

INSTOW PARISH COUNCIL - TRACKER - COUNCIL PROJECTS/DECISIONS

See previous history by referring to past months tracker documents. We are in process of change to reflect an easier process of managing the tracker

Tracker Update 259/1225			
SUBJECT	COUNCIL MEETING DATE	ACTIVITY	Action
Car Park	16.11.23	Line markings not yet done	
	17.07.2025	Clrs Arthur, Scott to look at lease.	
	18.09.2025	Wall completed, waiting for painted white lines (due w/c 06/10/2025). No progress release.	
	16.10.2025	Car park – Wall completed, parking lines painted, confirmation of signed completion. Light to be fixed early November / Notice Board due before end of 2025	
235/1125	20.11.2025	Dismantled garages area now completed with new parking bays including lockable bollards, bays are all numbered. Six bays to date have been taken for annual rent, for local residents only (not holiday lets or second homes) Council asked to report any discrepancies to ensure promises are upheld. Clrs Arthur, Johnson, Scott to arrange a meeting with Ken Miles of NDC. A committee will be reviewing the possible transfer of assets from North Devon Council to parishes including the Marine Parade car park. Parish expressed interest in being included in discussions. Potential costs and contributions were mentioned; aim is to protect local interests ahead of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Parish expressed interest in being included in discussions. Potential costs and contributions were mentioned; aim is to protect local interests ahead of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).	
259/1225	11.12.2025	Clrs to update in January meeting	
262/1225	11.12.2025	Car Park Solar Panel managing the working of the ticket machine. Sign needs to be replaced as bad weather removed the sign.	
THE SANDS	16.11.23		
	18.7.24 & 19.9.24	TBC by – NDC	No Change
	17.07.2025	Mr Patel has submitted a pre planning application no other updates.	
	20.11.2025	North Devon ward Cllr Coombs stated a planning application could be due in 2026. From the current owners of the dwelling.	
	11.12.2025	Planning application Cllr Becky Coombs to update in January 2026 IPC meeting	
Parking & Congestion in Instow	19.10.23	Proposal delayed due to Councillors absence. To be on November agenda. Cllr Hopkins to liaise with Clrs Arthur & Edwards.	
	18.09.2025 / 16.10.2025	Awaiting meeting with DCC	
	20.11.2025	Still awaiting a meeting with Ken Miles of NDC & DCC	
259/1225	11.12.2025	Meeting with DCC required Clrs Arthur and Scott to arrange	
HILLSLEIGH	21.July.23	The Chairman has managed to contact Mr Jones at NDC regarding TPOs in garden, and Mr Jones has informed her that a blanket TPO will be put on the whole garden. This item will remain on the tracker until the planning application goes through.	
	20.3.25 & 15.05.2025	A report of 2 trees have been taken down. Awaiting update for Mr Van Koutrik after his site visit. Department is still to be sorted at NDC.	
259/1225	11.12.2025	Clrs Scott to call Mr Van Koutrik	

BOATS on BEACH	14.12.23	Peter Short is in communication with Christie Estates re clearing boat by Boathouse	
	18.09.2025 / 16.10.2025	Clerk to write to NDC asking about Marine Byelaw - Still no response from NDC	
239/1125	20.11.2025	Mooring Byelaw request help from North Devon ward Cllr Coombs, she will report back to the clerk, to enable enforcement. See minutes 237/1125. Member of the public has kindly moved the abandoned boat further down the beach and plans to relocate it again when conditions allow. On inspection noted complex ropes and attachments; further investigation required.	
Section 106 monies	21.07.24	Planning obligations under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), commonly known as s106 agreements, are a mechanism which make a development proposal acceptable in planning terms, that would not otherwise be acceptable. – Nothing heard.	
	21.9.23	Cllr Scott to chase the Environment Agency.	
	18.1.24	Cllr Scott now has a contact email address for local EA re licence for benches	
	18.09.2025	Instow have provided NDC with two S106 schemes – one for benches on the seaward side of the flood defence wall outside John's shop part of Marine Parade and the other for information boards for walkers in the Puttermouth beach dunes.	
BEACH SAFETY	22.11.23	EA responded via email, 22.11.23 passed to Beach Committee Russell Smith Asset Performance Advisor, North Devon russell.smith1@environment-agency.gov.uk	
	18.09.2025 / 16.10.2025	The clerk reported that EA were adamant that there would be no bollards on the ramp up to the beach. The clerk to write to EA about liability of any accidents on the beach due to vehicles using the slipway access. .	
239/1125	20.11.2025	Beach Safety Significant progress reported. The Environment Agency has agreed, subject to legal covenants, to allow installation of an AOL (lifesaving equipment) on the beach. Nick confirmed via email to the Chair there are no covenants restricting access or installation. Christie's have provided written consent (emails received). Copies of land registry documents and Christie's emails will be sent to confirm agreement. Proposed timeline: Work to be carried out in January, 2026 unless objections arise. Council noted this as a major positive development.	
259/1225	11.12.2025	Significant progress reported. – Bollard to be erected once Environment Agency has conformed the recommended specification. Clerk to report back at January 2026 meeting.	
Bye Law Boats 259/1225	11.12.2025	Cllr Coombs to update in January 2026 & NDC have made contact regarding parameters. Nick Arthur to update at January 2026 meeting.	
NDC garages, wall and position of defibrillator	19.10.23		
	19.05.2025	The main wall is now demolished, down to the stone plinth. The specification was to build off this stone plinth but a section at the ramp end of the car park is essentially just stone and earth, so needs strengthening before this can happen. The structural engineer has visited and advised that we build a concrete ring beam on top of the wall to lay the bricks on. Aesthetically the wall will look the same, as we will face the small section of concrete beam with brick slips. As this is a variation to the planning application, NDC have confirmed have to go back to committee	

