

Northleigh Parish Council

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Minutes of the 4th General Parish Meeting of 10th October, 2023

1. **Present:** Cllrs A Lear, A Driver, W Rich, I Todd, B workman; Cllr H Parr: A Woods, D Hurford.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Arnott, Cllr Hartnell
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** These were agreed and signed.
4. **Matters Arising:** Fibre; Andrea reported that 40 properties were ready to be connected and ask Caroline Hurford to remind people to register and connect as soon as possible. The remaining 51 are still to be connected. Some 20 plus poles are still to be ordered. Laura is in contact with R Foord, MP. Andrea will speak to Matthew Lloyd after feedback from Laura, and will keep Cllr Lear informed of progress.
SWW (New Leak); David Hurford produced an excellent map showing where the old and the new water mains came and went. He said that he had dug out a large ditch just inside Suddons Farm several years ago and that the council should contact Elisabeth, sister of the deceased owner, to ask if it could re-do the ditching from Bucknole Hill through the village after Cllrs Lear and Rich have had a look at the roadsides.
Election Costs; There has been no reply to NPC's last email to EDDC's electoral services. It was decided to waive payment until they request it.
5. **DCC Report:** Cllr Hartnell sent a report in the middle of September.
6. **EDDC Report:** Cllr Parr reported that there had been no report as such, but informed the meeting that there had been yet another regarding confidential staffing matters. Referring to planning matters she said that the EDDC was querying the algorithm re housing numbers in the county in Parliament.
7. **Clerk's Report:** Bank balances stood as follows as at 30 September: S. Res. £1423.29 Current A/C £5109.24. It was noted that the field rented by Mr B. Greenway is no longer needed and the last payment was in August. He passed his thanks to the Council for letting him use it over the last few years.
The purchase of a new noticeboard for the Parish council was discussed. Cllr Driver will get a quote from a local man for comparison.
It was decided that the plaque commemorating the coronation earlier in the year should be in stainless steel, rectangular with the following engraving "Northleigh Parish Council to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May, 2023" The Clerk to organise this.
8. **Planning:** No changes in any of the 3 categories.
9. **SWW II:** The lane between the church and Bucknole Hill Road has been re-piped, the new

pipe going inside the old asbestos pipe. They have yet to “make good” the lane. The re-piping of the water mains up Northleigh Hill is ongoing. The work has been approved but no dates given. Highways will be involved as the road will have to be closed at that time.

10. **Correspondence:** An email had been received to invite NPC to join with other councils to support the Climate and Ecology Bill. It was decided that the council would not get involved.
11. **Chilcombe Field:** All is progressing but the Deeds to the field are still not located. The 20% grant is still ongoing. It is possible that Teigh Housing will start work in January 2024 and have the houses finished in 2025. Those involved with this venture were sincerely thanked for their tenacity over the past several years.
12. **AOB:** Cllr Lear asked that both Andrea Woods and Andy Cornish be thanked/recognised individually, for their time and effort spent over some years in obtaining superfast broadband to the parish.

Date of Next Meeting: 14th November 2023

Meeting ended 8.45pm.