

Northleigh Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th May, 2025

- 1. Present:** Cllrs Lear, Todd, Driver, Workman and approximately 30 public.
- 2. Apologies:** Cllr Rich
- 3. Minutes of Last APM:** Signed as correct
- 4. Chairman's Report:** Cllr Lear said that he had enjoyed all his years working on behalf of Northleigh village had amounted to 23 years; first on the village hall committee then on the parish council.
The 2023 election costs had at last been reduced a little.
Chilcombe has now finally 'happened' and the building of 6 properties for rental only has been started. Richard Hare is the Project Manager.
The Parish Council has contributed to the repair of the church roof, details of which are on the website. This has taken from 2014-2025.
- 5. DCC & EDDC reports:** none
- 6 CLT (Community Land Trust):** Richard Hare (Treasurer) explained the steps that had had to be taken to get the scheme going. The legal costs alone had cost many thousands of pounds. Anyone interested in renting one of the homes should apply to Devon Home Choice. It takes 21 days to process applications.
- 7. NERT (Northleigh Emergency Response Team):** There are currently 8 active volunteers with more supporters. However, more volunteers/supporters are needed if this is to run smoothly.
- 8. Village Hall:** It has been a fair year with finances stable. The Drama Group would like/need more people in order to put on plays etc.
There are a good few young families making their presence felt and organising various activities which is very good for the village
The usual activities ran as normal, and are generally well attended.
Last year's Colyton Tractor Run ended in Northleigh with a 100 tractors parked in the field next door to the village hall.
- 9. PCC Report:** John Platt reported that the flowers and grass cutting rotas ran well. The church continues to be open each day. The parish priest is very active with 6 parishes to oversee in the vicinity. The fact that St Gil. es Church is Grade II listed means that it is very expensive maintain even with the support of the the young and regular services. There is some difficulty in 'recruiting' church officers who are not ancient. The PCC is looking at developing a parish giving scheme – leaflets are available in the church.

- 10. Art & Craft:** Sue Child and Karen who run these classes on Mondays would love any artists from Northleigh. They have people from Honiton, Southleigh and Axminster. You pay on the day and various forms of art are encouraged, IE signotype painting silhouettes. Bob Workman will advertise the classes on FB.
- 11. DCC:** A resident from the village is finding the state of the roads around the village dangerous and believes that the next downpour will undo what has been repaired and make riding in his mobility scooter dangerous. It was agreed that Highways would be contacted.

Meeting Ended: 8.30 pm.