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February 2025



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It has been nearly a year since my wife, four children and I moved into this area. What an incredible year it has been. I have witnessed such generosity, hard work and genuine friendliness in our churches and communities, and it gives me much hope for what lies ahead.



Isaiah, a prophet in the Old Testament, gives a message from God to a broken, war-torn and hopeless remanent of Isreal, saying:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Isaiah 43:1-2

The culture we find ourselves in is often disorientating and overwhelming, like being in a fast-flowing river with no idea where you are heading and little control over whether you will be ok. One Tuesday afternoon some students came into the popup café we run at St James Church, and they told us they had just watched a climate crisis video that effectively declared they would all be dead in twenty years. They were anxious, hopeless, and already thinking their best years were behind them. When we hear these messages what do they do to the way we think, dream, and look out for one another?

I recently heard a therapist on the radio advise the listeners to write down a list of their worries for this new year and then cross out the ones they aren't in control of. Not that they don't exist, just that you have no control over say how Donald Trump will behave. There is usually very little left. We often think we have lots of control over our lives, but it is not the reality. With some self-control, you can influence how you think, behave, and feel by choosing what to eat, watch, exercise, and listen to. But we have little to no influence over most of our worries. Jesus warns us not to worry about the future as it is crippling.

'Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.' (Matt 6:34)

I worry. I worry for the future of my children, the church, our elderly, our young, the nature around us, funding for schools and the NHS. But then I find hope as I physically step into community groups like a parish council meeting, a youth concert rehearsal, a local pub hosting carols, churches, school assemblies, care homes, alms-houses, popup café volunteers, and funeral directors. There are too many to mention here.

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I have found people again and again who are generously pouring out their time, resources and passions for the people who live around them. They are engaging with the things they can control and are bravely trying to make a difference. When you are acting out of love for your neighbour, giving sacrificially sometimes without thanks, I believe you are engaging in building God's kingdom.

'Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.' (1 John 4:7)

If you feel overwhelmed, in a river not knowing what is around the next bend, then lean into this message from a God of hope who delights in the goodness found in our communities. *'I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.'*

Rev'd Dave Wilkie - Team Vicar

February Services

Sunday Feb. 2nd 4.30pm	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) Evening Worship	Ideford
Sunday Feb. 9th 6.30pm	4th Sunday before Lent Evening Service	Luton
Sunday Feb. 16th 11am	3rd Sunday before Lent Holy Communion	Ideford

*For other services in the team please see the team website:
www.haldonteam.org.uk*

Details of services at Ashcombe will also be found on the Ashcombe Facebook page.

Thank you!

Following the services held at St Mary's on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, I was able to send £51 to The Salvation Army to help in their good work. Thank you to everyone who donated. *Janet Aylmore*

Wanted - photos of our beautiful locality

Thanks to Ron Hunt who has sent me a selection of photos of our village and surrounding countryside. If you have taken photos and would like them to appear on the front cover of the Parish News, please send them to me at j23aylmore@gmail.com. Thank you!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ideford Church Key Rota

February Alan Wooderson (Green Acres)

Luton Altar Flowers and Brass Cleaning

February Chris Reddaway

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Lego Club at Chudleigh Library. Saturdays, 10.30 - 12.30. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Both events are free of charge and no booking is required.

Websites and Sat. Nav.

Haldon Team Website www.haldonteam.org.uk

Ideford Parish Website www.ideford-parish.co.uk

Church post codes for Sat Nav: St Mary's, Ideford TQ13 0BA

St John's, Luton TQ13 0BN St Nectan's, Ashcombe EX7 0QD

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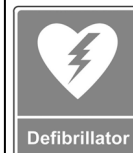
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Thoughts on writing verse

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Where do you begin?
Who would want to read it?
Or .. throw it in the bin!

Perhaps a funny subject.
Ought to top the page.
Though what some think amusing.
May put others in a rage.

So stick to something simple.
Warm fuzzy or natural.
Far better if it's whimsical.
Than heavy and too factual.

So here is one from long ago.
I wrote while still in school.
It's really only nonsense.
But I hope you find it cool!

Levitation beats gravity.
That holds you to the floor.
So if somebody turns it off.
You float straight out the door.

Ironicus

Dates for your diary - regular events

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting, **Thursday 13th February 2025 at 7.00pm** in Ideford Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are held at the Community Centre, Shute Hill, at 7.30pm.

