

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Agenda for the Meeting of Ideford Parish Council to be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 16th January 2025 at 7pm

- 135/25 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**
- 136/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2024 and the minutes from November 2024 to be agreed and signed.
- 137/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**
137.1 Register of Interests (ROI). Councillors to update as required
137.2 Personal Interests (PI). Councillors must declare any personal interest in items on the agenda and their nature.
137.3 Disclosable Pecuniary interest (DPI). Councillors must declare any pecuniary interest in items on the agenda and their nature and they must leave the meeting for that agenda item.
- 138/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15 Minutes Allowed)**
- 139/25 REPORTS:**
139.1 County Councillor Peart
139.2 District Councillor Gearon
139.3 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce
- 140/25 PARISH MATTERS:**
140.1 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss and agree any action
140.2 Sustainable Ideford
140.3 To receive an update from the Wildlife Wardens.
140.4 To agree the budget/precept
140.5 Insurance
140.6 Policy reviews and updates: Filming and Recording, Risk Assessment, Training.
- 141/25 PLANNING:**
141.1 To discuss the following planning application:
141.2 To note any planning decisions:
141.3 Enforcement update:
- 142/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS**
- 143/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:**
143.1 Balance of accounts and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for October 2025.
143.2 To request approval for payments and note any payments made since last meeting.
Scribe accounts, Hall invoices 266, 271.
143.3 To provide any administrative update
143.4 To refund the cilca grant
- 144/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 13th February 2025.**
- 145/25 TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 16th January 2025 at pm

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr M Batting Cllr C Hill Cllr J Gardner
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	2 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
135/25	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr Peart DCC, Cllr Gearon, Dominic Morby, Robin Aaronson</p>
136/25	<p>THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: held on Thursday 12th December 2024 and the minutes from November 2024 were agreed and signed.</p>
137/25	<p>THERE WAS ONE DECLARATION OF INTEREST: As a trustee of the Millennium Green, the chair mentioned his interests in the insurance matter.</p>
138/25	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>One Parishioner was very concerned at the surface in the play park, which she indicated was very slippery and she considered this to be dangerous. It needs a wash. The Chair indicated that two days ago it was fine, but understood it might be slimy due to the weather. Mention was made of it being a soft porous surface design to prevent injury if a fall occurs.</p> <p>Another parishioner raised the item on insurance, namely the Parish Council and the Millennium Green, it was agreed to bring this up later then when the matter arises on the agenda.</p>
139/25	<p>REPORTS: There were no reports from District or County Councillors and PCSO Bunce reported for the period, 1st to the 31st December, one recorded offence to the police in the Ideford area.</p>
140/25	<p>PARISH MATTERS:</p> <p>140.1 Updates</p> <p>A pothole was repaired within a week of it being reported near Butts Lane. The far end of the lane is rapidly deteriorating, but we are waiting on a response from the council as it's turning to gravel. New legislation about pot holes, the government will be giving 500 million to councils for pot hole work. The street lights are on again some during the morning and/or during the day. Cllr Gardner will follow this up.</p> <p>A parishioner has raised concerns about a the byway, Halden Lane, Hambolcombe Lane and then the lane going further up Tower Hill which goes up to the Common, all of which are in a poor state. Cllr T. Hill has emailed the rights of way (generic email), which has a 28 days response time, however their system indicates this is not a public right of way, so Cllr Hill has report them as roads, in highways. Hedges have been a problem on Haldon Lane due to the size of tractors and the state of the lane.</p> <p>Gritting on the roads was raised. Will Vought had worked on it through Luton to Ideford. The council suggested a possible contact with Bishopsteignton Council to discuss snow and gritting for the future. Ideford Parish Council would be prepared to contribute to the costs</p> <p>140.2 Sustainable Ideford. No report</p> <p>140.3 Wildlife Wardens report: No report</p> <p>140.4 Budget/ Precept a discussion was held and there was mention of a potential short fall, as we would be reducing the reserves. Band D properties are the benchmark that is used in precept calculations. A discussion was held on the amounts required. The Council approved a precept figure of £9725.</p> <p>140.5 Insurance - Cllr T. Hill provided a background to what has already been covered, in essence joining the Parish Council and MG would save money. The MG is run for the benefit of the village, it has no income so it fund raises to cover all it's costs and obviously the largest cost was the insurance.</p> <p>The insurance policy, doesn't change the legal responsibility, the trustees still exist and the trustees would still be liable for what happens on the green. The Parish Council will still want to know what is happening and this will be shared regularly as Cllr T. Hill is a trustee. It was pointed out that if all the trustees left, the council would have to assume full responsibility.</p> <p><u>Questions that arose previously:-</u> Cllr T. Hill spoke to the insurance broker.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specific queries including not mentioning the green specifically in the policy - that is standard practice. 2. The builders carrying out the work have their own insurance, the insurer can provide a Works in Progress

	<p>insurance, however its the same cover as the builders, therefore no need for duplicate policies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Question about safety measures. There is Harris fencing around the site and signs around the green. Risk assessments have been carried out. 4. Are we expecting the Millennium Green to contribute anything towards the insurance? Using this joint insurance has saved the council some £600 pounds. The Millennium Green, is in trust for the village. 5. Will the costs of the insurance rise upon completion? There will be a minimal impact, as the building is a single skin building of £30k. 6. Would anyone from the insurers come out? No need for them to, it's a standard policy. <p>What sort of dialogue or collaboration will be necessary between Green and ourselves needs to be discussed at another meeting. Be it maintenance or how the building is progressing and time scales etc.</p> <p>Without grants, the builders and others are volunteering their time for nothing. Cllr Carter-Woodwark wanted to know if there were any other grants, Cllr T. Hill explained that they went through 12+ and the competition for grants is huge.</p> <p>The parishioner questions:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is responsible should litigation arise the trustees? Cllr T Hill explained regardless of this new insurance policy, the trustees remain liable for the Green, this is only the insurance policy. 2. Is there a conflict of interest between the Parish Council and the Millennium green? Cllr T Hill, indicated this is only the insurance policy and not affecting liability. The Parish Council is paying the insurance policy but not taking on liability as the Millenium Green has trustees as part of it's deeds. 3. Who would pay the lawyers? Various councillors indicated that it is the insurance. 4. Who would submit a claim? The Parish Council. 5. Who has scrutinised the policy, Cllr C. Hill indicated he has read it. <p>Cllr T. Hill indicated If anyone is worried about what's happening on the Green, please become a trustee. The trustees are written within the deed and as this is all for the sake of the community to make sure that the Millennium Green remains as an asset to the village.</p> <p>Cllr C. Hill explained the basics of insurance provision and responsibilities. The positives from this is the MG will come to the Parish Council on a quarterly basis to keep us informed. This means more people will be involved in keeping the MG as an asset to the village. No individual trustee would ever be held liable, however they have trustee liability insurance.</p> <p>The result of this discussion shows there is Improved governance and a saving to the community of £580. Public liability insurance is a pre-requisite to an asset of this nature. If anyone has any concerns, please come to our next meeting to discuss this.</p> <p>The Pound is an area that's has seen an incident but this was appropriately covered.</p> <p>140.6 Policy reviews and updates: Filming and Recording, Risk Assessment, Training, were discussed and the council approved the amendments.</p>
141/25	PLANNING: 108.1/2/3 There has been no planning applications/decisions/enforcements to report.
142/25	CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS -covered in roads 140/25
143/25	<p>143/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: A Balance of accounts and the monthly bank reconciliation for December 2024 were approved, along with approval for payments made since last meeting and payments due namely the Hall invoices 266, 271, 285. Along with signing bank statements etc.</p> <p>An administrative update was provided by the clerk, a full rundown will be provided on cyber security by email. The clerk raised concerns on both the costs of Scribe and the website, namely the money that could be saved and will provide full details on the website on an ongoing basis. The scribe contract will end at the end of the financial year. The clerk requested a change of internal auditor to save further costs in travelling, time and mileage, this was approved by the council.</p> <p>The clerk proposed a refund of the cilca grant, as the additional training has not been required. The council approved this.</p>
144/25	DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 13 th February 2025.
145/25	The Chair closed the meeting at 20.20pm

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- 151/25 PARISH MATTERS:**
151.1 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss and agree any action, including P3, Byways.
151.2 To receive an update from the Wildlife Wardens.
151.3 Policy reviews and updates: Internal Control, Records Management, Dignity at Work
151.4 Updates from previous meetings: Gritting.
151.5 Millennium Green update.
- 152/25 NO PLANNING:**
- 153/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS**
- 154/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:**
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- 155/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 13th March 2025.**
- 156/25 TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**

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Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr M Batting Cllr Peart DCC	
In Attendance	Wildlife Warden Robin Aaronson	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	0 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
146/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr C Hill, Cllr Gearon, Cllr J Gardner and Dominic Morby.
147/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: on the 16 th January 2025 were accepted by all the councillors and were duly signed.
148/25	THERE WAS ONE DECLARATION OF INTEREST: As a trustee of the Millennium Green the chair mentioned his interests in the MG Matter.
149/25	THERE WAS NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
150/25	<p>REPORTS:</p> <p>150.1 There was no report from the County Councillor Peart,</p> <p>150.2 District Councillor Gearon’s report was read out by the chair:- “It’s been a busy start to the year with lots of meetings. At a recent Full Council meeting, Teignbridge’s long term strategy ‘One Teignbridge’ was approved by Councillors. Although this was voted through, a considerable debate took place between Councillors who were questioning the timing of the strategy and whether it should be temporarily paused. This is due to the uncertainty of devolution and Council Leaders and Chief Executives being asked to develop a proposal for local government reorganisation. I wanted to bring to your attention I have a remaining £450 in my Community Fund. If Ideford Parish Council can find a use for all, or, part funds, please do let me know”.</p> <p>150.3 PCSO Bunce reported for the period, 1st January to the 31st of January 2025, 0 recorded offences.</p>
151/25	<p>PARISH MATTERS:</p> <p>151.1 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss/agree any action. Cllr. Carter-Woodwark indicated that Maureen Crispin is concerned about parking outside her doors, she fully supports the double yellow lines. There is a no parking notice there. However, tenants are parking up by her doors. A suggestion has been made to put a notice on Facebook as tractors will use that road and damage will occur, particularly in the summer. The Chair suggested a sign, “access required all times”. We will need to put a notice about parking and people needing to be considerate and not blocking entrances etc. Cllr. Carter-Woodwark indicated she will put a notice in the newsletter.</p> <p>The chair indicated that they have marked up another area in orchard Lane after already sorting it out.</p> <p><u>Byways</u> Holden Lane, Hamblecombe Lane and Tower Hill. There was a negative response to the chairs email about this originally. However, Steve Gardner is the replacement for Jonathan Rowlands. He's been out and had a meeting with Anthony French to discuss what needs to be carried out. John Boyd is the new head of rights of way. They are keen to get the work done and for Anthony to do the work. They can provide materials and funds via our p3, and they are aiming to complete this before the end of March. Other areas out of our parish have also been mentioned and one of our farmers is going to help repair the lanes. This is a useful cooperation with neighbouring parishes as with the snow wardens/ gritting discussions recently.</p> <p>151.2 Wildlife Wardens report: A lot of planning for the open gardens event due to be held on June 14th, we are hoping to have a wildlife theme for this. We would like the people who received the Devon wildlife trust plaque to join in. Biodiversity plan - sighting of wildlife, there is no point of a long list and a suggestion was raised about having a inter-active page on the website for this spring to log items of interest. Mr. Morby has consulted with the clerk to see if this is possible.</p> <p>151.3 Policy reviews and updates were approved</p>

