

Ideford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on the 12th February 2026 at Ideford Village Hall

Attendance	Cllr T Hill – Chair	Cllr A Carter-Woodwark – Vice Chair
	Cllr D Fox	Cllr C Hill
	Cllr M Batting	DCC T Dempster
	TDC Peart	Mr Aaronson (Wildlife Warden)
	Mr Morby (Wildlife Warden)	Mrs Clarke – Clerk
	1 member of the public	

01/10/25 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bellamy, Helen Frank-Pitt, and Cllr Gearon.

02/10/25 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the December 2025 meeting were confirmed as a true record and signed.

03/10/25 No Declarations of Interest were made.

04/10/25 Public Participation

Mr Aaronson reported progress on the wildlife database, including a prototype system for online logging of sightings. Mr Morby reported on dementia-friendly initiatives linked to the University of Plymouth and will explore guidance from Teignbridge and the possibility of a specialist speaker. The Council agreed the issue should be progressed.

05/10/25 Reports

05.01 County Councillor Report

Councillor Dempster will accompany the new Highways Officer to examine poor road surfaces, including Rixaford Lane and the route between Wapperswell and Ugbrooke House. Flooding issues at Pottery Cottages were discussed alongside wider highways funding pressures.

05.02 District Councillor Report

Cllr Peart confirmed Teignbridge provided sandbags and removed flood-damaged waste. Charitable funding was secured to assist an uninsured resident affected by flooding.

05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager Report

A written report from PCSO Bunce recorded two offences in January: one harassment case and one Control of Horses Act notice.

06/10/25 Parish Matters

06.01 Highways, Parking and Potholes

Unannounced A380 drainage works were noted. The Council agreed to promote roadworks information and reporting links through parish communications. Persistent pothole issues were discussed.

06.02 Litter Pick

The village litter pick will take place on Sunday 1 March at 10:30 am. Equipment will be provided and collected by Teignbridge where possible.

06.03 Pesticides Declaration

The draft declaration was supported in principle but will be shortened and clarified before formal adoption at the next meeting.

06.04 Boundary Stone

The Forestry Commission accepted responsibility for damage to the boundary stone and associated structures. The Chair will continue liaison to secure reinstatement.

06.05 Footpath and Gate

The Council supported installing a kissing gate on the dog-walking footpath near Ideford Arch.

06.06 Snow Warden

Winter gritting arrangements were discussed, including volunteer coordination and county training requirements.

07/10/25 Planning

No new planning applications, decisions, or appeals were reported. A Part 2 planning enforcement discussion was held.

08/10/25 Concerns Raised by Parishioners

A report of dumped waste in a brook was discussed. The Council agreed to promote responsible disposal and monitor environmental concerns while avoiding recording unsubstantiated rumours.

09/10/25 Clerk's Report and Finance

The Clerk reported a balance of £14,881.99 with £7,000 transferred to reserves. Bank reconciliations were approved. Councillors authorised implementation of accessibility compliance processes and agreed to move to official parish email addresses.

10/10/25 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 March 2026 in the Village Hall.

11/10/25 Items for Next Agenda

Pesticides declaration, boundary stone reinstatement update, litter pick report, and parishioners' meeting arrangements.

12/10/25 The Meeting Closed at

Signatures

Signed (Chair): _____ Date: _____