lies in front of me. The friendships I have and can so easily take for granted. The amazing opportunities in Devon to experience beauty and yet I can spend so much of my time eyes fixed down rather than upwards or outwards. And then there is my faith; When I pause and think about God I realize how graced and fortunate I am to know He is there and yet I am not certain how often I do that very simple thing which inevitably leads me to thankfulness and trust.

Actually maybe those are the characteristics which the Lord is praising in the spirit of the child, a sense of thankfulness, a sense of trust. For some people the circumstances of their lives can make these two gifts seem too removed, too out of reach. Thinking about it, maybe my autumnal action should not be indulging my own 'inner child' for my own sake but rather to enable me to truly look beyond myself, to be alert and alive to those lost in sadness or nursing a damaged spirit. Children, at their best, are extraordinary welcomers of the lonely and the sad. This Autumn, may we all see beauty more clearly, possibilities more realistically and the needy more generously.

Father Mark Skelton

October Services

Sunday Oct. 1st 17th Sunday after Trinity

4.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving Ideford

Sunday Oct. 8th 18th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion Ashcombe

6.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving Luton

Sunday Oct. 15th 19th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Holy Communion Ideford

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069/23 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.

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. 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! 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 councilors to lobby for TALC to be invigorated.

Cllr A Carter-Woodwark and Cllr D Fox were thanked for attending.

070/23

CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS:

Some properties will experience a planned power cut on 20th July.

071/23 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE

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.

071.2 It was agreed by all to make the following payments:

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071.3 The quarterly budget update was presented with no questions asked. 071.4 Legal and administrative update: no meeting in August.

TO DISCUSS AND AGREE HOLDING A PART TWO MEETING:

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.

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.

073/23

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 14th September 2023.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:02pm.

074/23 PART TWO (CLOSED TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)

The Parish Council discussed how to respond to challenging issues and comments received.

This part of the meeting ended at 9:28pm

Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL - please note the change of day and time.

The next Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7.15pm in Ideford Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Monday October 2nd Full council Meeting Monday October 16th Planning Committee

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069/23 PLANNING

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.

069.2 The following planning decision was noted:

22/01016/FUL - Larcombe Barn

New entrance and access track Grant of conditional planning permission

069.3 There were no updates on any planning enforcement issues.

069.4 Cllr A Carter-Woodwark 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!

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 panning committee, the meeting was unconvinced that the

But she has great faith in her officers. Many raised eyebrows! Ms Eastman

process took into account the knowledge and expertise of the parishes. Ms Eastman's statement that 'TDC 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?

Cont.

068/23 | 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.voutube.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 Engage-

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.

Endorsing the Devon Carbon Plan will be explored in more depth.

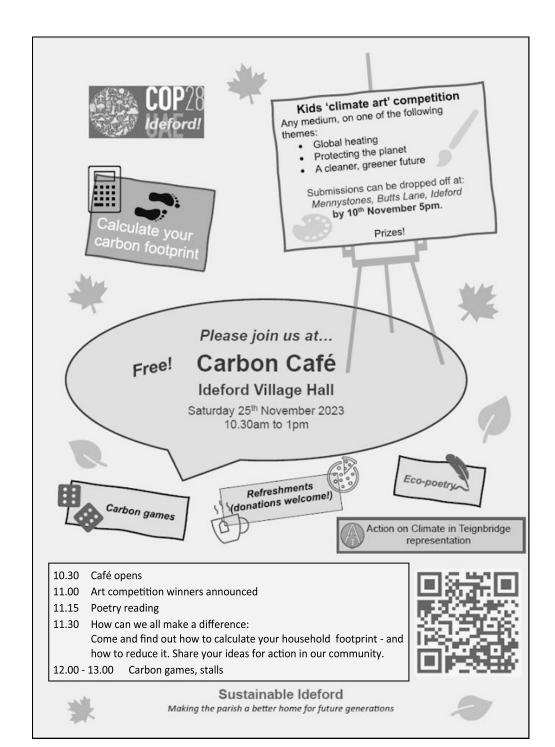
The energy saving advice event was confirmed for 25th November 2023.

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

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.





St Mary's Church are embarking on a Churchyard Greening Project. Teignbridge will still be maintaining the grassy areas but we can dedicate certain areas for more biodiversity. The wildflower area to the left of the Lychgate will be developed further. a raised bed of biblical herbs, hedgerow planting and other ideas are in the pipeline.

So with this in mind, here's advanced notice that an order supported by Woodland Trust of hedge and saplings supporting wildlife will be arriving early November. These will enhance the

Churchyard perimeters and create wildlife corridors. Our aim is to have a planting session on Saturday 18th NOVEMBER at 10am.

It should take no more than 2 hours max. Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided in Church.

We will publicise this again in next month's Newsletter and on the Ideford Facebook page.

Please make a diary note if you want to be a much needed and valued Village volunteer.

Advent Windows

Even though we are still wearing shorts, December is only 2 months away.

I am sure most people are now aware of the real advent calendar, as the village has done it for 3 years, this will now be our 4th year. The idea is like an Advent calendar, except it is outside, and doesn't involve chocolate or windows!! On each day in December a new scene will be unveiled. This may be in a window, in the garden, in a tree, on a gate, basically anywhere that can be seen from the road!! Ideally it should involve some lighting so can be seen at night, and it needs to show the date number. We have had all sorts from Snowmen to Christmas Labradors to ships and stars. The scene then stays visible throughout December. There are maps around the Village, showing where each date will be unveiled. To see some of the last years amazing windows have a look on our Facebook page, Ideford Christmas, If you would like to be involved this year, please message Jane Hill on tomandjane@live.com or 07871103235.