	<p>151.4 Updates from previous meetings: Gritting. There has been contact with Bishopsteignton and they are planning to discuss this at their next meeting, in March. In the interim we have clarified that we are part of the snow warden scheme, we have grit and a gritter and volunteer. The volunteer (Rob Coombe) will need to attend some training at the Depot at Kingsteignton. Bishopsteignton indicates the two volunteers can complete a route round Luton and Ideford, to allow easy access into both areas. After their meeting it will be possible to iron out any queries. The training required is for insurance purposes.</p> <p>151.5 Millennium Green update. An update - Liz Hill raised a concern. The trustees went with some assistance and cleared the leaves in the area and all of the play equipment. After a meeting the Rospa report was checked. It indicates that the surface is up to standard and not a risk. The only other suggestion to stop leaves is to cut the trees down. Rospa has also suggested we ban dogs from the green. In their report the foot ball posts and benches were mentioned but all are deemed to be safe and the MG Trustees will follow their guidance. The building work was discussed and they are hoping that a team is free this month too get the roof on. Dates for planting in the middle of March will be put in the parish magazine and the trustees will be looking for volunteers. There is a mid summer party / festival on the green planned as it's 25 years old?. The date will be in the middle part of June or mid summer.</p>												
152/25	<p>PLANNING:</p> <p>No were no planning applications, however a TPO was considered. There were concerns raised by neighbours over this. Concerns were raised over biodiversity and we were waiting on Mary Rush to answer these. There was some confusion over who owns the land as it appears it could be either DCC or a tenant. The gateway to the units is at Sand Copse, with the A380 on one side.</p> <p>Mary Rush put out an interim report on the planning as they had a bat survey, which wasn't conclusive, so another survey was required. However there were conditions for the planting of trees, apparently some one came out to check the trees. The clerk will follow this up with Mary Rush and get further clarity on the TPO. The 13th March is the deadline for comments. Cllr Peart will follow up to see what is happening with the land.</p>												
153/25	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS.</p> <p>The Chair and his partner were concerned about the increase of Avian Flu, there are no mandatory housing requirements here, however all birds should be under nets not running loose in the fields. All the food and water has to be protected from wild birds as well. If there is an increase, it may pass across to humans. Every poultry owner is supposed to be registered. The chair will put a message in the parish magazine.</p>												
154/25	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:</p> <p>154.1 Balance of accounts was provided - £14686.14? The monthly bank reconciliation for January 2025 was approved and signed. The payments listed below were approved for payment.</p> <p>Cilca Refund and or grants were mentioned in particular mention of the parish magazine, the clerk to contact the parish magazine regarding this.</p> <p>An Information request was received by a parishioner in relation to a planning matter and minutes in the parish magazine some years ago. The chair and clerk replied to the parishioner. 2017-2019 were the dates of the agendas and minutes requested. The applicant may be required to seek some of the information from TDC.</p> <p>Litter picking date, no date has been set, this will be discussed on the return of Cllr. Gardner. The agm and apm will remain on the same date.</p> <p>Payments:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="217 1704 1439 1854"> <tr> <td>Staff payments</td> <td>Staff Costs</td> <td>£374.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Staff Costs</td> <td>£7.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scribe</td> <td>Administration</td> <td>£14.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>Hall hire</td> <td>£18.00</td> </tr> </table>	Staff payments	Staff Costs	£374.16	HMRC	Staff Costs	£7.80	Scribe	Administration	£14.40	Village Hall	Hall hire	£18.00
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155/25	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 13th March 2025.</p>												
156/25	<p>The Chair closed the meeting at 19:58pm</p>												

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160/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15 Minutes Allowed)

161/25 REPORTS:

161.1 County Councillor Peart

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161.3 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce

162/25 PARISH MATTERS:

162.1 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss and agree any action.

162.2 To receive any update from Sustainable Ideford

162.3 To receive an update from the Wildlife Wardens.

162.4 Policy reviews and updates: FOI, Standing orders, Equality.

162.5 Updates from previous meetings:

163/25 PLANNING:

163.1 **Planning Applications: None**

163.2 **Planning Decisions:**

24/01735/HOU Homefield, Ideford, Erection of two storey side extension, granted.

163.3 **Planning Appeal:**

24/00064/REF Little Haven, Higher Sandygate. Appeal against the refusal of planning application 20/01018/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to boat storage (Use Class B8), siting of 14 shipping containers, a portable office and garage

Little Haven Higher Sandygate: Appeal against ground G against Enforcement Notice 20/00316/ENF Planning Inspectorate Reference: 3357576 Council Appeal Reference: 24/00065/ENFA

164/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS

165/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

165.1 Balance of accounts and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for February 2025.

165.2 To request approval for payments and note any payments made since last meeting.

CPRE DDR. Scribe accounts, Hall invoices, Clerks invoice

165.3 To provide any administrative update

166/25 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday 10th April 2025.

167/25 **TO CLOSE THE MEETING.**

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Date: 4th March 2025

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Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr C Hill Cllr J Gardner DCC Peart TDC Cllr Gearon WW - Mr. Aaronson
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	2 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
157/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm (as the chair was due to arrive later) and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr Batting.
158/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: held on Thursday 13 th February 2025 were agreed and signed.
159/25	THERE WERE NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.
160/25	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>One Parishioner raised an issue in relation to damage to the Devon bank on footpath 20, given the time of year and the disturbance to emerging flora and small animal habitats.</p> <p>Pictures were shown and the item has been raised on the Facebook page, Ideford Village Life. This is a section from Higher Colleybrook through to the kissing gate, only on one side of the bank. Councillors wanted to establish who carried out this work, Cllr Peart indicated that it would have been contractors and indicated he would follow this up. Holden Lane has also been closed both ends with signs in place. Mention was made of the previous months minutes in relation to maintenance being carried out before the end of March 2025.</p> <p>Councillors were dissatisfied and concerns were raised about the destruction of the Devon bank and about the wildlife and ecology aspects.</p> <p>Another parishioner Mr. Hull raised his planning application that was put in over a year ago. There were biodiversity concerns at that time and Ms Rush (TDC) has subsequently confirmed there are no longer any adverse effects and no dilemmas for bio-diversity and/or bats. Cllr. Bellamy indicated he should contact TDC planning to move the matter forward. Cllr Carter-Woodwark, thanked him for attending.</p>
161/25	<p>REPORTS: 161.1 County Councillor Peart :</p> <p>Public health grant for 25/26 has been ring-fenced. There is an additional £200 million nationally to fund public health services and support, shifting from sickness to prevention, this represents a (disappointing) increase of £1.67 million to £33.3 million. We were £37.62 per head to £39.20 per head- a lot less than Plymouth {£67.45 and Torbay {£81.96} . We have asked why there is a difference and not had a reply yet.</p> <p>Waste Disposal - a Deposit Return Scheme for single use plastic bottles and cans, is set to launch in October 2027. Consumers will pay a deposit when purchasing drinks and once the containers are returned to a collection point (i.e. local supermarket) the deposit will be refunded. Return rates averaging +87% in European countries. This is a scheme that used to operate in the UK some decades ago. An estimated 6.5 billion tonnes currently go to the landfill or are incinerated every day. Meaning a large amount of plastic, aluminium or steel is used once and then buried or burnt. This change is welcomed.</p> <p>161.2 District Councillor Gearon</p> <p>The Government are recommending new unitary authorities through the devolution process. Local Councils are being asked to develop proposals for local government reorganisation with a timescale of the earliest 'go live' date in 2028. Local views will be obtained during the consultation period and engagement with Town and Parish Councils will be vital to ensure they are added to the final proposal. An interim plan for Devon needs to be submitted before 25 March and thereafter final submissions before 28 November 2025. The physical geographies are complex and economic areas for each local authority must be considered.</p> <p>161.3 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce - In the period, 1st February 2025 to the 28th of February 2025, there was one recorded offence in the Ideford area, of criminal damage - starting fires.</p>
162/25	<p>PARISH MATTERS:</p> <p>162.1 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes:</p> <p>Footpath maintenance and clearing has started, mention of using the available TDC budget before the end of the year. Councillors referred to the public participation where this was discussed, it was felt this was not tidying but destruction. The councillors felt it would be necessary to discuss this type of work before it happens, however there may be insufficient time available to do this prior to any maintenance. Cllr T Hill will</p>

contact Steve Gardner and in particular request they do not work on the other side of that particular bank.

162.2 Sustainable Ideford. Sustainable Ideford Report March 13 PC Meeting

A Jointly managed event with the Village Hall is planned for 14th June midday to 5pm - Open Gardens
A percentage of any funds raised will go to Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT). There will be some focus on wildlife friendly gardens. Devon Wildlife Trust have offered to some initial support for the event, Cllr Gardner is in contact with them. Volunteer Parking attendants are required.

An application for £300 from the locality fund has been submitted by Cllr Gardner. The A-Z sustainability articles continue to be published in Parish News. Future activity is planned to continue support for St Mary's churchyard 'greening'. The Next SI meeting is planned for 25th March – we are all looking forward to spring and summer.