Monday February 3rd Planning Committee

Monday February 24th Full Council

IDEFORD SHORT MAT BOWLS

Small friendly group meeting every Tuesday in the village hall from 7pm till 9pm with a break for tea.

We encourage new members of any age to join us, no experience necessary, just turn up and 'have a go'.

IDEFORD SOCIAL CLUB

Monthly meetings - please contact Kath Mortimore for details - 853394.

CHURCH CLEAN AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday February 5th 10am - 12noon.

Refreshments provided, come when you can, leave when you must. All equipment will be provided.

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Practices are normally in Ideford Church on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. Why not come along and have a chat over coffee and biscuits - we're a friendly bunch and would love to meet you. Please contact David Aylmore (852259) or Martin Sampson (853391) for more information.

Thank you!

On behalf of the Millenium Green and the village, I would like to say a huge thank you to Robert Coombes for mowing the green this year (even the week before Christmas) The green is looking lovely, and the building is slowly progressing.

As a gentle reminder, all of the up keep of the green is done by volunteers in the village. No one gets paid, if you notice a problem please approach any of the green committee or Jane Hill the chair. We are more than happy for people to help!!

A Huge thank you to everyone for the amazing advent windows. The village looked so Christmassy, and I hope it is a tradition we can continue.

Jane Hill

COMMUNITY POP UP CAFÉ



Friday January 31st

Friday February 28th

Friday March 28th

Ideford Village Hall 11am - 1pm

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SAVE THE DATE.

For the third year running:

**50 mile cycle ride and cake sale for
Danielle, Samaritans and Mental health.**

Sunday 6th April 2025

More details to follow.



2024 raised well over £4,000 but very importantly brought together all
ages and abilities to cycle, take part and improve their mental health.

Thank you everyone.

From The Cornish family and friends X



Liz's homemade marmalade

2025 marmalade, made in early January, will be available to
buy at the Pop Up Cafe on the last Friday of each month in
the Village Hall. If you can't make it to the Pop Up, I may be
able to deliver within the village so please text me on
07909613589 with your shopping list.

Thankyou again to my faithful team of jar providers - I couldn't do this without
you!

Happy New Year - Liz

**132/24
cont.**

Nic update has been provided and NALC have clarified that each council
paying less than 5k are not liable for the amounts accumulated elsewhere,
therefore it can be excluded from the budget. Finalise the budget when the
clerk is here and confirm the totals at the next meeting.

Clerk's Paye and expenses	£336.24	Staff Costs
HMRC	£7.80	Staff Costs
Scribe	£14.40	Accounts

133/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 13th February 2025.

IDEFORD VILLAGE HALL THE WAY FORWARD – 2025

A very Happy and Peaceful New Year to you from all of us – the Trustees and
Friends of our Hall! Now, a `heartfelt ` thank you to all who supported us
through 2024. The events arranged by us were incredibly well supported: the
Evening Talk, Quiz, Winter Fayre etc. were enjoyed by everyone who came
along. During 2024 we have been able to continue with improvements, from a
new boiler to the redecorating of the main hall and kitchen. But, time doesn't
stand still and we are keen to continue to maintain and continue to improve the
facilities for you all to enjoy. Our accounts are in good order, but as you will all
know we need to keep a workable balance and sensible reserves. Only a week
or so ago, our wall mounted eco water heater failed and needs to be replaced!
Thanks to fund raising we should be able to cover this cost. We have been able
to source some grants from our Teignbridge and Devon Councillors and thank
our own Parish Council for agreeing to support us with a grant to cover half the
cost of our Village Hall insurance again his year. The policy is specifically
designed for Village Halls so fits our position really well. The regular income
from The Bowling Club, Pop Up Café, Pilates and Parish Council are vitally
important to us. Sustainable Ideford, Wildlife Wardens and the Church also use
the hall for meetings and events. We welcome anyone to use the hall, the rent is
reasonable and the facilities excellent. Why not come and see the hall, it can be
used for parties, classes, training, group meals, talks and much more! So why
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we hope to hold in 2025. So watch this space!

