

Northleigh Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 9th April 2024

- 1. Present:** Cllrs. Lear, Todd, Rich, Driver, Workman, Cllr Helen Parr
- 2. Apologies:** Cllr. Hartnell
- 3. Minutes of Last Meeting:** These were approved and signed.
- 4. Matters Arising:** The Council thanked Cllr. Driver for organising the erection of the new noticeboard. There are 3 keys to it, currently held by the Clerk.
2023 Election Expenses Invoice. EDDC agreed a £108 reduction but has yet to answer previous questions sent to them. Council agreed to pay £427.54 with a covering letter.
- 5. DCC Report:** none
- 6. EDDC Report:** Regarding the reduction of green wedges referred to in the last minutes, there was an error: it should read 70% and not 7%. A decision is still being awaited. A decision on whether the recycling system will alter due to costs is awaited. Maintenance of housing is also being reviewed.
- 7. Clerk's Report:** Bank balances; Current A/c £1142.52, Special Reserve £2938.56.
Yearly accounts and AGAR are being prepared and should be ready for approval by the next meeting on 14th May. Council noted that the national minimum wage has gone up to £11.44/hr, (£148.72 per month, £1784.64 p.a.).
- 8. Planning:** No changes. Enforcement correspondence with visit planned this week.
- 9. Highways/SWW:** The residents from Merrifields thanked the council for helping to get their drive entrance repaired. An email listing the current problems with roads and potholes was sent to Cllr. Hartnell. The clerk will send another to Steve Kelly listing the same.
- 10. Fibre:** BT. has now completed the project and all premises have fibre availability. The Council commends all the team involved in the campaign, particularly Andrea Woods with Laura Wallace and Andy Cornish, without whom this project might have faltered. It was agreed that a present should be given to Andrea, an NGS garden token for £50. Clerk to get and send with a letter of thanks. Clerk will also write to Richard Foord to thank him for his efforts on our behalf.
- 11. Chilcombe:** Cllr. Rich reported that Teign Housing have found the £70K and that they hope to start the building in the summer.

12. **AOB:** PC records to be placed in a lockable cupboard in lower store in the village hall for the time being. Sheena King will act as co-ordinator for the emergency plan (Devon Communities Together), is doing research for this. The PC approved a training course for her and the Clerk. A notice has been sent to the community advertising and seeking volunteers. To be raised formally at the APM.
13. **APM:** Refreshments will be available to all and Jenny and Joan will procure and organise this. The bar will be open and manned by Chris. The council to pay any costs. Cllrs. are also invited guests.
14. **AGM of PC on 14th May 2024.** The councillors were asked if they would stand again. Attendance apologies from Cllr. Todd. This meeting will elect the councillors with Chair and Vice Chair and will be followed by an ordinary PC meeting and agenda. Are monthly meetings necessary?

Meeting Ended: 8.45 pm

Date of Next Meeting: 14th May 2024 (AGM + Ordinary Council Meeting)