

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ideford Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2020 at 7.00pm

Present:	Cllr David Fox Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr H Bellamy	Chairman
In Attendance	Juliette Thompson County Councillor Ron Peart District Councillor Beryl Austen 2 members of the public	Parish Clerk Devon County Council Teignbridge District Council

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
012/20	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.00. Apologies for absence were accepted from PC Rob Harvey and PCSO Saul Bunce. Apologies were received from Cllr A Holden after the meeting had ended. Cllr Hull did not attend the meeting and apologies were not received.</p>
013/20	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING Cllr Carter-Woodwark asked for 001/20 Welcome and Apologies for Absence to be corrected to show a record of those who had not sent apologies and had not attended the meeting. After this change it was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2020 be signed as a true and correct record.</p>
014/20	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were no declarations of interest.</p>
015/20	<p>REPORTS District Councillor Beryl Austin read the following report: Teignbridge increased its band D council tax for 20/21 by 2.94per cent or £5 per annum at the last Full Council meeting on the 24th February. It also confirmed payment of £1 a day on Sundays for parking where it is now free. All new built properties will be charged £ 80 to pay for waste bins. All of these matters received much discussion and the meeting lasted from 10am to 4pm.</p> <p>I expect Teignbridge to be quite strict in its control of the current virus problem and possibly cancel meetings and deal with decisions by e mail. They usually respond promptly to such matters. Meetings are already being cancelled if they are just workshops or for information. Members are looking at the Local Plan to consider updating. The next planning meeting is 17th March to be followed by Full Council.</p> <p>Cllr Austen left the meeting at 7:19 pm.</p> <p>County Councillor Ron Peart read the following reports: Devon County Council – roles and responsibilities Devon County Council is one of 26 County Councils in England. The authority, which has 60 elected County Councillors, represents 795,000 residents and administers an area spanning 2,534 square miles, the third largest in England Our services The County Council has a total budget of £1.1 billion and provides a wide range of public services – some directly and some commissioned from other organisations. The County Council’s main service groups are: Adult care and health including services for older people and adults with physical or learning disabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care at home for 10,000 people a year • 13,000 people with dementia <p>Children’s services including education and learning; services for vulnerable children and families; safeguarding; looked after children and care givers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting 16,500 children with special needs or disabilities • Over 200 children adopted or fostered a year • 97,000 pupils

- 365 schools

Communities, Public Health, Environment and Prosperity including planning, transportation and environment; economy; enterprise and skills; trading standards; libraries; community safety and emergency planning.

- 50 libraries and four mobile libraries
- Free school transport for 14,500 pupils a day
- Funding for 185 bus services, 60 voluntary car schemes and 16 community ring and ride schemes
- Nine new primary schools built or due to be completed in 2020

Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste including road and bridge maintenance; waste disposal and recycling; and the County Council's capital programme.

- 8,000 miles of road (England's largest local network)
- 62,000 potholes filled a year
- Managing 357,000 tonnes of domestic waste a year
- 19 recycling centres
- £114 million invested every year on major infrastructure projects.

Devon County Council – proposed non-schools' budget for 2020/21

Main proposals

The County Council's Cabinet is proposing to invest over £43 million of additional funding into front line public services in Devon in 2020/21.

If approved, the proposals will mean an extra £23.7 million for adult care and health, £11.5 million more for children's services and £2.7 million for highways including £1 million to help deal with drainage issues on the County's 8,000-mile road network.

In total the County Council's spending will rise by £43.1 million from £498 million in the current 2019/20 financial year.

Devon County Council – leading the response to climate change

In February 2019, the County Council declared a climate emergency and pledged to work with other organisations so that Devon should be carbon neutral by 2030.

The County Council has already reduced its carbon footprint by 40% since 2012/13 including a 75% reduction in carbon emissions from street-lighting (15,000 tonnes a year).