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<p>129/24 cont.</p> <p>130/24</p> <p>131/24</p> <p>132/24</p>	<p>129.4 Sustainable Ideford (SI): A meeting discussed a joint open gardens event with the Village Hall in early June, focusing on wildlife-friendly gardens. Parish news articles were discussed. There is no progress on street lighting. Car share schemes were suggested in the parish news. Rob Gillett resigned from SI; Cllr. Gardner will manage the handover. Biodiversity on the MG was mentioned; SI offered assistance with MG projects.</p> <p>129.5 Wildlife Wardens: The biodiversity plan aims to create a database of parish flora and fauna by compiling existing observations and local expertise. A "bio blitz" event was suggested, possibly at the church. The garden bird watch had limited response on Facebook; earlier notification was suggested. Devon Wildlife Trust will host a tree hub in the village in January/February (dates pending).</p> <p>PLANNING:</p> <p>130.1 24/01735/HOU - Homefield , Ideford, Chudleigh, Erection of two storey side extension The owners had invited the council to have a look. A discussion over elements of the application took place and all councillors are in support of this application.</p> <p>130.2 There were no new planning decisions</p> <p>130.3 Planning Appeal - 24/00057/REF Appeal against the refusal of 23/02168/FUL Retention of driveway entrance, piers and gate Further to the previous comments submitted there is nothing to add.</p> <p>There was some confusion as the Appeal documents appeared to contradict the September PC agenda / minutes, which had noted that '24/01361/CLDP Homefield, Ideford - The proposed new gate, piers and flanking walls are permitted development'. It was suggested that as significant steps were proposed to reduce the height of the walls, following the Council's earlier neutral comments the Council should now submit a comment supporting the Appeal. As some biodiversity damage had been caused by the retrospective application, this was rejected by five votes to one in favour of submitting a comment simply noting the Appeal</p> <p>130.3 Enforcement update: Cllr Carter-Woodwark indicated there was nothing to report</p> <p>CONCERNED RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS</p> <p>On Haldon Lane, the chair was met by off road scrambling bikes, he mentioned this is not a byway and they left. Cllr Batting the hedgerow from Longthorne to the top of Church Road is overgrown. Haldon Lane has been trimmed. The byway area, Hamblecombe Lane was trimmed by private contractors, did the whole lane</p> <p>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:</p> <p>132.1 Budget proposal</p> <p>132.2 Balance of accounts £15,530.09. (end of November) and the bank reconciliation for November 2024 was approved.</p> <p>132.3 Approval for payments made since last meeting -Scribe accounts</p> <p>132.4 Budget - regarding the grants and insurance. The grant to MG is now irrelevant as in the insurance. A grant for the hall £500 had been mentioned and everyone was in agreement.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Our Village School / Hall</p> <p>In 1836, £65 was taken from the village "Coal Fund" to convert the Church Poor House into a school for the village children and house for the teacher. (This house still stands – it is Glebe Cottage in Fore Street.)</p> <p>The "School District Act" of 1850 provided for free education for children from poor families, so a larger premises was required and James Templar of Lindridge granted land measuring 33ft by 33ft on Church Street under the 1856 School Sites Act. Local subscription (names like Lord Clifford, Cornish and Vooght appear on the list) raised the money to build and run the school. The school continued for over a century, Ideford children being joined by those from Luton in the 1920's when their school closed. Over this time the trusteeship of the school had evolved to the Diocesan Board of Finance. (Under British law the Church of England has a responsibility to raise as much money as possible from the sale of any redundant property it owns.)</p> <p>In 1973 the village was informed that their school was to close and the children bussed to the brand new school about to open in Bishopsteignton. The Rector at the time, Rev Fred Rawson immediately began a campaign to save the school building for the use of the village and not have it sold for housing on the open market despite the Local Council seeking planning permission for a "residential property". The school closed in July 1973 with over thirty children on the register. The campaign began in earnest! The Village Hall Committee was formed with the Rector and ten villagers including names still represented in the village today like Mrs Stevens and Mrs Vivian.</p> <p>"Lord Clifford brought the matter of school closure to the House of Lords with a Bill to the effect that present trustees of endowed schools should, on closure, offer them to the local community for sale or to let, having regard to the contributions made already by the community to their building." The Committee stage of the Bill passed in July 1974 and the third reading completed in January 1975. In the gallery of the House of Lords was Rev Fred Rawson, he had been released from hospital in London to attend the hearing. Fred died on Easter Monday, 31st March just two months later.</p> <p>Meanwhile the Committee was busy raising £10,000 through flower festivals, carnival floats etc. in addition to sourcing grants. They even appeared on BBC Nationwide. In June 1977 Lord Clifford opened the newly named Fred Rawson Hall as part of the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>As we celebrate 50 years since that Bill in the House of Lords enabled us to acquire our much loved village hall, we still need committee members and we still need fund raising.</p> <p>Can you come and join us in this work? <i>Elisabeth Ellison</i></p>

Ideford School as reported by Pam Rein

(Daughter of Gladys Stevens who lived at Broadlands)

I attended Ideford School from September 1956 until I was 11 years old.