Thanks - Jane

In the New Year, St Mary's will be needing a **Treasurer**. If you have the time and skills to help, we'd love to hear from you. It's not an overly time consuming role and there is plenty of support within the Village when help is needed. Please contact either Vanessa, (colleybrookness@icloud.com) or Nicki, PCC Secretary, if you'd like a chat.



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 Batting, 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.

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr T Hill - Chair Cllr J Gardner

Cllr A Carter-Woodwark Cllr M Batting Cllr D Fox Cllr C Hill

Cllr H Bellmy

In Attendance: Cllr R Peart (DCC) Mrs J Thompson - Clerk

Six members of the public

<u>Item</u>	Discussion and Decisions
	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 CIIr 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



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2nd December Ideford Village Hall

More details to follow next month, but in the meantime:

Following the success of the 'Made in Ideford' stall at the Vintage Fayre this summer, we would now love to receive your contributions for the Christmas Fayre - candles, cards, Christmassy stuff?

If you're a 'hobby maker of crafts', please get crafting and we look forward to seeing you in December.



Save the Date!

St Mary's Festive Meal
Saturday 9th December
6pm till late
Ideford Village Hall

Menu and Reservation details in the November Newsletter



Ideford Village Hall Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th November

Bonfire Day Breakfast 9am 'till 2.00pm

(details on page 6)

Saturday 18th November

Annual Quiz 7pm for 7.30pm

Saturday 2nd December

Christmas Fayre - times to be announced

to Cllrs.

The latest Police newsletter has been posted on the website and circulated

Village Green.

We are hoping to start work on the new Village Green building in the next few weeks. When the foundations are dug we may need to close the Millennium Green for safety for a few days, but we will put out signage to let everyone know what is happening.

Ideford Sustainability Group A-Z

J is for JUNK and what's junk to us may not be junk to somebody else. Here are a few ideas for being more sustainable with unwanted items so they don't end up in landfill.

Saleable items - These can go to charity shops or visit www.freecycle.org; sell your items at a car boot, garage sale, on Gumtree or on Facebook Market Place.

Could your broken items be repaired? Check out community repair events, (in some towns and villages nearby) and check out **YouTube** which has guidance and videos on repairing just about anything.

Consider Upcycling. A pre loved piece of furniture may be transformed with a lick of paint, especially chalk paint which is versatile and easy to apply. Perhaps add a stencil or some peel and stick wallpaper. Use jute rope to turn items into chic decor. Try turning a free wood pallet with paint and metal casters into a sturdy coffee table. Check out many more up-cycling ideas on the internet for projects which are fun and very sustainable.

When it comes to clothes, we all have too many! Apart from the ideas above try 'swishing' - a new term for swapping items of clothing or footwear with other people. Watch this space as there may be a swishing event locally soon.

Repair and Mend. Try replacing soles on shoes to give them a new lease of life; get a bobble remover for wool jumpers that are getting worn; give jeans a new lease of life by cutting them down for shorts or a skirt for a daughter. Use Dylon fabric dye to change or intensify colour.

If you have a posh event or a wedding to go to then consider renting instead of buying a garment that might never get a second wearing. Check out www.hurrcollective.com; rotaro.co.uk or www.hirestsreetuk.com. or John Lewis Rental.

And finally:

Junk mail

There's no easy way of getting rid of all the Junk Mail we seem to get. One way of stemming the flow is to register for the Mail Preference Service (MPS) www.mpsonline.org.uk and it will remove your name and details from the lists that get sold amongst list brokers. You can also download and fill out a form with Royal Mail for the unaddressed mail that the postman delivers. Try the Opt out form on the Royal Mail website.

Dave Brown

Dear Ideford

Thank you for the cards, the flowers, the kind words and donations after losing Dave, and to Rev'd Carol Green for taking the service

Thank you

Roz and Steve

Village fete

Thank you all so much for the amazing support for the fete and Dog show. Despite the weather we still managed to make well over £1270 profit. Thank you to everyone who donated bottles, raffle prizes, made cakes, grew vegetables, made jams and chutneys, served tea's, cooked food, ran the bar and helped run the stalls, you are all amazing!!

Jane Hill

From Leila...

Recently I attended the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Whilst it was not a traditional jamboree, and far from what I had expected, I still had an amazing time and would do it again if I could. Even though it was disappointing, the UK's decision to pull us out of the Jamboree was absolutely the right call to keep us safe, and it also meant that we missed the rush of all 45,000 scouts evacuating after us for the typhoon!

We had so many great experiences in Seoul - from tours of the Presidential home to seeing traditional performances and doing some general sight seeing. I met scouts from lots of different countries at both the Jamboree and during our time in Seoul - many I am still in contact with.

I had a great experience and learnt a lot of important life skills whilst I was away (mainly how to make the best of tricky situations!).

I'd like to say a final thank you to everyone who supported me on my Jamboree journey - to everyone who helped me fundraise and prepare and to my four leaders who made sure we still had a fantastic time despite the many challenges.

Leila Gardner

DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Thank you to everyone who supported David Aylmore on his coastal drive to raise funds for the DHCT. Unfortunately, due to the weather and upcoming appointments, he only managed to drive from Swanage to Modbury, but hopes to complete the journey to Minehead very soon - watch this space!