

**Inwardleigh Parish Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of the meeting held at Folly Gate Village Hall on**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 8:00 pm**

- Present:** Cllr Dennis (Vice-Chair sitting as the Chair), Cllr Piddington, Cllr Henderson, Cllr King and Mrs Clarke (Clerk). There were no members of the public
- 01/01/24**     **Welcome and apologies for absence:**  
The Chair opened the meeting at 8pm; apologies were received from Cllr. Timms, Cllr Ions, Cllr Hooper, Cllr T.Leech and Cllr Dexter.
- 02/01/24**     **Declaration of Interests/Dispensations:** None
- 03/01/24**     **Public Participation:** There was no public attendance
- 04/01/24**     **Reports from Councillors:-** Cllr. Dexter sent in his report covering the parking in Okehampton, he indicates that there is a conflict between the views of DCC and WDBC. WDBC has produced its budget under the inflation level and mention was made of auditing of WDBC.
- The parish council supports the position of Okehampton town in the parking matter and oppose WDBC plans on this.
- 05/01/24**     **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were agreed as a true record. The Chair signed the minutes.
- 06/01/24**     **Matters Arising:**
- 6.1** - Drainage around the lanes, there was mention of marking up of drainage points, it is believed this was by private contractors, possibly percolation tests for drainage in a field behind Brandize Cottage. Drainage around the parish, Curworthy Farm to East Down Cross needs to be looked at.
- 6.2** - Noticeboards, the clerk indicated the problems with the Chapel noticeboard and the missing knobs on Inwardleigh's notice board. Cllr. Piddington will contact Mr. Cox.
- 6.3** - Policies to be reviewed, clerk indicated that we do not have the normal ones listed up on the website. The priority ones were listed, namely Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, recording of meetings and the complaints procedure to be reviewed. The clerk will check the policies and timescales mentioned and will place them online unless there is anything to be considered at the next meeting.
- 6.4** - APM date is kept in with the AGM at 7.30pm May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- 6.5** - No Maintenance contracts to review. Maintenance of the bus shelter was discussed and a decision was made about repairing the roof, Cllr King indicated that Mr. King would be prepared to do this free of charge, but would need some assistance. The council thanked Cllr Dennis and Mr. King for there voluntary work on the maintenance of the inside and outside of the bus shelter.
- 07/01/24**     **Updates on matters from the last meeting.**
- 7.1** - Flooding updates - There are issues that have been expressed before, maintenance of the drainage around the roads is not upto standard, particularly at this time of year. We continue to experience problems from the run off from the new housing development, affecting the water ways.

**7.2** - Speedwatch update, report from Cllr Timms, sadly one of the people who was a speedwatch volunteer has passed away, so until there is a replacement they are unable to move forward with this at present.

**08/01/24**

**New Planning applications**

**8.0- complaints about the new system**, as the historical matters appear to be are missing. Sadly WDBC was the only regional council that had a different system, so Devon County Council have unified everyone's planning system. The clerk will provide the details for accessing the historical matters.

**8.1 3936/23/FUL Windshelter** - field. Questions were raised about what has happened previously on this site. A discussion took place over the planning application and details of the drainage. The council has a neutral view on this.

**8.2** - Discussions were held on updates on previous applications. The planning department are behind on processing applications as the clerk is still receiving details from the early part of December.

**8.3** Clerk to check with planning, if the work has to start within 3 years or 5 years from the application being granted. Also any timescale for completion, where necessary.

**09/01/24**

**Finance**

**9.1 - Budget update** - up to the end of December 2023. The clerk provided a statement to show which items have gone above the allocation and those that have gone under budget. The reserves needs to be set /discussed by the council at the next meeting. The cash book was presented for the sake of completeness. Questions were raised about DALC as they have raised their costs along with insurance.

**9.2 - Payments /Cheques** for authorisation, HMRC, Salary, Village hall.

**9.3 - Current Balances and information** on NatWest Current and Reserve account and Lloyds.

**9.4 - Bank reconciliation/cash book.**

**10/01/24**

**Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman**

**10.1-** Phone call received regarding a 40mph speed sign that has fallen off and needs replacing. Clerk to contact highways regarding the storm damage.

**11/01/24**

**Matters Brought Forward by the Councillors - None**

**12/01/24**

**Clerk's Correspondence:**

**12.01** Sgt Ottley is unavailable, he has been provided with all the dates of the council meetings. The Precept has been sent and acknowledged by WDBC. Mention of various emails that have been received and planning training dates have been sent. Also a consultation about the pay and display parking .

**13/01/24**

**Date of the next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**14/01/24**

**Meeting closed at:- 21:00**

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