The school was divided into two classes by a folding partition. Coming in from the front door was the Junior class.

The Infants' class was through a door in the partition.

A door went from the Juniors into the cloak rooms and from there a door went outside and then up steps to the playground. The toilets were in the back left hand corner of the playground.

There was a black stove in the Junior room which was the heating for the whole school. Milk was delivered daily, one small bottle per child. Often frozen in winter.

Most children went home for dinner but for the very few that didn't, meals were delivered in metal canteen trays that kept the food hot.

We had desks with lids, and ink pots in the top.

At the back of the class we had two tanks, one with fresh water creatures, usually tadpoles in the spring and one with salt water for sea creatures like anemones and starfish.

Mrs Ansell was the Infant school teacher and Miss Bisco took the Junior class. In the Junior school we had nature walks once a week around the village. On Friday we were given spellings to learn over the weekend and tested on Monday. Also on Friday we had to choose a poem to learn and recite off by heart on Monday. Sometimes we had a film show, usually nature related, that was shown in the cloakroom as that was the only dark room. Miss Bisco had a whippet dog that came to school with her and she would regularly fill her car up with the dog and as many children as she could fit in and take us up on to Dartmoor or rock pooling at Shaldon.

The school day would start with all the children having to gargle with salt water. Then we had to do the weather forecast and record all our findings. We had a map of the world painted on the play ground. We learnt country dancing.

(If you would like more information from Pam or her two sisters, you can find them at the Pop Up Café on the last Friday of most months in the hall.)

125/24	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 th November 2024 will be viewed, approved and signed at the next meeting when they are available.
126/24	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Cllr. T. Hill in relation to the Insurance matter and the Millennium Green. Cllr. Carter-Woodwark declared an interest as a Ideford Hall Trustee
127/24	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
128/24	REPORTS: 128.1 Cllr. Peart (Climate Change/Environment): Various organisations are hosting woodland events during National Tree Week and winter (details on the National Tree Week website and partners' social media). The Emergency Tree Fund (ETF), concluding in December, it has funded 40,000 trees and supported the Devon Tree and Woodland Strategy. The ETF piloted carbon offsetting and engaged 1,000+ volunteers. While free trees are currently oversubscribed, communities planning for next year should contact the Woodland Trust and/or Devon Wildlife Trust. Devon's canopy cover is 14.7% but aims to reach 16.5% by 2050. Funding will enable planting of 27,000 more trees by next March, bringing the DCC total since 2019 to 77,000. In response to Cllr. Gardner's question, Cllr. Peart confirmed the parish council's role as consultee regarding planning reforms and biodiversity. The district has 300 defibrillators remaining; online CPR training was mentioned. 128.2 Cllr. Gearon (District Councillor): Only one full council meeting has taken place. No significant updates for the parish council. 128.3 Neighbourhood Beat Manager: No crime statistics for October.
129/24	PARISH MATTERS: 129.1 Insurance: The council combined its insurance with the Millennium Green's (MG) via AJ Gallagher's, resulting in a £580 cost reduction. Public, employer's, and trustee liability are covered. The MG has a committee and trustees operating under its deed. Cllr. Carter-Woodwark noted the Village Hall's separate insurance arrangements. Questions about liability were raised, and the chair suggested consulting the broker. Cllr. C. Hill clarified that trustees, not insurance, determine liability. Concerns about governance of outdoor equipment were raised, and the chair noted the need for a policy review. The council agreed to the cost reduction and requested a mechanism for clarifying policy aspects. Cllr. Gardner questioned the impact of the completed building on the joint policy and MG asset maintenance. The chair stated additional insurance will be considered post-building completion. The council agreed MG should report planned changes affecting insurance to the PC quarterly. 129.2 Snow Warden: Julian Hull is the current snow warden, but his continuation is unconfirmed. Anthony French and Cllr. T. Hill are deputy wardens. The council will confirm Rob Coombes's availability and explore potential overlap with Will Vooght. 129.3 Roadworks/Highways/Parking/Potholes: Buts Lane requires resurfacing. The chair requested pothole reports with photographs. Cllr. Gardner will report the issue with photographs.

