

Northleigh Parish Council

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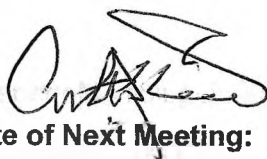
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Minutes of the General Parish Council Meeting of 12th November 2024

1. **Present:** Cllrs Lear, Driver, Rich, Workman, Cllr Helen Parr, 2 members of the public.
2. **Apologies:** Jenny Greenway, Cllr. Todd
3. **Minutes of last Meeting:** Signed as correct.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1. Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Privacy Policy were approved and have been published on the web site.
 - 4.2. Election expenses have been paid in full and the cheques have cleared.
5. **DCC Report:** Received from Marcus Hartnell, previously circulated but nothing of significance for Northleigh Parish.
 - 5.1. Parish Clerk to ask Julian Hurford (as snow warden) whether he has ordered the salt from DCC.
 - 5.2. Connecting Devon & Somerset have reported that Airband have stopped rolling out new fibre, short of the original contract commitment.
6. **EDDC Report:** EDDC Report received from Paul Arnott (circulated) and Cllr Parr reported that
 - 6.1. The local plan consultation will start soon, including the requirement from central government that the district enable 946 dwellings (22539 by 2042) to be built per year.
 - 6.2. The council house plan is yet to be published.
7. **Clerk's Report:**
 - 7.1. **Bank Balance:** Current A/c £2109.10; Spec. Res; £2960.00, Liquidity Manager 35 Day; £18111.
 - 7.2. **Small bills** up to £100 can be paid by the Parish Clerk without prior approval, any bills over £100 should be approved by the councillors via email before payment.
 - 7.3. **Payroll:** The clerk has offered to reduce her hours so that the total cost does not increase when the minimum wage is raised in April 2025. Chairman to discuss this with her before approval at the next meeting
 - 7.4. **Remote Meetings:** It was agreed that we will continue to attend face to face meetings.
 - 7.5. **TRIP:** It was agreed to make a £50 donation to TRIP.
 - 7.6. **Parishes Online:** It was confirmed that Sheena and Jenny have been set-up as administrators on the mapping service for use in the Emergency Plan.
 - 7.7. **Precept:** Cllr. Lear distributed a spreadsheet with his analysis of what is required for 2025/26 and suggested that the councillors review it ready for discussion and approval at the meeting in January..
8. **Planning:** One new application 24/2037/FUL Bagwells Cottage, the council agreed we have no objections to this application. 1 approved 24/0814/LBC. 1 Appeal Dismissed 24/3345706.
9. **Highways:**

- 9.1. The Clerk to chase DCC concerning the drain at the end of St Gile's Cottage, the blocked drain on the road down to Far View Farm from Suddons Cross and the barrier beside the bridge at Collins Farm has broken.
- 9.2. Footbridge near Dullimoor Farm: the Clerk to chase the Rights of Way Officer at DCC for the funds to be made available to the Parishes Footpath Warden to enable a new bridge to be built.
10. **Emergency Plan:** Sheena made her update report and the following were agreed:
 - 10.1. Registration for the Geo-Spatial service at no cost.
 - 10.2. Approval to pay for 50 copies of the recommended Resident's Household emergency plan form to be printed and distributed as necessary. Caroline Hurford to be asked to attach the form to the next Norly news email.
 - 10.3. Sheena to discuss organising an Energy Savings presentation with the Village Hall Committee.
11. **Chilcombe Field:**
 - 11.1. Electricity and Water have been connected to the site.
 - 11.2. An application has been made to obtain approval for the site's gas emissions plan.
 - 11.3. Construction is expected to commence in January
 - 11.4. Capital funds disposal. a) the village hall solar project has been halted so funds are not needed in the near future. However, if the roof is to be replaced in the future some funds may be required. b) St. Giles church needs some help to pay for repairs to the roof. This was agreed in principal, however, the amount will be confirmed at the next PC meeting in January.
12. **Correspondence:** None.
13. **AOB:**
 - 13.1. EDDC Planning Control have posted a new cease and desist notice on the field gate.
 - 13.2. Donations for Mark will be consolidated with the intention of giving him cash at the Christmas Lunch.
 - 13.3. The VAT refund has been received.
 - 13.4. Cllr. Lear proposed a sign at the top of the lane from Bucknole Hill Road to the Church to try to discourage Amazon and other drivers from following their Sat Nav instructions to use it. The wording needs to take into account local expectations of using the lane.
 - 13.5. Bi Monthly council meetings: It was agreed that we will continue with these.



Date of Next Meeting: 14th January, 2025 (10th December 2024 if required)

Meeting Ended: 8:50 pm