162.3 Wildlife Wardens report:

The wildlife warden has put solid posts in certain places to prevent any aggressive maintenance and/or mowing in the church in certain sections where wildlife is being encouraged, this looks better for any visitors. The database monitoring project will be launched by Facebook and the parish news. This is where wildlife sightings will be recorded, a draft page has been placed on the current website in preparation by the clerk. Cllr Gardner will discuss moving this forward with Mr. Gillett

162.4 Policy reviews and updates: Standing orders, and the data protection/FOI (freedom of information) were discussed and the clerk will check and update the amendments suggested and put the final versions before the council in the next meeting, which will allow councillors to go through the policies in the interim. Mention was made about the need for councillors to use the parish council email address, as FOI requests will result in a possible inspection of councillors' private devices. The chair explained we had a request for information that was in the public domain and this has been dealt with. The second part of the request has been referred to TDC.

162.5 Updates from previous meetings: snow/gritter

Bishopsteignton are in agreement to allow us access and use of the parish gritter, as long as we comply with some basic matters, i.e. We have a named volunteer snow warden who will wear the required PPE, and works alongside our own volunteer to achieve the gritted route, as required. Mr. Coombs will be our snow warden with training to be carried out later. The maintenance of their machine does not concern us as we have our own gritter, it's mainly man power. Cllr. Gardner will catch up with Will Voight, to keep him updated. The request for a grant for the parish newsletter is no longer required as it was anticipated that costs would increase, however, this has not been the case.

163/25	PLANNING: 163.1 No new planning applications. 163.2 Planning Decisions noted: 24/01735/HOU Homefield, Ideford. 163.3 Planning Appeal: 24/00064/REF Little Haven, Higher Sandygate. Appeal against the refusal of planning application 20/01018/FUL and Little Haven Higher Sandygate: Appeal against the Enforcement Notice The council discussed and noted the cases above Cllr C Hill had read the appeal indicating it is well presented and put together. As the council have previously commented on the original applications there is nothing further to add.
164/25	CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS - initially covered in roads 160 and 162.1. A report from Rob Gillett indicated that people have been using quad bikes and trial bikes on the common, he would like to see signs in the car park where this might be more useful. A brief discussion was held on this.
165/25	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: A Balance of accounts and the monthly bank reconciliation for February 2025 were approved, the current account has £14,222.58. Approval for the following payments made since the last meeting and payments due namely: CPRE and Scribe accounts which are direct debits. Hall invoices, Clerks invoice. The vat reclaim figure was mentioned. An administrative update was provided by the clerk, and mention was made by Cllr. Carter-Woodwark about updating the website with the current details of the councillors. The clerk proposed a refund of £450.00 to the cilca grant/educational trust, the council approved this. The clerk has requested the notice period from the current host providers of the website then transfer the domain name across to the council for ownership. On the budget a few items were brought to the clerks attention.
166/25	DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 10 th April 2025.
167/25	The Chair closed the meeting at 20.10pm

Signed: Dated:

Ideford Annual Parish Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Ideford Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 10th April 2023 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall

Agenda

01/04/25 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

02/04/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2024 to be agreed and signed.

03/04/25 REPORT – Chairman of Ideford Parish Council

Cllr Tom Hill

04/04/25 REPORTS

04.01 County & District Councillor

Cllr Ron Peart

04.02 District Councillor

Cllr Keely Gearon

04.03 Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

PCSO Bunce

04.04 Parochial Church Council

PCC Representative

04.05 Ideford Village Hall

Cllr Carter-Woodwark

04.06 Ideford Millennium Green

Jane Hill

04.07 Parish Paths Partnership (P3 Coordinator)

Suzanne Hill

04.08 Ideford Bell Ringers

David Aylmore

04.09 Ideford Short Mat Bowling Club

Jill McCord

04.10 Sustainable Ideford

Cllr J Gardner

04.11 Wildlife Wardens

R.Aaronson/D.Morby

04.12 Pop Up Cafe

J.Aylmore/V.Morby

05/04/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

06/04/25 DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Thursday 9th April 2026 (to be confirmed)

Tom Hill

Tom Hill

Chairman of Ideford Parish Council

Date: 4th April 2025

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Register for Ideford to raise any matters of concern that relates to their local community. This is an open meeting and although facilitated by the Parish Council it is not a Parish Council Meeting. Matters can be raised at the meeting without prior notification.

For any queries, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council via idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the Full council meeting on the 10th April 2025 after the Parishioners Meeting.

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr C Hill Cllr Batting DCC Peart WW - Mr. Aaronson and Mr. Morby
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	2 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
07/04/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The chair opened the meeting at 20:02 hours and noted the apologies from TDC Cllr Gearon, Cllr J Gardner
08/04/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: held on Thursday 13 th February 2025 were agreed by all and signed by the chair.
09/04/25	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Cllr. Carter-Woodward indicated her proximity to the planning matter, along with the Chair as well.
10/04/25	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Dom wanted to thank the parish council for the last 12 months saying that the council do a great job.
11/04/25	REPORTS: 05.01 County Councillor Peart : No additional report 05.02 District Councillor Gearon: no report 05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce: no additional report
12/04/25	PARISH MATTERS: 12.01 Meeting Start times: The chair had put forward starting the meetings half an hour later due to work commitments. Cllr Batting suggested 7pm through the winter and 7.30pm in the summer. Cllr C Hill indicated we should support those who are working. Concerns by others including how late the meeting would end, especially in the winter. Public participation was raised to keep the timings relevant. Mention was made of private discussions going on whilst the council is in discussion on matters. Not appropriate to keep changing times. Cllr Peart was asked if it would be a problem, he mentioned a big agenda could take up some time. Clerk suggested a trial period. A vote was held to move the meeting to 7.30pm on a trial basis, 5 in favour 1 against. 12.02 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways a notice has been received - Olchard Lane and Road past Underhays. There is a 18 month term to indicate they will be going round a number of areas in Devon with no definite dates. Pot hole outside Colleybrook has been mentioned to the chair, all marked up and has been reported again. The sound of cars running over it is disturbing the residence. Meeting with the new highways officer at the next meeting in May. Cllr Peart has met him and indicates he is very effective. Footpaths, the chair provided a quick update on Footpath 20 and the PROW person at TDC is coming out to have a look at it next week (Wednesday). Byways to prevent the work being pushed into next year. The work has to be quoted for and for the parish council to pay for it through P3. 12.03 Policy reviews and updates: Standing orders, was approved at the last meeting. Equality, Data Protection/FOI were reviewed and approved at the meeting. 12.04 Updates from previous meetings: Cllr. Bellamy, asked about the need for <u>“all kept birds to be housed and undercover”</u> . <u>CURRENTLY All birds (chickens etc) must be protected from Wild Birds and that includes not sharing water and/or food, housing or netting must be used”</u> . <u>All owners should be registered with the APHA.</u> The current situation is that avian flu has now passed to other animals, a cat and some sheep. Wild birds do have avian flu. Avian Flu is now a risk to humans. An article will also be put into the parish news, posters are needed.
13/04/25	PLANNING APPLICATION: 13.01 Planning Applications: 25/00495/HOU - Corner Cottage, IDEFORD. Proposal - Timber roof structure. There are no objections to this application. 13.02 Planning Decision: Certificate of Lawfulness for Apple Cottage, a discussion about permitted development was held.
14/04/25	CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS - Cllr. Batting, the Ideford Vintage Fare will not run this year, due to a lack of volunteers. Mention was made of everyone in the village being stretched as there are fewer numbers covering more events. A possible solution was to run it every other year.

	Another concern was a swing on the green this was mentioned on social media. There was no request to put a swing up, therefore it was a liability/insurance issue. Comments were received that the parish council doesn't do enough for the community. The council suggests that parishioners should attend any of our meetings to discuss any matter in person. The chair indicated there is nowhere to put anything, as the parish council doesn't own any ground. The Millennium Green has to be an open space, this was part of the strict conditions originally placed on the Millennium Greens at the outset. Broadland's was then discussed - Cllr Peart has not had a response from TDC at present.
15/04/25	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: The balance of accounts £13751.12 and bank reconciliation for March was provided and approved by the council. A request for payments was made for the Village Hall Invoices, Clerks Invoice and DALC. Decisions and enforcement to be placed on every agenda. An administrative update was provided on recent correspondence and the clerk is seeing the internal auditor the day after the meeting. A .gov domain was discussed and has subsequently been confirmed by Japg (auditing) that the clerk as a minimum has to be on a .gov email. Discussion was held as to whether the hosting should be html or word press, the advantages and dis-advantages of this was explained, the council felt that word press subject to confirmation by Cllr Gardner would be appropriate.
16/04/25	DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 8 th May 2025.
17/04/25	The Chair closed the meeting at 21.05 pm

Signed: **Dated:**

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned under the Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12s.10 to attend a meeting of Ideford Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of Ideford Parish Council to be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7.30pm

PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)

01/05/25 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

02/05/25 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

03/05/25 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

04/05/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025 to be agreed and signed.

05/05/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

06/05/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15 Minutes Allowed)

07/05/25 REPORTS:

County Councillor

District Councillor

Neighbourhood Beat Manager

08/05/25 PARISH MATTERS:

08.01 To note: Register of Interests to be updated.

08.02 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways and parking issues.

08.03 To receive an update from Sustainable Ideford/Wildlife Wardens.

08.04 Litter Pick date.

054.5 Grant Applications

054.6 Insurance review - due 1st June

054.7 Cil Matters.

09/05/25 PLANNING:

09.01 To note any new planning applications:

09.02 To note the following planning decision:

25/00495/HOU - Corner Cottage, Ideford, Timber ridge roof structure, Conditional permission

09.03 Planning Enforcement cases:

09.04 Appeals:

25/00018/REF - Higher Colleybrook Farm , Fore Street. Appeal against the refusal of planning application

10/05/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS:

11/05/25 AUDIT 2024 / 2025 - UPDATE

12/05/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

12.01 Balance of accounts and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for April 2025.

12.02 To request approval for BACS payments and note any payments made/due since last meeting:- DALC, Clerks Invoice, Venue Hire

12.03 To note any receipts and the current balance on the account as at the 30th April 2025

12.04 To provide any legal and administrative update:

12.05 Correspondence received

13/05/25 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.

13.01 Employment Matters.

14/05/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 12th June 2025 at 7.30pm

15/05/25 PART TWO MEETING.

16/05/25 RE-OPEN THE MEETING TO VOTE ON ANY PART TWO DECISIONS.