In August 2019 and on the recommendation of the above group the County Council and University of Exeter established a Net-Zero Task Force with key public, private and voluntary sector partners with the following funding – County Council - £250,000, University of Exeter £130,000 and £70,000 from other partners.

The Task Force is chaired by Professor Devine-Wright who is the lead author on the UN Climate Change report, the findings of which have been accepted by the County Council as the basis for the Council's future policy response.

Cllr Peart acknowledged Cllr Carter-Woodwark's comments regarding the poor work carried out by Skanska when repairing the pothole near her property.

Police Officer was not present at the meeting and had submitted the following report read by the Chairman.

Reported crimes from 11th Feb 2020 to 9th Mar 2020

Ideford – 2 crimes

- Common Assault – Delivery driver, looking for an address was blocking a driveway. Offender approached, was abusive and grabbed victim by his coat. Police attended and as per the wishes of the victim, words of advice were passed to the offender, who was apologetic. NFA
- Drug Drive – Male driver observed by off-duty officer to be "driving all over the road" on the A380. When he stopped and got out, he fell flat on his face. He admitted to police that he had consumed cocaine. Bloods taken at hospital and submitted for examination. Under investigation.

Other matters

Please avoid leaving valuable power tools or gardening equipment unattended wherever possible.

Record serial numbers of such items and use a UV pen to property mark them with your postcode

	<p>(e.g. TQ14 9FN Te = the postcode for Teignmouth police station + the first two letter or numbers of the address).</p> <p>Consider some sort of shed alarm if your shed isn't out in the middle of nowhere and register valuable electrical items and power/garden tools on the website www.immobilise.com which also gives advice on other security measures.</p> <p>For outboard engines consider fitting a tracking device, record the engine serial number, property mark and use the Immobilise website. We've had thefts of engines recently in many areas so be on the look out and take suitable steps to protect your property.</p> <p>Please report any suspicious activities, people or vehicles, taking time to write down vehicle registrations and inform the police as it is happening, as opposed to a day or so after. Don't be afraid to use the 999 number if it's appropriate.</p> <p>Please don't leave valuables unattended in vehicles, either during daylight hours or overnight.</p>
016/20	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>016.1 Request for a grit bin at Higher Colleybrook Following a site meeting with Tegan Faulkner and discussion at the meeting, it was decided to place the bin opposite Higher Colleybrook Barns. Standing orders were suspended for the resident of No. 6 Higher Colleybrook to take responsibility for gritting when needed. Standing orders reinstated. Cllr Peart's kind offer to pay for the bin has been accepted and the funds will be available in the new financial year.</p> <p>016.2 Bin emptying on Millennium Green Standing orders were suspended to allow a millennium green trustee to offer to speak to TDC's Anna Lang about the proposal. Standing orders reinstated.</p> <p>016.3 Boundary Stone Clerk to contact the Honourable Alexander Clifford regarding the whereabouts of the original stone.</p> <p>016.4 To appoint an internal auditor for the year 2019/2020 Henry Merritt has agreed to carry out the internal audit for this year. Clerk to contact DALC to find a new auditor for next year.</p> <p>016.5 To consider the draft Internal Policy Control Statement for the year ending 31 March 2020 Agreed by all and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.</p> <p>016.6 To consider the Fixed Asset Register for the year ending 31 March 2020 Clerk to redraft as there was confusion over the number of seats listed.</p> <p>016.7 To consider Asset Risk Assessment for the year ending 31 March 2020 Clerk to redraft as there was confusion over the number of seats listed.</p> <p>016.8 To discuss P3 and Bridge Damage Ros has received this year's forms and agreed to fund new finger posts from her budget. Damage to the bridge at the mill – DCC plan to commence repairs as soon as water levels permit.</p> <p>016.9 To discuss Rural Skip 2020 The rural skip is set for Saturday 11th July 2020. Clerk will advertise in the newsletter and website. Leaflets to be placed on nearby cars asking them to park away from The Pound area.</p> <p>016.10 To discuss dog attack February 2020 Following the recent attack on a deer and the Police response to the incident, Clerk to ask the Parish News to publish a request for dog owners to keep their dogs under control.</p> <p>016.11 To discuss Colleybrook silt Standing orders were suspended for a resident to express thanks to Cllr Peart and the PC for getting the silt cleared.</p>