120/24 cont. The village previously had a skip funded by TDC. This was looked into but the requirements are overbearing at £2000.00 for a skip and employing someone full time to stay with it. There is a free to access recycling facility in Brunel Road, Newton Abbott. Mention was made of using licensed waste businesses, who may be able to assist if anyone needs this, but charges would be applicable.

121/24 CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE:
 121.1 Budget proposal the amount was set and the Cil received and noted from TDC.
 121.2 The balance of accounts £16169.74 was provided to the end of October and approval of the monthly bank reconciliation for October 2024 was given.
 121.3 Approval for the payments and any interim payments made since last meeting, was granted, namely for the Scribe accounts,

Staff payments	£382.56	Inc Website Maintenance
Village Hall	£40.50	Venue Hire. Invoices
HMRC	£7.80	Staff costs
Teec	£194.39	Website - hosting charges
Scribe	£14.40	Accounts

121.4 Any administrative update was provided - WCG2A update. Councilors' information needs updated for the website. Bank charges are coming in at £4.25 a month with additional fees of 7p for each item. There is mention of a possible account with Lloyds that we might be able to switch to. We wait to hear from Lloyds about this. Nalc pay rises have increased and need to be implemented, this to be put on next month agendas. Devon Communities together on the 27 th November, Cllr. Hill has subsequently submit the proxy document on behalf of the council. The Public consultation on the toilets is now open and Mr. Morby has completed it.

122/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12th December
123/24 The Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 20.47pm

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the V.H.
on 12th December 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllr T Hill - Chair Cllr M Bating
 Cllr A Carter-Woodwark vice-chair Cllr C Hill
 Cllr D Fox TDC Gearon
 Cllr J Gardner DCC Peart

In Attendance: Wildlife Warden - Dominic Morby 1 member of the public

Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
124/24	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr H Bellamy and the clerk, Mrs Clarke

Ideford Sustainability Group – U is for UPCYCLING

Upcycling benefits the environment by reducing the pollutants of air, land and water when new goods are manufactured as well as preventing additional natural resources from being used. It also reduces the amount of excess waste which would otherwise end up in landfills.

When we put out recycling for collection, we like to believe those old items are remade into new items and get cycled over and over again. In reality, most recycling is really 'downcycling'. In practice, not all recycling is created equal. Most materials become less and less useful the more they are recycled, and so don't necessarily replace virgin raw materials.

Upcycling generally means simply turning a low-value product into a high-value product. Upcycling might not require expensive breaking down of an old product in to constituent materials. Such as when old bike tyres are made into new belts, old shopping bags converted to notebooks or broken bicycles and motorbikes can be remade into lamps and furniture for example.

Plastic waste from rivers and the sea can be made into items such as office furniture. The furniture (and the recycled plastic) is then worth a premium, because its history is something we care about. This bypasses economic challenges to some extent, by enabling us to channel our desire for recycling into our purchasing decisions. However, upcycled products tend to be labour intensive and therefore expensive.

Any kind of recycling helps keep materials in use and this can potentially reduce demand for *some* materials. Even downcycling paper and plastic into new products means that those new products don't have to be created from virgin paper and plastic, and this obviously comes with environmental benefits.

Upcycling empty wine bottles into designer glassware or reusing jam jars (which we excel at in Ideford!) diverts these containers from going to waste and, what's more, the energy that was used to create the original glass bottles or jars has been preserved as well as the raw materials which were used to create them.

For complex products such as electronics, not all useful metals are recovered in the recycling process. By extending the life of electronic items through reuse and remanufacturing, these valuable materials are able to stay in circulation.