17/05/25 CLOSE THE MEETING.

Anna Clarke

Clerk to Ideford Parish Council Tel:07886004919 Email: idefordclerk@hotmail.co.uk Date: 2nd May 2025

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy Cllr M Batting	Cllr C Hill Cllr J Gardner Cllr Peart WW - Mr. Aaronson Mr. D. Morby
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	4 members of the public
Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)	
	PART ONE (OPEN TO PUBLIC AND PRESS)	
01/05/25	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE - The meeting opened at 7.30pm. Cllr Hill was elected as Chairman. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed. This was proposed by Cllr Batting and seconded by Cllr Carter-Woodwark	
02/05/25	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: Cllr Carter-Woodwark was elected as Vice Chairman. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed. Cllr Fox proposed and this was seconded by Cllr Gardner	
03/05/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Gearon.	
04/05/25	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025 were agreed by all and signed by the Chair.	
05/05/25	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - There were no declarations of interest	
06/05/25	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The chair welcomed our new neighbourhood highways officer, Rhys Andrews. The new resident from Apple Cottage came to see us, partially as the council had discussed their application last month.	
07/05/25	REPORTS 07.01 County Councillor: No report. The council had been unable to contact the new councillor. 07.02 District Councillor: No report. 07.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager: For the period 1st of April to the 30th of April, there was just one recorded offence in the area made to the police and that was for a dog bite.	
08/05/25	PARISH MATTERS 08.01 Register of Interests Members were reminded to update their Register of Interests and provide them to the clerk before next month's meeting. The vice chair mentioned updating details and photographs on the website, however this will all be changed in August. 08.02 Updates were received on highways, roadworks and parking: Rhys Andrews, the new highways officer, introduced himself and provided some details of how he plans to address various road issues. He outlined several priorities such as Butts Lane, Hestow Road drainage, and Rixford Road. Significant discussion was held around the pothole repair quality and longevity issue, with concerns raised about short-term fixes leading to repeated repairs. The council also noted the ongoing byways situation; the original quote for repair was rejected by the Devon County council due to procedural issues. The parish council has decided not to risk funding the work, as there's no guarantee that the funds will be reimbursed. The A380 was due to be resurfaced on Sunday however this has been postponed to the changes in the weather. Footpaths number 20 in particular was discussed, it was stated that we only need maintenance to be carried out in a measured manner. 08.03 Sustainable Ideford/Wildlife Wardens update: The Sustainable Ideford/Wildlife Wardens update highlighted progress in enhancing local biodiversity. Key developments include the commendation of Robin's biodiversity database and discussions around updating the village website, with potential student project collaborations with the University of Exeter. Plans for the Open Gardens event are underway, set to feature a Devon Wildlife Trust presence and the distribution of educational leaflets. Several initiatives aim to improve village aesthetics through planting. These include focusing on the oak tree by the pub and the grassy area by the bus stop. Cllr Gardner proposed further planting schemes, suggesting the council fund planters and bulbs for the pub, which the owner supports. Bulbs are also planned for the area in front of the bus stop, and raised planters are being considered for Colleybrook. Water management for these new planted areas was also discussed. Ongoing efforts to increase biodiversity net gain continue in the churchyard and Millennium Green. A review of the parish biodiversity plan is scheduled for a later date. 08.05 The date for the parish Litter Pick was agreed, 26 th October at 11am. The discussion highlighted the difficulty of litter picking when vegetation is at its peak. As a solution, the council encouraged community members to undertake their own litter picking initiatives before the Open Gardens event. It was also decided to hold an autumn litter pick on the last weekend in October, prior to the clocks changing. A key challenge discussed was the disposal of collected waste, given limitations with council refuse services. Rhys Andrews shared insights from a successful litter initiative in Dartmouth, advising persistence in collaborating with the District Council. 08.05 Grant applications - none currently some are expected in October each year. 08.06 The Council reviewed insurance arrangements; The insurance renewal is due by 12th June 2025. A review confirmed that coverage includes major assets like playground equipment, the green, benches, the bus shelter, and "the pound." While the current figures seem largely accurate, a more detailed review is planned, especially considering the ongoing green building project. Importantly, the insurance provides liability coverage even for partially completed works. A future discussion will also address a risk assessment concerning dogs on the green and associated liability.	

	<p>Millennium Green Building: Progress on the Millennium Green Building has stalled. This is due to the original roofer withdrawing from the project. The council is now actively seeking a cost-effective alternative roofer.</p> <p>08.07 CIL matters were discussed: income has been modest (approx. £300 a year). Suggestions for spending included: improvements to the Hall and Green, blue light filters for lighting, and future tree/hedge planting. The form that has to be submitted will encompass these elements.</p>
09/05/25	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>09.01 New applications: None</p> <p>09.02 The following decision was noted:</p> <p>25/00595/HOU – Corner Cottage, Ideford – Timber ridge roof structure – Conditional Permission granted.</p> <p>09.03 Planning enforcement cases: none</p> <p>09.05 Appeal noted: 25/00018/REF – Higher Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street – The parish council is frustrated by Teignbridge District Council's failure to notify them of a planning application refusal, preventing their comment. This follows a history of delays and poor communication. The council will write to Teignbridge seeking clarification and to ensure future involvement. The appeal response deadline for Teignbridge was 21st May 2025. Options for parish input, like an extraordinary meeting or individual submissions, were discussed.</p>
10/05/25	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS</p> <p>10.01 A resident raised concerns regarding revised plans for a development at Coombe Cross, suggesting the buildings appeared larger. The applicant confirmed that the building sizes have not changed; only their position has been adjusted slightly to satisfy Highways' concerns. A biodiversity report was submitted months ago and includes an extensive tree planting offset plan involving around 1,800 trees.</p> <p>10.02 Local residents report dog attacks and loose dogs, prompting a need for action. Options discussed include a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for mandatory leads and anonymous reporting to the dog warden. The Council will contact the Teignbridge District Council Dog Warden and prepare a newsletter article to promote responsible dog ownership.</p> <p>10.03 Concern was raised by a resident regarding silt accumulation in Colleybrook. The Council agreed to approach the relevant authority to request dredging.</p> <p>10.04 Ongoing problems with large vehicles accessing narrow lanes, often due to sat-nav misdirection. Damage to property and lane infrastructure has been reported. The responsibility lies with residents who arrange large deliveries without assessing access suitability.</p>
11/05/25	<p>AUDIT 2024/25 – UPDATE</p> <p>Audit update acknowledged via email. The council agreed on using 'idefordparish.co.uk' as the preferred domain name, dropping 'council' for broader community use.</p>
12/05/25	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</p> <p>12.01 Balance of accounts as of the end of April, the account balance was £18,069.45, with precept and CIL received.</p> <p>12.02 The following BACS payments were approved: Regular payments approved including invoices for the Clerk, hall, antivirus software, and professional services. Council agreed to return £410 from the CILCA grant (unused training and book costs). Millennium Green grant payment was confirmed (processed in May).</p> <p>12.03 Receipts and current balance as at 30 April 2025 were noted.</p> <p>12.05 Legal and administrative updates</p> <p>12.05 Correspondence received: Late item of correspondence related to road issues was received.</p>
13/05/25	<p>PART TWO – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - Members of the public and press were excluded.</p>
14/05/25	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 12th June 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>
15/05/25	<p>PART TWO MEETING</p>
16/05/25	<p>RE-OPEN THE MEETING TO VOTE ON ANY PART TWO DECISIONS The council resolved to increase the Clerk's salary adjustment due to CILCA qualification. Unanimous agreement to move Clerk from pay scale 14 to 15, effective from the next pay cycle.</p>
17/05/25	<p>CLOSE THE MEETING - The meeting was closed at 21.23</p>

Signed:

Date:

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned under the Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12s.10 to attend a meeting of Ideford Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Agenda for the Meeting of Ideford Parish Council to be held at: The Village Hall on Thursday 12th June 2025 .

01/05/25 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

02/05/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025 to be agreed and signed.

03/05/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

159.1 Register of Interests (ROI). Councillors to update as required

159.2 Personal Interests (PI). Councillors must declare any personal interest in items on the agenda and their nature.

159.3 Disclosable Pecuniary interest (DPI). Councillors must declare any pecuniary interest in items on the agenda and their nature and they must leave the meeting for that agenda item.

04/05/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15 Minutes Allowed)

05/05/25 REPORTS: (Any additional to the Parishioners meeting)

05.01 County Councillor

05.02 District Councillor

05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce

06/05/25 PARISH MATTERS:

06.01 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss
To include Butts Lane complaint.

06.02 Beating the Bounds

06.03 Policy Review - Grievance Policy

07/05/25 PLANNING:

07.01 No New Planning Applications:

07.02 Planning Appeals: **25/00023/COND**

Homefield , Ideford: Appeal against condition 10 and 12 against planning.

Erection of two storey side extension

07.03 Planning Enforcement update

08/05/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS

09/05/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

09.01 Balance of accounts and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for May 2025.

09.02 To request approval for payments and note any payments made since last meeting.

Invoices, Parish News, Clerks invoice.

09.03 To provide any administrative update - new website plan of prospective pages:-

09.04 AUDIT 2025 – 2025

09.4.1 To approve and sign the Certificate of Exemption from limited assurance review.

09.4.2 To approve and sign the Summary of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st March 2025.

09.4.3 To agree and approve the Fixed Asset Register for the year ended 31st March 2025.

09.4.4 To agree and approve the Fixed Asset Risk Assessment for the year ended 31st March 2025.

09.4.5 To note the Annual Return Explanation of Variance.

10/05/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 10th July 2025.

11/05/25 TO CLOSE THE MEETING.