	<p>016.12 To report on CPRE & TALC meetings No report available</p> <p>016.13 To discuss Annual Parish Meeting Date of the meeting Thursday 9th April starting at 6:30pm with refreshments beforehand, followed by the ordinary meeting of the PC. Clerk to ask for reports and place a notice in the newsletter.</p> <p>016.14 To discuss Affordable Housing The following has been completed: Ecological surveys and pre-app meeting with Natural England for advice. Early discussions with adjoining landowner about possible acquisition of land needed to achieve viability splays for access. There has been some activity recently including: Commissioning a topographical survey on the land adj. Broadlands. This will take place in early March and will enable out estates team to draw up layout/layouts for the submission of a pre-application enquiry to TDC planners to establish the planning principles of the layout options. We understand there has been recent change on need in that one of the potential self-builders has recently bought a home in the village. This means we are reviewing the options for the tenure mix and considering bringing forward as 100% rented homes. The development viability of small developments such as this project is very marginal, so we are proceeding with some caution.</p> <p>It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with Mary Ridgway, as progress is slow.</p>																		
017/20	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION After concerns were raised regarding Coronavirus, it was decided to place a notice in the newsletter: volunteers to help those that need to self-isolate and their contact numbers will be made available.</p> <p>Clerk to put a piece in the newsletter asking residents to park responsibly at the junction of Town Farm Lane and Fore Street.</p> <p>In response to residents' concerns, the Parish Council confirmed that there was no planning update for Higher Colleybrook and the drainage problems.</p> <p>Cllr Carter-Woodwark requested an update on the newsletter finances since the Parish Council have been looking after the finances on a temporary basis for two years now. Mr French agreed to find out</p>																		
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020/20	<p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</p> <p>020.1 Balance of Accounts as at 29 February 2020</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Parish Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8728.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Request for Payment Authorisation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£729.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining Cash at Bank</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7999.33</td> </tr> </table> <p>020.2 To request approval and signature of the Monthly Bank Reconciliation for February 2020 It was unanimously resolved that the bank reconciliation for Feb 2020 be signed by the Chairman</p> <p>020.3 To request approval for BACS Payments Invoices were tabled at the meeting and signed by two authorised signatories. It was unanimously resolved that the following invoices could be paid via BACS:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>£66.00</td> <td>DALC</td> <td>Clerks Essentials training course</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£540.00</td> <td>Millennium Green</td> <td>Contribution to Insurance costs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£42.00</td> <td>DALC</td> <td>Preparing for Audit course</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£81.50</td> <td>ABS Design and Print</td> <td>March Newsletter</td> </tr> </table>	Parish Current Account	£8728.83	Request for Payment Authorisation	£729.50	Remaining Cash at Bank	£7999.33	£66.00	DALC	Clerks Essentials training course	£540.00	Millennium Green	Contribution to Insurance costs	£42.00	DALC	Preparing for Audit course	£81.50	ABS Design and Print	March Newsletter
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	<p>020.4 To discuss Devon Communities Together membership It was unanimously agreed to take out membership at a cost of £50 per annum.</p> <p>020.5 To provide a Legal and Administrative Update NALC have produced new policies and how to guides for employment matters such as annual leave, lone working, training etc. Local Government Finance Settlement will not be extended to Town and Parish Councils for 20/21, therefore there is no limit to how much precepts can be increased by.</p>
021/20	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING- Thursday 9th April 2020. The Annual Parish Meeting @ 6:30pm followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:15.

Signed:

Dated: