

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 9th July 2026

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 TDC Peart DCC Dempster
WW - Mr. Aaronson Mrs Clarke - Clerk PCSO Bunce
1 member of the public

Item(a) Discussion and Decisions (b)

- 01/07/25 Welcome and apologies:** the chair opened the meeting and apologies for absence were received from the highways officer and WW Mr. Morby. It was noted that district councillor Gearon had not attended for several months
- 02/07/25 The minutes of the meeting** held on 11th June 2026 were reviewed, agreed, and signed by the chair.
- 03/07/25 There were no declarations of interests,** however, Councillors were reminded to update their Register of Interests due to the new legislation
- 04/07/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** James French attended and presented the boundary stone for the council's review. No other matters were raised by the public.
- 05/07/25 REPORTS:**
- 05.01** The county councillor provided an update. In answer to a question it was confirmed that there was no public bus service in the village as no operators were willing to extend routes in the parish. Devon County Council reorganisation to a mayoral county was mentioned.
- 05.02 District Councillor Peart:** Cllr Gardner publicly thanked Councillor Peart for his assistance in fundraising for a local Scout trip to Switzerland.
- 05.03 Neighbourhood Beat Manager PCSO Bunce** reported three crimes in the last month, all related to domestic violence at a single address.
- 06/07/25 PARISH MATTERS:**
- 06.01 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes.** An update had been received from Helen Frank-Pitt regarding ongoing highways issues: **Rixafer Road** has now been added to the serviceability patching programme. Contractors will mark out the areas requiring repair before patching work begins. At **Luton Cross**, concerns were raised over previous repairs where tarmac had blocked a drain grill. It has been confirmed that proper patching has been scheduled and the blocked drain has been reported for clearance. **Hestow Road** will be inspected with particular attention to Colmansford Bridge. Inspection and remedial work will take place on **Longthorne Road** and it will be closed 27th–29th July for utility works. **Church Road** the discovery of a broken pipe beneath the footway, repair work is progressing. Repairs to the damaged **railings at Higher Collybrook** have been ordered. Clearance of accumulated silt beneath the bridge at **the Pound** is due this month. Butts Lane will be resurfaced starting the following Monday. The road warden scheme was discussed at the County Show and it was raised there may be a problem with insurance, Cllr Dempster and Cllr. Peart will check the situation.
- 06.02 Boundary Stone:** Progress was reported on the restoration and relocation of the parish boundary stone. James French hopes to install it with Trevor Davey once the Forestry Commission has cleared the surrounding area, improved access, repositioned the benches and completed associated works. The installation is expected to take place in September to avoid the bird nesting season. The Forestry Commission will assist with site clearing, a new commemorative plaque has been commissioned from the engravers in Teignmouth.
- 06.03 Sustainable Ideford** and Land Agent: Cllr Batting provided details of a land agent who will attend at the October meeting. The council will host the 'National Emergency Briefing' film at the Village Hall on 3rd September 2026. Rob Gillett from Action Climate Teignbridge will lead the event, providing marketing materials and support. This will be advertised in the Parish News; Also in a leaflet delivered with the Parish News to approximately 265 households; and publically on the parish website, Facebook page and other local channels. Councillors were encouraged to attend and support the event to demonstrate the Parish Council's commitment to hearing residents' ideas and encouraging community involvement.
- 06.04 Policy Review:** The Investment Policy was formally reviewed and approved by the council.
- 07/07/25 PLANNING:**
- 07.01 planning applications** - 26/01058/FUL. The council considered a planning application in Greydawn, Ideford Combe for a garage conversion. The application was supported with the proviso that the annex remains ancillary to the main property and is not sold separately. There were no planning decisions, appeals or enforcements to discuss.
- 08/07/25 CONCERNS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS** - Irresponsible management of multiple dogs in public spaces and increased late-night barking. The council will communicate with Chudley Parish Council to encourage better signage regarding dog control and waste disposal. It was also agreed that a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) notice could be displayed on the new signpost, alongside an additional notice reminding owners to take dog waste home if bins are unavailable.

09/07/25 **CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:** Financial Status: The ordinary account balance is £8,691.52. The reserve account balance is £7,013.34. Monthly payments were approved. The Clerk provided an update on website hosting and the migration of council email addresses. The first-quarter budget was presented. There was a brief discussion on Martin's Law legislation.

10/07/25 The next meeting will be held on 10th September 2026 at 7.30 pm.

11/07/26 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA - Beating the bounds walk in October, notice in the parish magazine to gauge community interest. Boundary stone project

12/07/26 The Meeting closed at 20.18 hours