Anna Clarke

Clerk to Ideford Parish Council

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Date: 5th June 2025

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the Full council meeting on the 12th June 2025 at 7pm

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy Cllr C Hill	Cllr Batting TDC Cllr Peart WW - Mr. Aaronson and Mr. Morby PCSO Bunce Mr. Andrews - Neighbourhood Highways Officer
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	2 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
01/06/25	The chair opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Gearon.
02/06/25	The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 8 th May 2025 were agreed by all and signed by the chair.
03/06/25	There were no declarations of interest
04/06/25	There was no public participation.
05/06/25	REPORTS: 05.01 County Councillor: No report 05.02 District Councillor Gearon: No report 05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce: No new crimes in our area
06/06/25	PARISH MATTERS: 06.01 updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes: Comments regarding the surface condition of Butts Lane were clarified by Mr Andrews. While initial photos suggested patching over unsurfaced areas, patching was actually carried out where the surface condition was poorest. It was confirmed that the top surface had been scraped back as per standard process, and new tarmac now levels with surrounding surfaces. The absence of “before” photos may have contributed to misunderstanding. The Council welcomed the completion of the works to resurface Olchard Lane. Butts Lane and Rixafer Road have been submitted for surface dressing in the 2026–2027 schedule. Highways’ focus is on larger, strategic roads, so inclusion of these smaller lanes is a positive outcome. Mr. Andrews reaffirmed commitment to ongoing patch repairs on minor roads where resources permit. Councillors highlighted that Rixafer Road poses a higher risk than Butts Lane, particularly during diversions from the A380. Its narrow width and unsuitability for large diverted traffic were flagged as concerns. A380 Closure Notification: Highways confirmed the next scheduled night closure of the A380 is Monday 23rd June to Monday 30th June, 7pm to 6am, covering: Eagle Farm Junction to Ware Barn Junction, and Hestow Road Overbridge to Humber Lane Overbridge. This follows an earlier closure in June as part of planned maintenance. Neighbouring Parish Road Condition – Newton Area: Concerns were raised by Councillor Woodwark about the deterioration of the road into the centre of Luton by Westhayes Farm. Highways confirmed drainage issues were reported that morning and a full suction clearance of the drainage network has been requested. Once completed, further pothole repairs will proceed based on photographic evidence. 06.02 Beating the Bounds: A request has been raised, for the reinstatement of the traditional Beating the Bounds event. The last recorded event was approximately nine years ago. An invitation for expressions of interest has been placed in the Parish Newsletter, with the aim to hold the next event in spring/summer 2026. 06.03 Policy Review - The updated Grievance Policy, circulated prior to the meeting, was reviewed and formally adopted. Members noted that further policies will be reviewed monthly until all have been revisited. Updates from Previous Meetings Parish Council Insurance: The Clerk confirmed insurance renewal. Clarifications by the chair mentioned that a tree swing liability is not covered; dog control signage is recommended but does not increase liability. Councillors agreed to continue a 1 year renewal for the insurance for flexibility. Dog Control Concerns: The Council expressed concern at the continued problem of dogs not being under control in various parts of the parish, posing a risk to public safety and local livestock. Councillors emphasised that owners must ensure their dogs are kept on a lead where appropriate and remain under control at all times.
07/06/25	PLANNING APPLICATION: 07.01 No New Planning Applications: 07.02 Planning Appeals: 25/00023/COND Homefield: Councillors sympathised with concerns over minor additions but recognised these conditions are standard. Councillors reaffirmed previous support for the application and that no further comments will be submitted. 07.03 There was no enforcement update.
08/06/25	No new concerns raised by parishioners to councillors

09/06/25	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:</p> <p>09.01 The balance of accounts at the end of May was £15,424.94 and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation was received.</p> <p>09.02 Approval for the following payments, Hall Invoices, Parish News, Clerks invoice, HMRC.</p> <p>09.03 An administrative update - Banking Update: Discrepancies identified with bank cards issued to former councillors by the bank. These have been cancelled and current account signatories have been verified.</p> <p>CIL Funding Update: The recent forms for CIL were rejected due to a stricter criteria. The Clerk proposed redirecting the funding /form towards the dog waste bins, being emptied (cost approx. £370). Councillors supported this approach.</p> <p>Planning Page on Parish Website: To reduce duplication and workload, the new parish website will host a dedicated planning landing page with direct links to external official sites (e.g., Teignbridge District Council). Further to this Individual agenda items will include hyperlinks to relevant planning applications to aid councillor review and public access. It was agreed that submitting considered parish opinions remains crucial for maintaining influence and community engagement. Parish council involvement is fundamental to representing parishioners' interests, enhancing transparency and cooperation.</p> <p>09.04 AUDIT 2025 – 2025 Internal audit completed by Mrs Dennis. Transition from Scribe to manual accounting noted. Fixed Asset Register value decreased due to depreciation (18% applied): from £9,204 to £8,468. Councillors agreed asset values will be reviewed for potential replacement or insurance purposes at a later date.</p> <p>09.4.1 The Certificate of Exemption from limited assurance review was approved and signed, this was proposed by Cllr Batting and Seconded by the vice chair.</p> <p>09.4.2 The Summary of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st March 2025 was approved and signed.</p> <p>09.4.3 The Fixed Asset Register for the year ended 31st March 2025 was previously approved and signed</p> <p>09.4.4 The Fixed Asset Risk Assessment for the year ended 31st March 2025 which was amended in February 2025 was approved and signed.</p> <p>09.4.5 The Annual Return Explanation of Variance was noted.</p>
10/06/25	The date of the next meeting is Thursday 12 th June 2025 at 7.30pm
11/06/25	The Chair closed the meeting.

Signed: Dated:

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned under the Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12s.10 to attend a meeting of Ideford Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Agenda for the Meeting of Ideford Parish Council to be held at: The Village Hall on Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7.30pm.

01/07/25 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

02/07/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th June 2025 to be agreed and signed.

03/07/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

159.1 Register of Interests (ROI). Councillors to update as required

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04/07/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15 Minutes Allowed)

05/07/25 REPORTS: (Any additional to the Parishioners meeting)

05.01 County Councillor

05.02 District Councillor

05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce

06/07/25 PARISH MATTERS:

06.01 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss

06.02 Sustainable Ideford and Wildlife Report

06.03 Policy Review - Code of Conduct

06.04 Policy Approval - Information Technology.

07/07/25 PLANNING:

07.01 Planning Applications:

07.02 Planning Appeals:

07.03 Planning Enforcement update

08/07/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS

09/07/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

09.01 Balance of accounts and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for June 2025.

09.02 To request approval for payments and note any payments made since last meeting.

Invoices, Parish News, Clerks invoice, Auditors.

09.03 To provide any administrative update - New bank account, web site hosting for approval.

10/07/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.30pm

11/07/25 TO CLOSE THE MEETING.

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Date: 3rd July 2025

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the Full council meeting on the 10th July 2025 at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr Batting	Cllr C Hill TDC Cllr Peart WW - Mr. Aaronson and Mr. Morby PCSO Bunce
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	2 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
01/07/25	The chair opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Gardiner, Bellamy, and Gearon.
02/07/25	The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 12 th June 2025 were agreed by everyone and signed by the chair.
03/07/25	There were no declarations of interest
04/07/25	Public participation. A concern was raised about a hazardous gully on one of the bends in the road between Luton and the golf course. Several vehicles had been damaged. While this was in Bishopsteignton Council's area, it was agreed that the Clerk would report this to the Highway's Officer as the road was used frequently by Ideford parishioners. A separate concern from a parishioner about lorries being too large for the Higher Sandygate road was noted: enforcement, signage issues and actions by the company receiving these lorry deliveries was discussed.
05/07/25	REPORTS: 05.01 County Councillor: No report 05.02 District Councillor Peart: The reopening of Sibelco for clay extraction, with a public consultation scheduled for 22 July 2025 at Newton Abbot Racecourse. Discussion included mitigation of dust issues, wildlife conservation and preservation, and a proposed off-road path adjacent to Broadway Road. 05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce: Zero crimes reported. Cllr. Fox provided regional policing updates: 41 arrests across Devon and Cornwall, a significant amount of drugs were seized in a recent operation.
06/07/25	PARISH MATTERS: 06.01 updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes: Olchard Lane road markings have been completed. A pothole under Ideford arch (A380) remains a concern; difficulty in reporting this due to the position and location. Silt build-up at the pond in Ideford: urgent action will be required before heavy rain. Clerk to continue chasing highways for resolution. 06.02 Sustainable Ideford - The wildlife warden provided an update. They participated in the Devon Bat Survey, confirming 12 local species. And moth trapping identified 40+ species. Discussion are ongoing about creation of a parish wildlife database; options were debated between open public input and a moderated model to ensure data quality. 06.03 Policy Review - Code of Conduct was reviewed and updated; a two-year review cycle agreed for policies. The final version of the Information Technology policy was approved following recent edits.
07/07/25	PLANNING APPLICATION: 07.01 No New Planning Applications: 07.02 No new Planning Appeals: 07.03 There was no enforcement update.
08/07/25	Concerns raised by parishioners to councillors - A discussion was held with PCSO Bunce.
09/07/25	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: 09.01 Bank balance at end of June: £14,227.96. monthly bank reconciliation was received and approved. The bank statement and instant access account was discussed to help counteract bank charges. The clerk to view other options for a savings account. Cllr C. Hill will be added to the bank account. 09.02 Approval was made for the following payments, Parish Hall, Clerk, Auditor 09.03 An administrative update - The clerk seeking approval to use IONOS for website hosting, based on ease and cost-efficiency which was approved.
10/07/25	The date of the next meeting is Thursday, 11th September 2025 at 7.30pm Cllr Peart has given his apologies in advance of the next meeting.
11/07/25	The Chair closed the meeting.

Signed: Dated:

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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01/09/25 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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06.01 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss

06.02 Sustainable Ideford -Briefing and Star Awards

06.03 Policy Review - Health And Safety

07/09/25 PLANNING:

07.01 New Planning Applications:

[25/01366/HOU](#) 1 Higher Colleybrook, Ideford. Single storey extension

[25/01269/FUL](#) Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street. Conversion of existing barn to one dwelling.

07.02 Planning Decisions: **23/02120/FUL** Land At Combe Hill Cross , Ideford Combe. Erection of five store/workshop units

07.03 Planning Appeal

07.04 Planning Enforcement update

08/09/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS

09/09/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

09.01 Balance of accounts and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for July and August

09.02 To request approval for payments and note any payments made since last meeting.

Invoices TDC (August), Clerks Invoice (August), Clerks invoice, HMRC, village hall.