	19.06.2025	Allocated Parking : At the moment there is no movement on the cost of a space. After feedback from the public I have contacted the estates team and is agreed that the approach is it to only be offered to permanent residents of Instow. NDC Cllr Coombs has requested if they are minded to change this at any point she consulted on it. The original figure for the permit was set at £1,560.00 per annum. After feedback from Councillors and the public, NDC reduced the figure to £1,250.00 per annum. NDC believe this is a fair price. NDC are offering the spaces to all former garage tenants in the first instance. NDC endeavour that all other spaces will be available to permanent residents only	
	18.09.2025	The clerk reported that she had asked BT regarding the telephone kiosk at the Boathouse end of the village. No reply from BT to date	
239/1125	20.11.2025	Dismantled garages new parking bays are all completed with locable bollards in place for the parking bays. Numbered. Six bays to date have been purchased for local residents.	
Bus shelters condition survey	18.1.24	Cllrs Johnson & Hopkins to report on condition survey and cleaning programme at next meeting	
	19.05.2025	Damaged Bus Shelter M Williams to back good, leave wooden frame in place for the foreseeable future. Do not replace the plastic window.	
	18.09.2025 /16.10.2025	After discussion it was decided to keep our own bus shelters on the route 21, but ask for help towards repairs on the ones on the Quay and by the car park. Awaiting contribution amount	
	20.11.2025	Parish has declined to take on new bus shelters scheme. Request submitted to District Council for financial assistance as per their offer to refurbish two existing shelters. The Clerk is instructed to obtain quotes for battery-powered lights for bus stops, as several stops have been impacted defecating.	
259/1225	11.12.2025	Quotes received from Cllr Hopkins. Deferred confirmation to January 2026 meeting	
Use of land at Slee's Corner/Chandlers Court	15.2.24		CH
	20.06.24	Japanese knotweed has been identified, and must be removed. Action yet to be identified.	MJS
	25.03.25	Being monitored	
Electric Vehicle charging points	10.5.24	agenda item 10 c 18.4.24. Cllr Foster has liaised with WSP, who in turn are liaising with NDC as owners of the car park.	
	15.05.2025	Awaiting tender to be circulated. No update until received	Cllr. Foster
	20.11.2025	No update to date	
Solar Lights in Car Park	18.7.24	Awaiting reply from SL Company	
	18.09.2025	The clerk was given permission to go ahead and get these lights installed Work to be completed by 19th November 2025	
	16.10.2025	By DS Electrical	
	20.11.2025	Completed	
Sand Management	18.7.24	Meeting A Bell, Cllrs Arthur & Edwards to see way forward NE agreed to consider joint	
	17.07.2025	Awaiting Grant to be deposited into IPC bank account	
Emergency Plan	17.04.25	To be discussed at IPC meeting in May	Ongoing
	15.05.2025	Emergency Planning - Cllr. Yeadon will lead the program reporting back to all councillors at the IPC monthly meetings.	
	17.07.2025	Cllr Hopkins to contact Cllr. Yeadon to work with him and move the project forward.	CH,DY

	18.09.2025	Cllr Yeadon to report at October meeting.	
239/1125	20.11.2025	Councillor Yeadon informed the council that he is preparing a detailed update on the Emergency Plan, which will be presented at the next parish council meeting scheduled for 11 December 2025.	
259/1225	11.12.2025	Deferred to January 2026	
Red Phone Box Purchased & Defibrillator	19.06.2025		Clerk
	17.07.2025 /16.10.2025	Awaiting adoption papers. The second phone box which was removed, Clerk to clarify if we can reinstall or move the current phone box once adopted. One Cllr to obtain quote to move the phone box. one Cllr and Clerk to obtain quotes for defibrillator.	
239/1125	20.11.2025	Clerk confirmed cost for two new defibrillators one to be located in the Phone Box near Marine Car Park, with the second one sighted the other end of the Parish opposite Land End toilets in the bus stop in a locked housing. £4700.00 + VAT. Clerk to investigate Defibrillator training for the Cllrs and Instow Parishioners. Possibly link in with Instow WI Bystanders resolution campaign.	
259/1225	11.12.2025	Update in January 2026	
Sewage	17.07.2025	FOIA 2000 - Sewage Leaks - Barnstaple - Abbotsham - North Devon Report received from pennon-group - Request for data in a format so IPC can view. done 21.07.2025	
	18.09.2025 /16.10.2025	No further updates from SW Water. Chair to contact Steve May.	
239/1125	20.11.2025	Update from Steve May regarding sewage issues, confirmed leaks. Action: Steve to document evidence (including photographs) Include sewage compliance in upcoming planning considerations Suggestion: Use https://what3words.com for precise location. Report documents & issue to the clerk when leaks have been identified. Cllrs Hopkins to speak to Steve May & his contact, explaining action requested.	
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Road Wardens	16.10.2025		
245/1125	20.11.2025	Road Warden Scheme including training. Name of Instow Parish Neighbourhood Watch coordinator Joanne Sway. Contracts for Road Warden Scheme (Dom, Elliot, Paula) Action: Clerk forwarded paper copies of DCC contracts to relevant parties for review. Training can be scheduled for January 2026.	
263/1225	11.12.2025	Cllrs all decided not to take up the scheme at present	
Parish News	16.10.2025		
	20.11.2025	No response from article in Parish News. Repeated for December edition.	
Lighting General 259/1225	11.12.2025	Contractor DS Electrical has not yet completed the work to light by the toilet block in Marine Car Park. Quote remains unchanged. Clerk to chase again. Clerk to obtain a quote ask for a for battery / or a recommend light for the numerous bus stops.	