

INWARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the meeting held on Monday 17th July 2017 in the Side Room of the Folly Gate Parish Hall.

1 Present: Councillors: Terry Kempster (Chairman), Ian Dennis, Carol Timms, Ken Williams, Tony Leech (WDBC). Apologies: Cllrs, Phillip Piddington, David Sykes, Tim White, Kevin Ball (DCC), Mike Davies (WDBC), J F (Parish Clerk)

2 Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda: None.

3 Public Participation: There were two members of the public present. Questions were raised regarding the council's views on decision making relating to the planning process and the prospects of submitting applications for future development in the parish. Members made it clear that discussion was framed within the context of the Agreed Local Plan and that speculative applications "in the open countryside" would always be vigorously opposed.

4 Minutes of the last Meeting. These were read and signed as correct.

5 Matters arising: A number of potholes reported to Devon County Highways had been repaired within three days.

A New Road allotment allocation had been made.

Planning applications (Hill Barton and Westwood) had been approved

Cllr Timms reported on the community success of the village fair. From a fund-raising perspective, she was pleased to say that about £2000 had been made. This would be of great value locally particularly as the new defibrillator was already installed and functioning at The Crossways. An update on the installation of the Inwardleigh defibrillator would be forthcoming. Mr M Chastey was kindly organising signage. Twenty-two parishioners had attended training sessions and others were encouraged to enquire about future training. Although the equipment could be regarded as "self-explanatory" the training sessions provided additional valuable instruction in CPR and assured overall confidence.

6 Planning: No new applications were discussed.

Council considered, in the light of **3**, its general responses to planning enquiries and it was agreed that its attitude towards reasonable, sensitive, and sustainable projects would largely be positive but that it was bound by a compelling duty to protect the environment and the countryside whenever at all possible.

7 Finance: Pending

8 Matters brought forward by the Direction of the Chairman: None

9 Matters brought forward by councillors: Cllr Leech informed us that speed checks were about to be carried out on the main road (A386) through Folly Gate and potential problems and safety aspects, including lighting, would be analysed.

Complaints about potholes and the general condition of the road surface in Chapel Lane were being considered and he was raising the issues with county authorities (HATOC).

Cllr Leech also informed the parish council about preliminary discussions between West Devon and South Hams district councils on the feasibility of forming a new amalgamated body.

10 Other matters: We wish the parish clerk and her family well and hope to add the updated report on finance and correspondence (**7** and**11**) in the minutes of the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place at 8pm, Folly Gate Village Hall, on Wednesday 20 September 2017

Meeting closed at 9-50pm

Signed.....Chairman

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