09.03 To provide an administrative update, website and email changes.

09.04 Correspondence:

10/09/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 9TH October 2025

11/09/25 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

12/09/25 MEETING CLOSED:

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 11th September 2025

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr C Hill Cllr J Gardner Cllr M Batting WW – Mr. Aaronson
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	2 members of the public

Item	Discussion and Decisions
01/09/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: DCC Peart, TDC Cllr Gearon (received after the meeting)
02/09/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: held on Thursday 10 th July 2025 were agreed and signed.
03/09/25	A personal interest raised on a matter by Cllr Gardner, raised for the sake of transparency.
04/09/25	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Horse Riding Incident - A resident reported a serious incident where a 14-year-old rider was thrown from her horse near a local bridge, sustaining severe injuries after the horse bolted, possibly due to a loose dog or other disturbance. Concerns were raised about uncontrolled dogs in the area frightening both horses and walkers, alongside the risks posed by deer. Councillors discussed the need for awareness and practical measures, including parish news reminders, possible signage near the bridleway, and liaison with the rights-of-way officer and dog warden. It was agreed to pursue signage and awareness campaigns, while recognising enforcement challenges and the need for sensitivity over landowner responsibilities.</p> <p>Planning Appeal Statement - which is reported in full in the planning section.</p> <p>Planning Representation Ms Taylor, a resident of Lower Colleybrook Farm, explained the layout of her property in relation to a proposed development, noting the barn in question appears differently from front and back due to land levels. When raising these concerns, the Chair deferred her comments to the planning section of the meeting.</p>
05/09/25	There were no reports: from DCC or TDC. The Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce indicated that there had been no crimes committed in the area.
06/09/25	<p>PARISH MATTERS:</p> <p>06.01 Highways: The parish highways officer provided written updates, highlighting three key issues: vegetation cutting which can now resume following the end of nesting season; drainage should be monitored closely ahead of winter, with blocked drains reported promptly; and the A382 roadworks, expected to last two years, which will cause major disruption, with authorities opting for full closure to speed up completion and residents are advised to avoid the area where possible.</p> <p>The drain between the bridges from Chudleigh to Ideford, near the A380, continues to cause flooding, with manual clearance attempts unsuccessful and specialist machinery being required. A further issue at the Pound was raised, where the stream remained uncleared and vegetation was overgrown and this stream goes under the road.</p> <p>Residents expressed frustration with ineffective online reporting, and it was agreed the matters should be escalated directly to Mr Rhys Andrews.</p> <p>An email was received from the Footpath Warden Mrs. S. Hill and Councillors considered issues of overgrown byways and footpaths, particularly at Tower Hill Lane. Steve Gardner confirmed to the chair that a contractor was engaged to address surfaces in the autumn but noted hedge cutting was usually the responsibility of adjoining landowners. Poor byway conditions meant machinery could not access routes, worsening deterioration. This had led motorbike riders diverting onto woodland footpaths, posing risks to walkers and horse riders, despite the riders being courteous. A possible solution is to reinstating a stile or kissing gate at the end of footpath by Longthorn, (part of the Ugbrooke Estate) going into the woods and over Ideford Arch to deter motorbikes while maintaining access for horses, with recognition that the matter also affected neighbouring Chudleigh parish.</p> <p>Councillors raised safety concerns about the wooden walkway at Muddy Bottoms Lane. Photographs showed it lacked wire mesh for grip, and erosion had left a dangerous drop into the stream. The surface was reported as very slippery in wet conditions, posing risks to walkers, cyclists, and horses, with one horse and rider already having slipped. The council agreed this was a serious hazard to be escalated to Steve Gardner.</p> <p>Councillors discussed parking and pothole concerns. Parking around the church remained problematic, particularly for residents affected by obstructive vehicles. Several potholes were highlighted, including one near a field expected to worsen over winter and another under a bridge restricting pedestrian access.</p>

	<p>The longstanding pothole at Ideford Arch was again noted, though difficult to report due to its hazardous position. It was agreed that the highways officer, should be asked to inspect these sites directly.</p> <p>06.02 Sustainable Ideford Update Cllr Gardner reported on the Sustainable Ideford initiative, with a public meeting planned later in the month to finalise mini-projects, some requiring a modest budget spend. Costs would be collated and shared with the clerk for logging and invoicing. The parish council has also submitted a “Star Award” application, recognising climate action, highlighting the biodiversity plan, sustainability projects, and ACT links.</p> <p>06.03 Policy Review – Health and Safety The council reviewed its health and safety policy, agreeing it was necessary to retain a basic framework despite limited parish activities. Events such as litter picks and beat-the-bounds walks carried some risk, requiring safeguarding and risk assessments. While described as a “box ticking exercise,” the policy was confirmed as fit for purpose, with the next review set for 2027. Councillors agreed to continue updating policies individually in this way.</p>
<p>07/09/25</p>	<p>PLANNING:</p> <p>07.01 planning applications Planning application 25/01366/HOU for a single-storey extension at Higher Colleybrook was unanimously supported - no objections</p> <p>25/01175/HPA The council noted a prior approval application for a rear extension at Colleybrook on Butts Lane. As prior approval had already been granted under permitted development rights, no planning permission was required.</p> <p>25/01269/FUL Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street. Residents raised concerns over newly installed gates causing access issues and conflicts with existing planning allocations for Sheds 1–5. Proposed conversion of Shed 4 into a dwelling and additional windows raised privacy issues, overlooking gardens and a chicken run. Historic openings (doors, vents) were proposed to be reopened, causing intrusion and potential alteration of structures. Biodiversity concerns remain, with rare bats on-site; a new survey was recommended before considering approval. Parking and access issues noted, including potential obstruction of right-of-way, overspill onto the main road, and blind corner hazards. The current application resubmits barns three and four, reducing bat habitat and altering prior ecological arrangements. Site topography and drainage complexities highlighted along with inaccuracies and omissions in the applicant’s drawings, inconsistencies in Ecology Reporting Applicant’s ecology report acknowledged sensitive bat habitats but concluded with weak mitigation, raising concerns about its reliability. Previous proposals to relocate bats were dismissed due to disruption of flight paths; recent inspections and site features were omitted. Access, Gates, and Legal Disputes over limited resident access, with legal compromises which have included set opening hours and an emergency button installed. Proposed new development would exacerbate traffic and access hazards, with vehicles forced to reverse onto the road and limited parking. The clerk has since request an extension for filing our detailed response.</p> <p>07.02 Planning Decisions and Updates The council reviewed the planning decisions, noting approval for five storage and workshop units at Coombe Hill Cross, Ideford Coombe, subject to pre-commencement conditions.</p> <p>25/00018/REF The council noted this appeal and that it was successful. As per the parishioners request, this is her statement:- “I would like to make a comment on the recent planning appeal 25/00018/REF. Higher Colleybrook Farm, Fore Street, Ideford, TQ13 0BG. For the record you may have heard that my recent appeal has been successful. There are some conditions which have been or will be dealt with. Whilst this is a relief, I am bound to say that both my legal team and myself remain astonished that it proved necessary to have this appeal in the first place. I trust this will be the end of the matter subject only to the reimbursement of all my costs.</p> <p>07.03 No new enforcement matters reported.</p>
<p>08/09/25</p>	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS Following up of concerns raised, where there are unresolved matters, I.e The Brook clearing, not being revisited, this was giving the impression they were forgotten. A dedicated “follow-up from previous meetings” section under parish matters will ensure important issues remain on the agenda. Councillors agreed this approach would reassure residents that issues are tracked, even if progress with external agencies is slow.</p>
<p>09/09/25</p>	<p>Clerk’s Report and Finance The Financial position at end of August: £12,975.88; bank reconciliations and invoices were approved and reviewed; The parish Website and Councillor Contact Details Options were discussed. Councillors will transition to official parish email addresses, starting with chair and vice chair. Budget Planning and Unitary Takeover- Upcoming unitary authority changes may shift responsibilities and costs to the parish (e.g., dog bins, verge cutting, street sweeping, churchyard management). Planning ahead was advised to mitigate potential unexpected expenses. Savings Options were discussed councillors agreed to explore longer-notice accounts for higher interest to offset bank fees.</p>

10/09/25	DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 9th October 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
11/09/25	Items to be considered for the next Agenda: litter pick scheduled for 26th October; "beating the bounds" may require follow-up at December meeting.
12/09/25	The Chair closed the meeting at 8.59pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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AGENDA

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05/10/25 REPORTS:

05.01 County Councillor

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05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Officer PCSO Bunce

06/10/25 PARISH MATTERS:

06.01 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss

06.02 Boundary Stone

06.03 Policy Review - Grants Policy

07/10/25 PLANNING:

07.01 Planning Applications:

07.02 Planning Decisions: 24/01735/AMD1 24/01735/COND1 25/01366/HOU

07.03 Planning Appeal - Decisions 25/00023/COND

07.03 Planning Enforcement update

08/10/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS

09/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

09.01 Balance of accounts and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for September

09.02 To request approval for payments and note any payments made since last meeting.

Invoices, Clerks invoice. Hall invoice(s)

09.03 To provide any administrative update - precept received.

09.04 correspondence: TDC draft charter, annual waste notice,

10/10/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 13TH November 2025

11/10/25 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

12/10/25 MEETING CLOSED:

Anna Clarke

Ideford Parish Council Clerk

[Email:clerk@Idefordparish.org](mailto:clerk@Idefordparish.org)

