

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 14th May 2026

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 WW Mr. Morby
Mrs Clarke - Clerk 1 member of the public

Item(a) Discussion and Decisions (b)

01/05/26 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

01.01: The existing Chairman was reappointed, Cllr T. Hill, proposed by Cllr. C. Hill, Seconded by Cllr A. Carter-Woodwark, all in agreement.

01.02: The existing Vice Chairman Cllr A. Carter- Woodwark was reappointed, proposed by Cllr. D. Fox Seconded by Cllr C. Hill, all in agreement.

02/05/26 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies: were received from Cllr Gardner, Cllr Gearon, Cllr Dempster and Helen Frankpitt

03/05/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Council reviewed the minutes from the Parish Meeting and it was agreed that formal minutes should provide concise summaries, options for annual reports were discussed, including a phased inclusion within the parish newsletter.

04/05/26 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - There were no declaration of interests raised.

05/05/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Bridleway Update: An update was received regarding the newly installed gate and completed path repairs near the barns.

Broadband Discussion: Councillors discussed ongoing concerns regarding rural broadband provision, fibre roll out plans and infrastructure challenges.

National Emergency Briefing: A film that is being screened nationwide was discussed with a view to the village hall screening this in the future.

06/05/26 REPORTS

06.01 County Councillor: No County Councillor report was received.

06.02 District Councillor: Discussion took place regarding agricultural development works, concerns were expressed regarding the scale of earth movement and ongoing site activity. Updates were provided on library services and community provision.

06.03 PCSO Bunce: No report was received.

07/05/26 PARISH MATTERS

07.01 Highways and Roadworks: The Council welcomed recent improvements to the repaired gate and pathway near Olchard and noted improved access for riders and pedestrians. Vegetation clearance work was noted and ongoing maintenance was considered necessary. Updates provided by Highways included: A site visit was planned regarding the broken pipe on Church Road. Damaged railings at Lower Colleybrook remained unresolved despite reports already submitted.

The missing arch sign near Longthorne Cottage would be replaced when funding became available. Highways had agreed to clear the heavily silted drainage area near the Pound during the summer. The Council discussed continuing frustration regarding poor-quality pothole repairs, particularly on Rixafer Road, Longthorne Road and Hestow Road and agreed that photographic evidence should continue to be submitted to Highways representatives. The proposed road closure from Longthorne Cottage to the Royal Oak Inn scheduled for 27–29 July was discussed. Concerns were raised regarding disruption, access arrangements and uncertainty over the duration of the works.

07.02 Sustainable Ideford: There was no report.

07.03 Local Land Matters: The Council discussed the possible asset transfer of the Broadlands site, the churchyard was also incorrectly listed by Teignbridge District Council are part of the Diocese.

A discussion took place regarding the Broadlands site with possible future uses. Concerns were raised regarding financial limitations and access restrictions involving Westcountry Housing. It was agreed that the parish should formally express interest in the Broadlands site. The field next to the village green was discussed, however, the contract for this has been renewed.

07.04 Biodiversity Plan: Councillors agreed the biodiversity action plan should remain an active working document and the action plan would benefit from the inclusion of an additional progress update column to record completed, ongoing and outstanding actions. The Council owns very little land directly however the biodiversity planning remained important. The matter will return for further discussion when Cllr Gardner is present.

07.05 Dogs: No substantive update was recorded.

08/05/26 PLANNING

08.01: No formal planning applications were discussed.

08.02: No planning appeals were discussed.

08.03: No planning enforcement updates were recorded.

09/05/26 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS

Concerns included broadband provision, highways maintenance as previously discussed.

10/05/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE

10.01: Audit and annual return matters for 2025/26 were noted and approved

10.02: The balance of accounts and monthly bank reconciliation for April 2026 were approved

10.03: Invoices relating to the Hall, HMRC and PAYE were approved.

10.04: Administrative correspondence and governance matters were discussed. The council proposed a short part 2 meeting. Proposed by Cllr C Hill and Seconded by Cllr M. Batting.

11/05/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING- The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday 11th June 2026 at 19:30.

The chair send apologies.

12/05/26 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Future agenda items include biodiversity updates, asset transfer negotiations, boundary stone installation and highways matters.

13/05/26 PART ONE MEETING CLOSED

14/05/26 PART TWO MEETING - Outcomes, the employment contract to be reviewed. Additional matters to be considered in the budget at the end of the year.

17/05/26 PART TWO MEETING - The meeting was closed at 20:57