

Northleigh Parish Council

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Minutes of the 7th General Parish Meeting of 13th February, 2024

1. **Present:** Cllrs Lear, Rich, Driver, Workman, Cllr H Parr, Mrs E King, Mr S Allen
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Todd
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Signed as correct
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **DCC Report.** January report forwarded to Cllrs in early February
6. **EDDC Report:** Cllr Parr gave a precis of her report. The internal council reports that have been going on for some time are now hopefully sorted. The council has just had a peer review from other councillors, which should be published in a few months' time. The 2019 review, although with positive findings, was not accepted by the council. The proposed devolution with Torbay is now out for consultation. There is a proposal to lessen green wedges in the local area, the one between Colyton and Colyford possibly by 70%. This is not popular with either the councillors or the public.
7. **Clerks' Report:** It was agreed that Cllr Lear would contact EDDC again regarding the £915 bill for the local elections last May. The new payroll system for the Clerk has now been set up. Various invoices were agreed for payment. The new noticeboard should be delivered very soon.
8. **Planning:**

a) Applications	None
b) Approvals & Refusals	None
c) Pending	23/0559 Barn Nr Village Hall 23/2270 Bucknole FarmDCC
9. **SWW.** They are working on the Northleigh Hill pipeline and should be finished on time. SWW emailed to say that they will only repair and make good what has already been accepted.
DCC Highways. Mr Allen wrote again to ask them to check the pipe going under the road from his property to Suddons Farm as it is struggling to cope with water from his side. Cllr Todd asked the Clerk to email Highways regarding the state of the road from Offwell brook up to Threeways bungalow as it has become almost impassable due to potholes and erosion. The Clerk will also mention that the railings opposite Collins Farm are still broken and need replacing.
10. **Fibre:** More poles are in place along the road to Northleigh Cross and 9 properties have been connected in that area.
11. **Chilcombe.** All the papers have now been signed and are being held by the Housing Association. The solicitors are ready to complete as soon as their grant application is finalised.
12. A free tree will be ordered, an oak if possible,; if not, then the Clerk to decide.
13. **AOB: Emergency Plan** Mrs King, after reading Devon Communities Together, suggested that an emergency plan for the parish of Northleigh could be a good idea for the residents who, for whatever reason, would find difficulties with transport and communication should the area be compromised in any way. This would be done via the parish council. Volunteers would be covered by the council's public liability insurance. Cllrs Lear and Workman suggested that it could be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting on 7th May. The council thanked Mrs King for bringing this idea to the council. Cllr Lear outlined a protocol for the APM where all those involved with village activities would be invited to say what they had done over the year and

what they would like to do in the coming year. A notice to this effect would be circulated via Caroline Hurford to encourage people to come along to the meeting.

Parish Council Records Following PC meetings over some months in 2023 the councillors selected those records for retention in the village hall. Cllr Rich will bring these to the March PC meeting.

Election The hall will be a polling station for the election of a new police commissioner.

Date of Next Meeting: 12th March, 2024

Meeting Ended 8.45pm

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