Date: 01.10.25

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL -Draft Minutes

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Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy Cllr C Hill	Cllr M. Batting TDC Peart WW - Mr. Aaronson Mr. Andrews - Highways?
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	1 member of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
01/10/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr J Gardner, TDC Cllr Gearon
02/10/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: held on Thursday 11 th September 2025 were agreed and signed.
03/10/25	THERE WERE NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.
04/10/25	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
05/10/25	<p>REPORTS:</p> <p>05.01 There was no County Councillor report. The council noting that the new county councillor had failed to acknowledge or attend any of the last three parish meetings. Frustration was expressed over the DC councillor’s continued silence, as the parish had received no reports for five months. Our MP has said that he would be content to attend a Council meeting should an opportunity arise.</p> <p>05.02 There was no report from District Councillor Gearon</p> <p>05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce no report.</p>
06/10/25	<p>PARISH MATTERS:</p> <p>06.01 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes. Rhys Andrews provided an update. Several potholes had been inspected and were now marked for repair. Others had been noted as not meeting the required 40mm depth threshold. The repairs were scheduled for the following week (and have now taken place). He advised that residents should use the official online reporting system to ensure that highways' issues receive a formal response. Separately the the Teignbridge team had cleared the fly-tipping at the top of Church Lane.</p> <p>Silt Trap. Mr Matthews said that the DC's Bridges Inspector had confirmed the silt trap was in good condition but had noted dense vegetation behind it. Options were being explored to clear this, although responsibility for maintenance was unclear. Devon County Council (DCC) had originally built the trap, which could suggest continued responsibility, but he had found no records to confirm this. South West Highways had once maintained it, but had ceased to do so after contract changes. A parishioner reported significant silt build-up near The Dairy, which increased the flood risk. Councillors noted the area beyond the dam was overgrown. Mr. Andrews said he would investigate further to clarify agency responsibility; any possible legal issues with upstream obstructions; and report back. The Council thanked Mr Andrews for his continued assistance and responsiveness.</p> <p>Public Rights of Way: Maintenance and Access. The Chair reported that Steve Gardner had confirmed the Tower Hill Lane, Haldon Lane/Willie White’s Lane, local paths had deteriorated due to access limitations for machinery and contractors unwillingness to carry out manual maintenance and clearance. Mr Gardner had arranged for a specialist with a narrow flailing machine to inspect the lanes. Public Rights of Way had said that they could provide a kissing gate to replace the damaged stile at the bottom of one of the lanes and this offer had been passed onto the Ugbrooke Estate as the landowner. The Council agreed that a kissing gate would be the preferred solution.</p> <p>Dog Control and the Fatal Horse Incident. The Chair reported liaison with the dog warden and Environmental Health following incidents near the Mill at Muddy Bottom, including where a horse had regrettably had to be euthanised after an accident. Rob Harvey had advised that a PSPO notice could be displayed to remind dog owners of requirements to keep dogs under control. The Chair had reported concerns about the deteriorating boardwalk on Watery Lane footpath which had become unsafe due to structural damage and missing mesh. Mr Andrews said that a contractor had been notified and was expected to inspect the site soon.</p>

Parking Issues and Vehicle Compliance.

The Council noted ongoing parking pressures in the village, including from vehicles parked long term without valid tax or MOT. It was agreed such vehicles should be reported to the police or community policing team if they were not taxed.

06.02 Boundary Stone.

Investigation of the damage to the historic boundary stone on Ideford Common had confirmed the land was owned by the Ugbrooke estate and leased to Forestry England. The damage occurred during forestry work subcontracted to Euroforest, whose contractors struck the stone while flailing along the boundary. Forestry England had accepted responsibility and would arrange repair or replacement. Bishopsteignton Parish Council had offered to coordinate restoration and was researching the original supplier and installer. District Councillor Peart noted that the same forestry work had also destroyed a nearby wooden bench. Members agreed the site should be fully reinstated and clarification was sought on the timescale for repairs and confirmation that the bench would also be replaced.

06.03 Review of Grants Policy.

It was agreed that the policy draft obtained from another parish looked sound but was outdated in parts. Suggestions were made to update it and to include the application form and a template written acknowledgment from recipients confirming receipt and acceptance of grant conditions. It was agreed that the policy should not state that grants would be around £250: the grant value could range from £100 upwards but unrealistic expectations of large awards should be avoided

06.04 Updates from previous meetings: Community Litter Pick

The village litter-picking on 26 October would start at 11:00 in the village hall. The main focus would be on the main litter hotspots from Longthorne to the A380, with other areas looked at depending on numbers. Cllr. Carter-Woodwark and Cllr. C Hill agreed to coordinate the event, with refreshments provided. (The clerk has subsequently contacted Teignbridge District Council which has agreed to supply equipment and arrange waste collection.)

Outstanding Bin Installation at Rixafer

The Chair raised the long-standing issue of the promised litter bin at the bottom of Rixafer Road. Teignbridge had inspected the site and agreed a bin was needed, but no action had followed. The Clerk agreed to pursue the issue with Teignbridge again.

07/10/25

PLANNING:

07.01 planning applications no new planning applications

07.02 Planning Decisions: The following planning decisions were noted. 24/01735/AMD1 Non-material amendment approved. 24/01735/COND Homefield, Ideford Proposal: Discharge of conditions 4 & 5 Approved. 25/01366/HOU conditions 4 and 5 approved. **24/01735/AMD:** A non-material amendment - approved.

07.03 Planning appeal –25/00023/COND allowed

08/10/25

CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS - Noise Complaint, ongoing nuisance caused by a dog barking persistently throughout the night when its owners are absent. The noise is significant enough to disturb nearby residents, particularly in the early hours around 2-3 a.m. The issue might need to be monitored or raised formally if it continued to affect multiple households.

Defibrillator Training Request: Cllr Fox indicated a parishioner requested new first aid and defibrillator training, The parish council had previously funded such training sessions twice. The cost of the proposed training session was £175, provided by the same organisation that owns the defibrillator site.

The council agreed the earlier provider had delivered excellent, well-organised training and represented good value for money. As the training was a valuable community service, Councillors agreed to proceed with arranging a date for the course once the provider confirmed availability. The session would also be advertised in the parish magazine. Cllr. Fox confirmed he would make initial contact and coordinate arrangements once dates were available.

09/10/25

CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

Finance statement for the end of September, showing a balance of £17,408.19, which included receipt of the next six months' precept. Approval for payments was granted for PAYE, HMRC, Hall Hire.

Discussion on TDC Draft Charter councillors questioned the purpose and timing of the document, which aimed to define relationships between different tiers of local government.

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) had asked whether the parish wanted to install CCTV. Councillors were sceptical, noting the village's small size and lack of significant crime. They discussed potential

	locations such as the pub or the garage but agreed that it would not be a good fit for a rural area. Concerns were raised over privacy (GDPR), cost, and the administrative burden of monitoring footage. Councillors considered it unrealistic and unnecessary for the parish.
10/10/25	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 13 th November 2025.
11/10/25	<p>ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA</p> <p>The Chair invited any additional items for the next agenda. Councillors agreed to include a review of the spring litter pick proposal.</p> <p>Teignbridge Archaeological Sociiey have asked whether the council would support their community activities. Members discussed practical ways of assisting, with general agreement that one of the simplest and most effective methods would be allowing the group to publicise events through parish channels. This could include access to the parish magazine, the current website, or even the new site under development. It was noted that the existing parish website already includes a well-regarded historical section about the village.</p>
12/10/25	MEETING CLOSED AT 20:50 hours.

Signed: **Dated:**

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06.04 Litter Pick

06.05 Updates from the last meeting

06.06 Budget

06.07 Website

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11.01 Balance of accounts and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for October

11.02 To request approval for payments and note any payments made since last meeting.

Invoices: Village Hall, Clerks invoice.

11.03 To provide any administrative update and correspondence received:

11.04 Next years meeting dates.

10/11/25 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

11/11/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 11th December 2025

12/11/25 MEETING CLOSED:

Anna Clarke

Ideford Parish Council Clerk

[Email:clerk@Idefordparish.org](mailto:clerk@Idefordparish.org)

Date: 3rd November 2025

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 13th November 2025

Present:	Cllr T Hill – Chair Cllr A Carter-Woodwark - vice chair Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy	Cllr C Hill Cllr M. Batting DCC Dempster WW - Mr. Aaronson
In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	0 members of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
01/10/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr J Gardner, TDC Cllr Gearon. Mr. Matthews, PCSO Bunce
02/10/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2025 were discussed. Councillors agreed that the enforcement section should be removed and the minutes would be amended accordingly for signing at the next meeting.
03/10/25	THERE WERE NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.
04/10/25	There was no public participation
05/10/25	<p>REPORTS: 05/11/25 REPORTS:</p> <p>05.01 Devon County Councillor Dempster reported on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) discussions due at County Hall the following day. Models under consideration vary, with the favoured proposal dividing Devon into nine sections. Concerns had been raised about cost, effectiveness, and decision-makers becoming remote from local communities. He also noted different preferences among Torbay, Plymouth, and Exeter for combined authority or unitary status. The situation remains uncertain. A discussion occurred about this.</p> <p>05.02 The report from District Councillor Gearon was read. Kingsteignton residents have been raising concerns about the quarry expansion and oppose it on environmental matters. Adoption of the One Teignbridge Strategy Action Plan 2025–2030. Approval of the redevelopment of the Sherbourne House car park to provide 23 energy-efficient social rented homes for vulnerable residents.</p> <p>05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce’s report recorded one offence in October: a theft of tools. Councillors discussed the PCSO’s limited ability to attend parish meetings due to shift patterns and town-based policing. The Government decision to abolish Police and Crime Commissioners was also reported. The Council noted the Government had outlined the money that this would save: critics of the decision were concerned about the possible reduction in accountability.</p>
06/10/25	<p>PARISH MATTERS:</p> <p>06.01 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss:Repair at Ideford Arch is complete. Concerns were raised regarding work along Longthorne Road; markings originally applied suggested more extensive repairs than the small patches completed. Councillors agreed to ask Mr. Matthew’s to confirm whether the work is considered finished. Footpaths - non-slip strips have been applied at Muddy Bottom Way, however there is still a big gap. The chair will consult with Mr. S. Gardner and outstanding work on paths leading to the Common.</p> <p>06.02 Sustainable Ideford: Mr. Aaronson (WW) reported, new planters have been installed at the Luton end of the village, with matching planters planned at the other end of the village. Planters by the grit box protrude onto the road and had already been hit. A suggestion was made to set them back slightly. Bulbs have been planted by the oak tree at the pub, and two replacement rowan trees are proposed for the churchyard (subject to PCC approval), to replace three that have died. Mr. Aaronson, has an additional set of saplings to strengthen the existing hedging in the church. Councillors were reminded that the PCC must apply formally to the diocese for permission before any new trees are planted in the churchyard.</p> <p>06.03 Policy Review: The grant policy review was deferred until the next meeting as councillors had not yet seen the final version.</p> <p>06.04 The recent village litter pick was successful, collecting six full sacks of litter, four of them from the area around Ideford Arch and the A380 bridge. Thanks were expressed to the vice chair for providing refreshments and to all volunteers. Teignbridge supplied equipment was helpful, though of lower quality than parish owned items. Longthorne Road, the A380 lay-by, and the bridge area remain persistent problem locations. Councillors will consider replacing damaged signage and may contact Environmental Officer Rob Harvey for advice.”</p> <p>06.05 Updates from the last meeting An update was also provided regarding the boundary stone shared with surrounding parishes. There has been no progress since the stone, bench, and signage were damaged during Forestry Commission operations. Concerns were raised about replacement costs, particularly as the</p>