A simple Google search for 'upcycling ideas in the home' will take you to various websites that contain useful information

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL	
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the V.H. on 14th November 2024 at 7pm	
Present:	Cllr A Carter-Woodwark vice-chair sitting as the chair. Cllr D Fox Cllr H Bellamy
	Cllr J Gardner Cllr M Batting Cllr C Hill
In Attendance:	Wildlife Warden - Dominic Morby Mrs Clarke - Clerk 1 member of the public
Item(a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
113/24	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr T Hill - Chair, Cllr R Peart, District County Cllr; Robin Aaronson, Wildlife Warden; and Cllr Gearon - District Cllr.
114/24	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting on 10th October 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record
115/24	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Cllr. Carter-Woodwark declared a potential interest in the budget discussion with her role as a Village Hall Trustee.
116/24	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
117/24	REPORTS: There were no reports from Councillors and no crimes reported to the PCSO
118/24	PARISH MATTERS: 118.1 Updates on roadworks, highways, parking issues and potholes. The difficulties caused by pot holes in Butts Lane were raised and it was confirmed that the repairs of these are on Devon Highway's list. Work repairing the potholes in Olchard Lane had been completed and the Lane was scheduled to be resurfaced next year. 118.2 Sustainable Ideford. It was agreed to discuss SI as part of the budget agenda item. 118.3 Update from the Wildlife Wardens. £100 worth of bulbs and a donation of 5 crab apple trees by Rob Gillett had been planted as part of the wilding initiative in the graveyard. The church hedgerow had been planted with saplings and fenced off for protection. 200 saplings had been planted in Higher Colleybrook. Spare oak saplings were available to any member of the village. 118.4 Budget discussion. The clerk indicated there was an overspend in 23-24; but for 24-25 the Council were on target with a small underspend. Increases in certain costs would mean that next year's budget would need to rise. This included the cost of insurance. Due to new regulations the cost of some items (including assets, election costs etc) should be spread over 4 years; and there is a requirement that a years worth of spending needs to be kept in the reserves.

118/24 cont.	<p>Inflation this year was mentioned and the reserves were not as high as indicated due to a grant of £2000 to the MG for the new building (yet to be paid). VAT reclaim and CIL would offset some costs. Given the projected budget requirements for 25-26, Councillors felt a 2% increase in the precept to cover this would be manageable and reasonable and should be used for budget purposes and be agreed at a later date.</p> <p>Future projects i.e. With the Millennium Green (MG) and the Wildlife Wardens (WW) might need some funding as these projects are also in the biodiversity plan. Mr. Morby added that any MG project has to be resident led, then ideally matched with a grant, which if unused goes back to the reserves. There will need to be a governance question on how to manage a project on the MG. The Woodland Trusts provide the trees and some materials have come from Devon Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>SI Sustainable Ideford - the budget has been spent on key events including carbon awareness, and a wildlife garden event etc. The biodiversity plan was adopted and the WW are part of the work in the plan. The 23-24 budget for SI had been higher than that in 24-25 and due to the lower budget, some meetings in 24-25 had been in private homes rather than the hall. A suggestion to return the budget to the earlier level of £500 was met with support from councillors to go forward to the next meeting. Going forward SI would need hall hire for future events, and spending on marketing to promote the events.</p> <p>Village Hall, Cllr. Carter-Woodwark said that it had been suggested the village hall may also want to amalgamate their insurance with the PC, as the MG had done. While this might further reduce overall insurance costs, the village hall committee had discussed this, including in respect to some of the insurance provisions that were specific to the hall, and outlined a series of questions that a shared policy raised, which included liability and coverage. The village hall committee felt it would be best to keep the insurances separate. Concerns were raised after the discussion and the parish council would like to invite the millennium green to the next meeting to discuss matters.</p> <p>Policy updates: The clerk explained various policies are not up to date and changes are needed. Some policies have not been reviewed at all. It was decided to do the filming and recording policy in December along with the risk assessment and then another in February next year 2025. Ideford is using standing orders from Nalc without any alterations, which will also require a review.</p>
119/24	<p>PLANNING:</p> <p>119.1 There were no new planning applications.</p> <p>119.2 The following planning decision was mentioned. 24/01114/HOU - Longbarn - Approved for the soft and hard landscaping. They sent a biodiversity plan in which was accepted by TDC.</p> <p>119.3 Enforcement update: No new update</p>
120/24	<p>MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS TO COUNCILLORS</p> <p>A resident has asked about the litter at the top of Bowden Lane. Cllr Bellamy has subsequently checked (after the meeting) and there is no litter there.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 12</i></p>