

INWARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the meeting of Inwardleigh Parish Council meeting held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at Folly Gate Parish Hall.

- 01/09/24 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Piddington. Cllr Hooper and Cllr. McInnes
- 02/09/24 There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.
- 03/09/24 There was no public participation due to no public attendance
- 04/09/24 Reports from Councillors: **Cllr Dexter**
- NPPF consultation has taken place with a local meeting for West Devon. Housing targets have been imposed everywhere by changing the formulae, which is based on population and housing demand. WDBC claiming that Dartmoor NP is exempt. Questions were raised about infrastructure (water sewerage etc.) at that meeting. Under occupancy in current housing was raised. Planning fees will be going up due to councils losing money.
- WDBC has a new website page regarding Biodiversity and a 87k budget, 65k will be spent. There are grants for free advice for business, which are not being taken up. Support for regenerative agriculture is also available please see <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/climate-change>.
- Cllr Leech.** -The first Links meeting, was held in Tavistock and Okehampton last night.
- Waste collections and batteries: update on whether batteries should be put in the recycling blue box. After discussions with various officers, one said that we should be putting batteries in a plastic bag within the cardboard blue box, and the latter said we should not be putting batteries in the recycling at all. Cllr Leech has asked both parties to come up with a definitive answer!
- Changes in planning (NPPF) The present JLP, we must build 160 per year. Under the new evaluation process, we will need to build 446 per year. The Government will take away the 'under exceptional circumstances' option, putting pressure on towns, and more housing in the countryside. Brown field sites will be first followed by grey areas in green belt land.
- The government must look at the land bank situation and fine developers for not building on land that already has planning permission as this could achieve around a million new houses. There are on going skill shortages in construction.
- Rural Services Network are holding their yearly conference, hosting a series of webinars covering Health and Well being, Transport, Digital connectivity, transport, the farming community and other issues that affect us in rural areas.
- Climate emergency, the Cotswolds have gone all electric, WDBC cant afford to due to so the choices are bankruptcy or increase on the council tax.
- Cllr McInnes:-**
- The County Council Budget at month 4 is projecting an overspend of just over £6 million at the end of the financial year. This is manageable and lower at this stage of the budget then previous years, showing better financial management.
- The additional £12 million investment in highways this year is starting to show some improvement. Adult services is preforming well and we will have an inspection of Children's Services in the next couple of months.
- The new Government have extended the Housing Support Fund till March 2025, while they look at what support will be in the future.
- 05/09/24 Minutes of the last meeting of Wednesday 17th July 2024 were approved and signed as correct.
- 06/09/24 Matters arising:-

6.1 - Village Signs - All the signs need cleaning, Cllr Dennis has volunteered. The Elmead sign is bent and needs repair/reporting to highways.

6.2 - Allotment query, councillors were provided with information and would like to discuss this matter at the next meeting when all councillors will be present.

07/09/24 Updates on matters from the last meeting.

7.1 - Highways reports - pot holes were discussed and a document was shown to Councillors which shows how to file details of pot holes in the future. A386 Prism Lane, has been marked up and nothing has been carried out. Pot holes in the area were discussed as some have been filled, and others are still waiting to be repaired. Mention was made of the use of an elastacine mixture. Cllr Squires from Devon CC, went to see how this is being used to fix potholes with a view to longevity.

7.2 - Website/Parish Hall Website. A brief discussion was held on the current restrictions on our website and the councillors are in favour of buying a page on the village hall website when that is constructed. It was also suggested a note should be placed on the minutes for everyone to see the new site when its constructed.

7.3 - Licence application in a neighbouring area - Budgens. Councillor Leech couldn't see a problem with this as they have had them in the past, so IPC supports this.

7.4 - Consultation on WDBC gambling policy, WDBC were seeking responses required on their statement of principals every three years.

08/09/24 Planning - No new planning applications.

8.1 - Updates on all planning matters were provided by searching WDBC planning website.

8.2 - Appeal on Land At SX 567 996, four holiday cottages off Prism Lane, the inspector said there would be advantages to the economy.

8.3 - Prism lane a new double track has been installed along with a camera. There may be a number of planning issues with this and Cllr Leech has subsequently raised this with planning but has not yet received a reply.

09/09/24 Finance

9.1 - Budget update was provided for the second quarter, the next meeting will be the draft budget.

9.2 - Payments for authorisation included, HMRC, Clerks Salary.

9.3 - Current Balances on NatWest £95.89, a Cheque was prepared to take the remaining funds from the NatWest account to the new account at Lloyds. All Councillors in favour.

9.4 - Bank reconciliation were provided for the interim months. Current bank balance is £7478.09 for Lloyds. All councillors were in agreement to receive a print out rather than a postal statement from the banks.

9.5 - Councillors training - Surface and road management, planning enforcement, Dalc training parts 1 - 4, webinars.

10/09/24 Matters brought forward by the Chairman: None

11/09/24 Matters brought forward by Councillors: Developers next to Brandize are not interested in any comments in relation to the build quality proposed. They have been reminded about the s106 money and roads etc. The councillor discussed affordable house prices along with a number of aspects. There is an ongoing boundary dispute. Cllr Leech, indicated housing associations do not want to come here. S106 no funds have been received to date, Councillor Leech has chased this up and new forms have been received.

12/09/24 Correspondence received/clerks report: list of emails received that may be of interest to councillors were run through. Secure destruction of one bag was discussed along with splitting the mileage between all three parishes.

Cllr Ions mentioned that the workers in parish hall will now be staying till the end of November, as they have a new contract around the area.

Cilca, the clerk thanked Cllr Leech for his assistance with the Education Trust. Ideford are paying £460.00, Inwardleigh are willing to pay to £150.00, Proposed by Cllr Ions seconded by Cllr Timm's, all other councillors were in favour as the training cost overall is £1400.00

Cllr Dennis will be taking some of the archive material to show others. For example in Volume 2 in 1951, there were 11 new houses. In 1958, IPC would recommend people for houses, then Okehampton had to approve it. However on that year Okehampton put people in and the whole of IPC resigned making their point felt and then resumed their duties a couple of days later.

13/09/24 The date of next meeting: 20th November 2024

14/09/24 The Meeting closed at 21.33

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