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Minutes from the meeting of Inwardleigh Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at Folly Gate Parish Hall.

In attendance: Cllr. King (Chair) Cllr. Dennis Cllr. Ions
Cllr. Timms Clerk: Mrs. Clarke WDBC Leach
0 Parishioners

Minutes.

01/03/25 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Piddington, Cllr Hooper, WDBC Dexter.

02/03/25 There was no public participation period

03/03/25 There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

04/03/25 Minutes of the last meeting of Wednesday 21st January 2026 were approved and signed.

05/03/25 Reports from Councillors: WDBC Councillor Leach gave a detailed report there was no extra report from DCC Cllr Davies or WDBC Dexter. Key topics in Cllr Leach report included housing adaptation schemes via church processes and Devon County Council funding; voluntary DBS checks now required for West Devon councillors; need for English Heritage site volunteers; police updates on oil theft prevention, Speedwatch contacts, problematic lorry driver, and new dog control rules near livestock; anecdotes about dog escapes; planning changes from 2.3-year housing land supply shortfall, making Joint Plan policies outdated; school fire possibly from solar panels or batteries, which is impacting on Okehampton schools.

06/03/25 Matters Arising:

06.01 Grant application Deferred until the May meeting with the Read Easy UK representative attending

06.02 Updates on matter in previous minutes: Salt Bins All councillors were asked to check local bins and report their status to the clerk. This is to ascertain if they were filled before Christmas. All bins have been reported.

06.03 Assertion 10 Regulation/Accessibility Statement The disproportionate burden policy was approved. Retrospective changes to historic documents were ruled out due to an expected increase of £700-£1,000 in the next precept. Future documents will comply. The policy draft was reviewed and will go on the website. Data mapping is deferred till August.

06.04 Light - Defib update the fitting of the lightening equipment has been passed to Cllr. Timms for installation.

07/03/25 Planning - A discussion about existing poles and planning decisions was held as there was no new planning applications or appeals.

08/03/25 Finance The clerk provided details of the current bank and invoices for Payments (for authorisation), these included HMRC, Salary and venue hire. The bank reconciliation was approved and signed. The VAT return was noted.

09/03/25 Roads and Footpaths. 163 pothole reports compiled into a spreadsheet. Neighbouring parish indicates that a number of pot holes are marked up and not repaired and then disappear off the logged system and have to be re-reported. Stocken Bridge damaged at both ends on one side to be reported.

10/03/25 Matters brought forward by the Chairman: The chair indicated that they will not stand for re-election next year.

11/03/25 Matters brought forward by Councillors: Village Hall committee met with the Architects which was productive. The Roof leaks continue (5 call-outs). Parish council will have to submit the planning application. Fly-tipping matter. Broadband: Contact with the MP who plans to speak to Openreach.

12/03/25 Correspondence received/clerks report: information email address titles were approved. Insurance was discussed as the council needs to remove the hall from the insurance.

13/03/25 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 7.30pm

14/03/25 The chair formally closed the meeting at

Signed.....

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