

Northleigh Parish Council

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Minutes of the general Parish Council Meeting of 11th March 2025

1. **Present:** Cllrs Lear, Driver, Rich, Workman, Todd; Cllr H Parr; Mrs S King, S Allen
2. **Apologies:** None
3. **Minutes of last Meeting;** Signed off as correct.
4. **Matters Arising:** Letter from E Booth (see Highways).
The water seeping down the hill was discussed. Clerk to email Highways.
5. **DCC Report:** None
6. **EDDC Reports:** Cllr Arnott send one in Feb which was distributed to the parish cllrs.
Cllr Parr's report centred on the EDDC meeting on 19th March, '25 discussing Devolution etc.. There is to be a new grant scheme for 2025/26 which will combine 3 current schemes.
Cllr Parr will contact the parish council when it has been organised.
7. **Clerk's Report:** Current Account - £1388.09
Bus. Res. " £2972.91
35 Day " £18,291.00 (Capital Account)
Interest rate on the 35 day account will drop on 24th April to 2.50%
 - I. 8. **Planning: Applications:** Powers House, 24/2478/FUL No objections
Pending: Powers House
Decided: Bagwells Cottage: 24/2037 Approved
9. **Highways:** Regarding the drain across the road from St Giles' Cottage to Suddons Farm
Cllr Lear had received a letter from Elizabeth Booth of Suddons Farm saying that if DCC Highways wanted to deepen the ditch on her side of the road, they were very welcome to, but that they would have to pay the costs. The barrier at Collins Farm has been repaired well. Bucknole Hill Road beginning to suffer from the building works. Clerk to contact Highways to suggest the deepening of the ditch at Suddons Farm..
10. **NERT:** The Council thanked Mrs King for all the good work she has done to set up NERT.
Mrs King attended a meeting where examples of emergency plans were shown. Northleigh parish is doing very well as there are no other parishes in the immediate area that are creating emergency plans as yet. A redacted version of will be available in time for the Annual Parish Meeting on 6th May, 2025.
11. **Chilcombe:** The work is on schedule to finish in January 2026. Cllr Rich and others looked at where to put a new gate into the field. It was suggested that there should be 2 gates, one full size and one small. Richard Hare will attend the May parish meeting to field questions on the project.

- 12. Correspondence:** The council received a letter of thanks from the Church council regarding the work to be done on the church roof. Cllr Lear sent a letter to resign from the parish council and his position as Chairman. He will chair the Annual Parish Meeting on 6th May. Cllr Rich will be unable to attend the APM and Cllr Lear will not attend the Parish annual general meeting a week later..
- 13. AOB:** Bob Workman asked the Parish council for agreement in principle to use its capital to fund the exploration of a design/survey of the village hall with a view to replacing the existing roof including bringing the insulation up to current standards. This was agreed after the following discussion and subject to the conditions for flexible use of capital receipts. Cllr Lear reported that the dead tree removal had been requested but not action had yet been taken by the landowner Clerk was asked to send a formal letter (with a photo) to Mr Hurford seeking its removal on grounds of danger to the public.

Date of Next Meeting: 13th May, 2025 (AGM of the Northleigh Parish Council)*

* There may be a meeting on 8th April. To be confirmed.

Date of the APM (people's meeting) will be **6th May, 2025**

Meeting Ended: 9pm