

Northleigh Parish Council

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Minutes of the General Parish Council Meeting held on 8th September 2025

1. **Present:** Cllrs Rich, Workman, Todd, Allen; Cllr Helen Parr, Sheena King
2. **Apologies:** Cllr A Driver
3. **Minutes from Last Meeting:** Signed as correct.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **DCC Report:** sent to Cllrs on 1st September.
6. **EDDC report.** Cllr Parr said that there had been no agreement to date on LGR. Exeter and Plymouth both want to be Unitary Authorities but both need a larger population and are looking to procure at least 23 of the surrounding parishes each. The rest of Devon, East, Mid and North will not be well served business wise if this happens. The district council supports the mayoral system as the funding follows them. It aspires to buy 250 houses for social housing.
7. **Clerk's Report:** It was decided to move all the monies from the 35 day Liquidity Manager Account back into the Business Account and to look into the merits of putting it into a National Savings account. Cllr Allen will discuss the merits or otherwise of putting it into the CCLA. Precept and Budget will be discussed at the next meeting in November. The NALC adjustment to the Clerk's wages was approved with the retrospective payment from April 1st.2025. The invoice for the church roof is imminent and will be paid as soon as the funds are released from the 35 day account.
8. **Planning:**
 - a) Applications: None
 - b) Pending: None
 - b) Refusals: Northleigh Farm. This was discussed and agreed that the council would support an Appeal.
9. **SWW:** Hillside issue has been fixed.
10. **Highways:** Nothing new to report. The Clerk reported the Threeways Farm issue to the Widworthy Clerk. She will also report again the hole in ford at the bottom of the hill after holes in Northleigh Hill road have appeared again in the same places and need attention.
11. **NERT:** Sheena King stated that only 45 of the original questionnaires sent out were replied to, leaving 84 that were not. Sheena will ask Caroline Hurford if she would advertise the questionnaire and Cllr Workman suggested Facebook too. Helpers were needed too, but this would be done separately. Quotes for generators at the village hall were expensive -

£5000 for a small one ad £10000 for a large one. Sources of funding will be explored which is vital and the council will support this . (It could be a good use of the capital left over from Chilcombe sale). Holding a public meeting was discussed and the decision was made to bring it up at the next Annual Parish Meeting as a follow on from last year. NPC, Village Hall and the PCC working together on NERT but it was decided it was unnecessary as they all communicated easily.

12. Correspondence: nothing of note.

13. AOB: CLT have changed the course of the pipe to go under a culvert for surface water and the digester overflow. A new map of the pipe will be necessary to sign when this has been done by the NPC and CLT. Cllr Todd said that it will have to be formalised.. Anything different should be noted/signed. NPC will not incur any costs.

Date of Next Meeting: 17^h November 2025

Meeting Ended 9.10pm

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