	<p>original stonemason is no longer available. The Forestry Commission has accepted liability, and councillors remain keen to ensure full reinstatement.</p> <p>Brief updates were given on three previously discussed items. It was noted that several of the untaxed vehicles without MOTs had now been taxed or moved: TDC had now said that there was insufficient need for them to install a litter bin in Rixaford Road: and the Council would ask Chudleigh Parish Council to request that a litter bin be installed in the A 380 lay-by.</p> <p>06.06 Budget The draft budget was discussed in detail. Last year's actual income was £10,932, though this included one-off items such as CIL and VAT refunds. The baseline precept remains £9,725. Councillors reviewed open spaces, parish paths, repair contingencies, computer costs, depreciation assumptions, grant allocations, staff costs, and mileage budgeting. It was agreed to take the figures home for further review and finalise the budget at the December meeting."</p> <p>06.07 Website The clerk thanked Cllrs Gardner and Cllr C Hill for their ongoing feedback. Councillors agreed that continuous feedback helps ensure accuracy and completeness of the website."</p>
07/10/25	<p>PLANNING: 7/11/25 PLANNING:</p> <p>07.01 Planning Applications: No new applications were received.</p> <p>07.02 Planning Decisions: It was reported that Planning had approved the Higher Colleybrook Farm application with conditions relating to permitted development restrictions, drainage, downpipes, planters, and ecology. Updated bat surveys were submitted, and mitigation now focuses on providing roof-space habitat. Councillors expressed disappointment that parish concerns were not fully addressed and noted that the planning authority's response was limited.</p> <p>07.03 Planning Appeals: No appeals were reported.</p>
08/10/25	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS - Concerns were raised about bird flu and uncertainty among residents regarding enforcement and biosecurity requirements. APHA guidance has been shared online on facebook. Councillors emphasised the importance of housing birds under mandatory rules for flocks over 50 birds, or any flock where eggs are sold or given away." The Council noted that this really mattered, not least because it was not widely understood that the Spanish Flu which had killed 18 million people after World War One had been bird flu that was passed on to humans.</p> <p>A few horse riders have been affected by loose dogs from the boarding kennels. Ideford residents dogs have run home from this location and a neighbour was bitten. A discussion over the matter occurred and secure fencing which should be referred to Teignbridge Council.</p> <p>Dog-related concerns were discussed, including incidents involving escape-prone dogs at Larcombe Barn, possible licensing issues, and safety concerns for walkers and horse riders. Councillors agreed that matters should be referred to Teignbridge District Council for inspection.</p> <p>A separate incident involving two large dogs charging walkers was also noted. Councillors agreed that affected residents should be advised to report incidents to the dog warden (Rob Harvey). PSPO notices will be displayed at key village points.</p>
09/10/25	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: The bank balance at the end of October was £16,852.14. Expenditure for the month totalled £556.05. Potential CIL receipts may arrive before year-end. Councillors discussed transferring a sum into an interest-bearing account; the clerk will check current rates and proceed once confirmed."</p> <p>Next years meeting dates were approved</p>
10/10/25	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 11 th December 2025.
11/10/25	ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Budget finalisation, Grant policy review, enforcement (Part Two)
12/10/25	MEETING CLOSED AT: 21:08

Signed: **Dated:**

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IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned under the Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12s.10 to attend a meeting of Ideford Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business. Agenda for the Meeting of Ideford Parish Council to be held at: The Village Hall on Thursday 11th December 2025 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

01/12/25 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

02/12/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2025 and the 9th October to be agreed and signed.

03/12/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

03.01 Register of Interests (ROI). Councillors to update as required

03.02 Personal Interests (PI). Councillors must declare any personal interest in items on the agenda and their nature.

03.03 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI). Councillors must declare any pecuniary interest in items on the agenda and their nature and they must leave the meeting for that agenda item.

04/12/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (15 Minutes Allowed)

05/12/25 REPORTS:

05.01 County Councillor

05.02 District Councillor

05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Officer PCSO Bunce

06/12/25 PARISH MATTERS:

06.01 To receive any updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes and discuss

06.02 Sustainable Ideford

06.03 Pesticides

06.04 Policy Review - Grant policy

06.05 Budget

06.06 Updates from the last meeting

07/12/25 PLANNING: No new planning currently

07.01 Planning Applications:

07.02 Planning Decisions:

07.03 Planning Appeals:

08/12/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS

09/12/25 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:

09.01 Balance of accounts and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for November

09.02 To request approval for payments and note any payments made since last meeting.

Invoices: SI, Village Hall, Clerks invoice.

09.03 To provide any administrative update and correspondence received:

10/12/25 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

12/12/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 12th February 2026 at 19.30 hours

12/12/25 MEETING CLOSURE:

Anna Clarke

Ideford Parish Council Clerk

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Date: 8th November 2025

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In Attendance	Mrs Clarke - Clerk	0 members of the public

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01/12/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: TDC Cllr Gearon TDC Cllr Peart
02/12/25	THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meetings held on 13th November 2025 and 9th October 2025 were approved and signed.
03/12/25	THERE WERE NO DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.
04/12/25	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No public participation.
05/12/25	REPORTS: 05.01 County Councillor Peart : No report 05.02 District Councillor Gearon: No report 05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce No crimes reported in November
06/12/25	PARISH MATTERS: 06.01 The Council received updates on several highways and access issues. Concerns were raised regarding the recent patching works on Longthorne Road into the village. The chair contacted Rhys Andrews as the repairs appeared ineffective, particularly near Longthorne Cottage which continues to deteriorate. It appears the patching may have failed. A further inspection will take place. No further update has been received to date. Previous repair works under the arch remain in good condition. No response from the DCC public footpath officer for an update. Follow up was made with the Clifford Estate regarding the offer of installing a kissing gate on the path near Ideford Arch Towards Nemaste Barn, Hestow Road was highlighted as a serious concern, sections are in very poor condition and risk becoming impassable in prolonged wet weather. Hestow Hill will need resurfacing. Drainage-only solutions and repeated patching are proving ineffective. A permanent solution, i.e. proper resurfacing and installation of concrete drainage channels, for funnelling the water. This will be raised directly with Mr. Andrews when possible. It was noted that a section at Luton, (reported by Bishopsteignton Parish Council) remains unresolved and is deteriorating. A streetlight near Hayes Farm is not working and has since been reported to TDC. The council agreed it would be helpful to remind residents, via the parish magazine, how to report such issues directly to Devon County Council using the online reporting system, to reduce delays. 06.02 Sustainability update: Budget has been agreed for planting a couple of trees in the churchyard. PCC to discuss timing and location, and liaise with the diocese. An additional free tree from another scheme is expected. Meetings and membership: we plan to move to quarterly meetings as the group is keen to recruit a few more members. Community engagement and publication which is inspired by Chudleigh Wild’s printed publication, which acts as a local wildlife tour we are considering producing a similar local publication to encourage interest in our village wildlife and projects. Village planting projects: A proposal for a village-wide project encouraging residents to do something small with their own space (e.g. hanging baskets, hedge vegetables) was suggested. SI will carry out further work on the existing planting around the oak tree and will plant some interesting bulbs on a currently bare patch of grass at that end of the village. Wildlife activities and exhibition: Moth trapping was carried out last year at the mill to record species present, with some public visitors attending. We plan to hold a local exhibition to showcase fauna and flora of the community. Recording and data - Ongoing work to build a database of local fauna and flora. Storage of the data was discussed. 06.03 Pesticide-free council proposal: A proposal was discussed for the parish council to make a public declaration of being pesticide-free, inspired by Bishopsteignton Parish Council and a growing national movement (around 39–40% of councils in England). The declaration would apply only to council-managed and community public spaces (e.g. the hall, Ponds, Millennium Green, oak tree area), not to private landowners or farmers. The aim is to raise awareness, support biodiversity, and align with national and local nature recovery efforts, rather than imposing rules on residents. In practice, the main implication would be ensuring that any contractors working on behalf of the council do not use pesticides, as the council itself does not typically use them. The discussion highlighted the complexity of defining pesticides. Reference was made to organisations such as Pesticide Action Network.

	<p>The declaration will act as an invitation for residents to consider reducing their pesticide use, and will be supported by signposting to information and advice rather than acting as an 'enforcement'.</p> <p>Cllr Gardner agreed to produce a draft declaration and information pack, which will be prepared for consideration at the next meeting in February, with a timeline for publication also to be agreed at that meeting. The Parish Council is keen for this initiative to be non-divisive, educational, and voluntary.</p> <p>06.04 Grant Policy A discussion was held on the aspect of giving to National organisations as these would include the CAB, subsequently it has been agreed to remove this aspect from the policy.</p> <p>06.05 Budget Further discussions were held on the budget from staff costs through to grants, as the grants amount is to cover all grants considered in the next year. The precept has been set as £10,000.</p> <p>06.06 Updates Dog related matters, PSPO's have been placed around the village, we are waiting to hear from the council licencing department and a recent discussion with Rob Harvey, who has indicated he really needs to hear from any complainants himself. Mention of barking dogs was raised again.</p> <p>Boundary stone and update has been received from Bishopsteignton Parish Council, three quotes are being requested. The bench was also raised again. The Council is waiting to hear from Lord Clifford Estate.</p>
07/12/25	<p>PLANNING:</p> <p>07.01 As there were no planning applications/Decisions/Appeals:</p> <p>A discussion took place on planning compliance. Concerns were raised about applicants failing to comply with ecological and structural conditions, particularly bat mitigation measures. As a result of the discussion the Clerk will contact the planning authority and relevant case officers requesting confirmation of follow-up inspections and enforcement of ecological conditions.</p>
08/12/25	<p>CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS - Concerns regarding rubbish at the bottom of Rixford Road were discussed. It was agreed not to pursue monitoring or installation of a new bin at this time to avoid unnecessary costs.</p>
09/12/25	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE: The Clerk reported a balance of £15,880.84 at the end of November. The monthly bank reconciliation was noted. Invoices for the Village Hall and Clerk were approved, with SI invoice already paid and recorded. Administrative updates included website planning updates, content migration from the old website, attendance records, and parish newsletter items and the waste bin email received from TDC.</p>
	<p>ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA The pesticide-free declaration will be a substantive item for decision at the next meeting.</p>
10/12/25	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7.30pm.</p>
11/12/25	<p>The Chair closed the meeting at pm</p>

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Meeting Dates 2026:

February 12th

March 12th

April 9th

May 14th

June 11th

July 9th

September 10th

October 8th

November 12th

December 10th