

# Northleigh Parish Council

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## Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

1. **Present:** Cllrs Driver, Lear, Rich, Todd, Workman, Cllr Parr, 3 members of the public.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Arnott.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Read and signed with 2 amendments.
4. **Matters Arising:** Fibre. The co-ordinator for the project on behalf of the PC summarised the latest developments, including the stop on contractors work recently, imposed by Openreach. After discussion on a proposed letter to Openreach it was agreed that Cllrs Lear and Workman prepare a revision with the co-ordinator and issue it by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Cllr Todd abstained.
5. **DCC Report:** None
6. **EDDC Report:** Cllr Parr reported that the Council were still making reports about an issue with a person, currently serving a prison sentence, and have proposed spending yet another amount of money, making the total so far spent on this issue £53,000.
7. **Clerk's Report:** Balances of Current Account stood at £4,808 . Invoices for Dalc courses and Village Hall hire passed for payment. Councillors discussed the need for precept to be increased in the next financial year.
8. **Planning:** Applications – none  
Pending – 2 - The Barn by Village Hall  
1 Backwells Mead  
Decisions – none
9. **SWW:** Work on replacing the main pipe from Bucknole Hill Road to the church is nearing completion. There is still concern about the Northleigh Hill situation which, although approved, does not yet have a time slot. The latest letter from SW Water is unclear and Cllr Workman agreed to consider a suitable response from the PC.
10. **Correspondence:**
  - Election Costs: Cllr Todd reported that Awliscombe Parish had also been charged over £900, had agreed to pay it spread over 3 years. Cllr Lear outlined his research and suggested a letter to EDDC explaining the reasoning and offering to pay £450, and now await any outcome.
  - Motorhome: No further developments.
  - NVH Rent: An invoice has been received and it was agreed to pay years 2021 and 2022 and to wait until the end of their financial year to pay for 2023 rental.
11. **Chilcombe Field:** Papers were signed this evening The location of the Deeds is ongoing. The legal costs are greater that quoted. Cllr Rich said that they had been paid with no cost to the Council. Clerk to check interest rates on deposits.

- 12. AOB:** JG to thank David Gregory for his time and work as Tree Warden.  
Mr Foord, MP will visit Northleigh on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 11.30am to 12.30pm. Posters to go on noticeboards and on website.  
Cllr Workman said the village hall will start Quiz nights from October, with Film nights, Norly Nosh, Harvest Supper (8<sup>th</sup> Sept), Coffee Morning 25<sup>th</sup> November for those interested.

**Date of next meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Meeting Ended:** 8.50pm

**Signed:** .....

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